Fishing in the above catchments is allowable, subject to the separate rules applying to these areas (see Rule Sheet). Fish caught (noting this is a catch & release tournament) will be entered into a separate trophy category - “Longest Trout Thompson Creek Dam/Lake Wallace”.

Fish entered into this category will **NOT** be entered into any other tournament trophy category.

Please clearly indicate on your score sheet in which location your fish was caught.

# Thompson Creek Dam

## General Info:

### TCD Angler access arrangement

Thompsons Creek Dam (TCD) is located near Lithgow and Wallerawang and is used primarily as an off creek water storage for the Mount Piper and Wallerawang power stations.

The dam offers some of the best lake based fishing for trophy sized Rainbow and Brown trout in NSW and is managed by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) as a trophy fishery.

### Fishing rules and conditions of entry:

Access to and fishing at Thompsons Creek Dam is regulated under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 and by the Conditions of Entry and Use.

Anglers should familiarise themselves with all the current fishing rules before fishing and abide by the Conditions of Entry and Use. This includes the fishing rules specific to Thompsons Creek Dam contained in the closure notice which restrict fishing activity to:

* Artificial fly and lure fishing.
* One attended rod and line per person fishing with no more than three hooks.
* Not more than three treble hooks or three double hooks attached to any lure.
* Shore based fishing only. This does not include active wading (note: fishing from the dam wall is not permitted by virtue of other restrictions).
* fishing is only permitted between one hour before sunrise through to four hours after sunset.

### Conditions of entry and use

In addition to the requirements of the Fishing Closure, the Conditions of Entry and Use are:

* walk-in access only (e.g. no vehicles, motorbikes, pushbikes, etc.);
* one point of entry, being from the Willow Vale Road car park;
* no fires;
* no guns or other firearms;
* no camping, swimming (including active wading), boating or digging;
* no removal of firewood, rock, flora, fauna, or anything else from the land except fish;
* no dogs or other animals;
* no interference with the landholders’ property; and
* persons fishing do so at their own risk.

Report illegal or suspect fishing activities to the Bathurst Fisheries Office on: 02 63311428 or use the Fishers Watch Phoneline on 1800 043 536.

For emergency access to the fishing site call Energy Australia Security Ph: 02 63528603

# Lake Wallace

## General Info:

Lake Wallace is a picturesque water storage, located just off the Great Western Highway at Wallerawang (approximately 10 mins drive from Lithgow). The lake is fed by the Cox’s River and topped up with water the Fish River Scheme and Lake Lyell. The lake offers excellent trout fishing all year round, particularly for bait fishermen.

Wallace is a lake of moderate capacity which stores water for Wallerawang Power Station. The lake is commonly used for sailing, canoeing, bird watching and fishing.

### Boat Access:

Power boats are prohibited. Sailing, canoeing and kayaking is permitted. You can use an electric motor on a canoe or small tinny. The main boat ramp is located at the sailing club.

### Shore Access:

Best access is via the public reserve located opposite Wallerawang Primary School. To get to the reserve take the Wallerawang exit off the Great Western Highway (Barton Ave) and turn right into the reserve just after you pass the Primary School.

### Restrictions:

Access to the lake is not permitted north of the pipeline crossing the lake at the old cemetery. The lake is patrolled by security guards from Delta Electricity.

### Water Quality:

The water quality is generally better than that of Lake Lyell, despite the fact water from Lyell is pumped to Wallace regularly. Large towers of weed rise to the surface across much of the lake. This weed provides great habitat for fish, but can make trolling with your electric motor challenging. Algal blooms occur from time to time.

## Fishing Info

### Fish Species:

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout & Australian Bass. An average season would see 25,000 trout stocked to the dam. Most of the fish are rainbow trout

### Fishing Regulations:

General trout dam regulations apply. Two attended rods permitted. Two hooks per rod.

### Bait:

This is one of the best bait fishing locations in NSW. Powerbait is the most successful bait for trout although mud eye, corn, worm and cheese are also worth trying.

### Fly:

Insect hatches are common from spring to late autumn. Dragon fly, may fly, midges and moths are common around the lake. There are plenty of mud eye in Lake Wallace so mudeye patterns can work well if they are hatching.  This is a great lake for novice fly fishermen as there are very few trees and lightly sloped banks so casting is relatively easy. Wet flies such as woolly buggers may catch weed in many sections of this lake however if you persist you can catch good fish, particularly at night.

### Spinning:

You can spin most areas of the lake, however weed can be an issue. Most locals find spinning is generally one of the least successful method of fishing this lake. Yellow winged, and pink Tassie’s and Cobra’s are most popular lures. Other varieties of spooned lures are also handy as well as celters, minnows, and small soft plastics.