

fishing the high country

mansfield / mt. buller region

Nestled amongst ancient eucalypts, rugged mountain sides and the breathtaking valleys of Victoria's high country, lie some of Victoria's premier trout waters.

Rewarding catches from many of the pristine rivers and streams are common. The cool running waters of the upper reaches of the Goulburn, Delatite, Jamieson, Big, Barkly and the King Rivers, to name just a few, provide endless enjoyment to both the avid fisherperson and beginner.

Most famous is the historic Howqua River – a Victorian Heritage river and a fly-fishing icon where world champions cross lines with locals.

Whether you prefer bait, lure or fly-fishing,....whether you prefer the cool running waters of mountain rivers and streams or the still waters of Victoria's largest inland lake, Lake Eildon....the Mansfield - Mt Buller high country region has it all offering the keen angler the ultimate inland fishing experience.

Know your limits – some regulations apply

Please refer to the current edition of the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide for seasonal closures and other regulations. Bag and size limits apply to certain species.

To get your copy of the Recreational Fishing Guide and for more information visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing or phone the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

River blackfish are a native freshwater species. They are most common in flowing streams with abundant snags. River blackfish are mainly nocturnal but can be caught in the evening and early morning.



Trout (brown and rainbow)

Trout are a premier, non-native, freshwater angling species. Popular fishing techniques for trout include bait, lure and fly. Cool water is critical to productive trout fisheries in small lakes, rivers and streams.



Carp

Carp is declared a "noxious" aquatic species in Victoria which makes it an offence to possess, transport or release live carp, or use live carp (including all forms of carp and goldfish) as fishing bait. *The declaration of 'noxious' fish does not mean that the species cannot be fished for, or eaten. DO NOT RETURN CARP ALIVE TO THE WATERWAY.



Redfin (English perch)

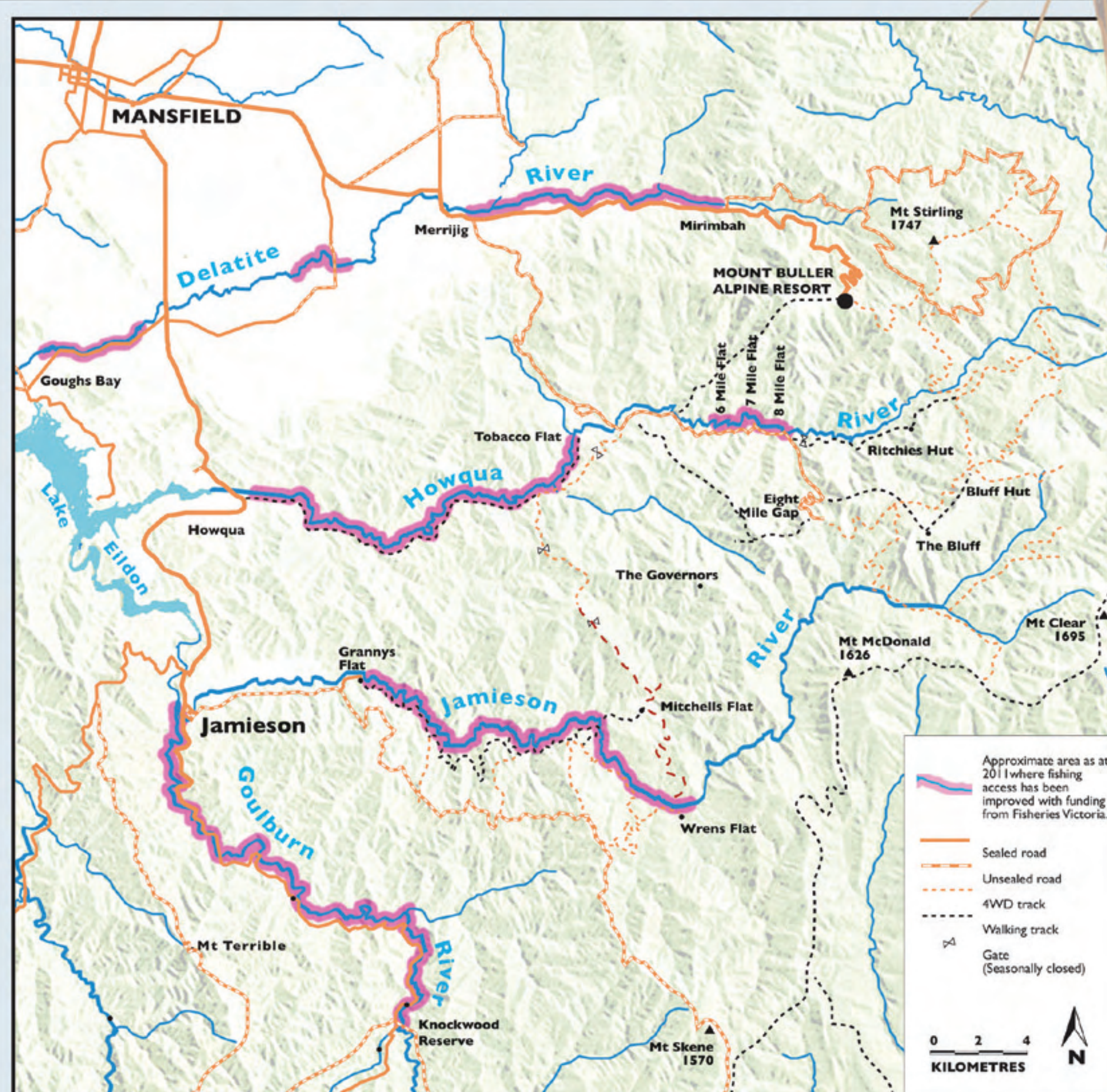
Redfin can be found in still and slow flowing waters. Redfin have several distinctive dark stripes on their sides and red tips on their lower fins so they can be easily identified. Redfin will feed on crustaceans, worms, insect larvae and smaller fish. They are not considered a noxious fish in Victoria.

Fisheries Victoria recognises the significance of the recreational trout fisheries that are a key feature of Victoria's high country.

Funding sourced by the Australian Trout Foundation from a number of Victorian Government programs aimed at improving recreational fishing opportunities, has assisted Fisheries Victoria, Parks Victoria, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Australian Trout Foundation to work collectively to provide increased river access for anglers in this region.

In collaboration with the Australian Trout Foundation and with funding outlined above, a comprehensive river access and riparian maintenance program has been undertaken to improve recreational fishing access to local trout waters including the:

- HOWQUA RIVER
- JAMIESON RIVER
- DELATITE RIVER
- GOULBURN RIVER



Above: Fly illustration after an original courtesy Wikipedia



THE AUSTRALIAN TROUT FOUNDATION ...

is an independent, non profit organisation dedicated to ensure that all Australians can enjoy trout fishing now and for future generations to come. The ATF's mission is to protect, build and promote Australia's trout fisheries.

This is achieved by the ongoing commitment of a number of dedicated volunteers and the support of the Victorian Government and Fisheries Victoria. The Australian Trout Foundation acknowledges the importance of the Mansfield – Mt Buller high country as one of Australia's most popular trout fisheries and will continue to assist in the enhancement of trout fishing in the region.

The Australian Trout Foundation looks forward to continuing to work together with various Government agencies to provide other great trout fishing opportunities in Victoria.