

## Venus Bay

This area has 5 main surf beaches. Popular for anglers at night during winter when fishing is best. Good for Salmon, Gummy Shark, Mullet, Tailor.

## Wonthaggi Surf & Rock Fishing

**Harmer's Haven & Wreck Beach:** These are both good places for surf & rock fishing. No reef fish are to be taken.

**Baxter's Beach & Williamson's Beach:** Are both very popular fishing spots for Salmon and Mullet.

## Safety & Weather Reports

Remember to check for regular weather updates on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). In an emergency Dial 000 and ask for the Water Police. Only operational on weekends and public holidays Channel 27.88MHz and VHF16 are the local emergency, general listening and call stations with regular weather updates. Marine radios are maintained by Coastguard Western Port.

## Recreational Fishing Licences

Anyone from 18 to 70, wishing to participate in any fishing activity will need to purchase a licence. Exemptions apply for Victorian Seniors, and Pension card holders. Please consult the current Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide to ensure you are complying with all regulations.

**Costs:** 2 days \$6.00; 28 days \$12.00; 1 year \$24.50; and 3 years \$66.00.

### Licences can be obtained from:

Inverloch: BP Cnr Williams & Powlett Sts,

Wonthaggi: BP 105 McKenzie Street,  
Cargill's Sport Store: 108 Graham Street,  
Hicksborough Store, 184 Bass Hwy,  
& online at [www.dpi.gov.au](http://www.dpi.gov.au)

**Best Baits:** Locals suggest the best bait to use all year round are pipis and squid, or whitebait if the whiting are not biting. Bait can be purchased at most sports stores, petrol stations & convenience stores.

## Boat Ramp Permits

**Permits are required in the Bass Coast. They can be purchased from Council Customer Service Centres in Inverloch, Grantville & Wonthaggi. Permit Prices:** Daily \$6.00, Monthly: \$25.00 & Yearly: \$44.00 (note: 25% discount for Pension card holders only available from council service centres). **Daily permits can also be purchased from:**

- Boat ramp machines at Inverloch.
- Rod Bending's, Inverloch
- BP Service Station Inverloch
- Inverloch Marine

### Local boat ramps include:

Grantville: Pier Rd, Grantville

Mahers Landing: Mahers Landing Rd, off Venus Bay Rd, Inverloch

Inverloch: The Esplanade, Inverloch

Venus Bay: Fishermans Rd, Venus Bay

### For further information

Wonthaggi Visitor Information Centre

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# Where To Fish Inverloch, Wonthaggi & Surrounds



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## **Bunurong Coast Inverloch to Cape Paterson**

Along the Bunurong coast road, not far from Inverloch, is **Flat Rocks & The Caves**, a couple of favourite local fishing spots. Fishing off the rocks here can be productive with rock platforms stretching out past the many whiting channels. It is in these channels that whiting can be caught and most of the nuisance fish can be avoided. But watch out for the tide as it can creep up on you. Keep checking to see you can get back to shore. Fish at low tide with a light line when the sea is calm. Walk out among the rock platforms and fish the sandy gutters; lure & bottom fishing (Good for Whiting, Snapper, Silver Trevally).

If you have a “tinnie”, it can be launched from the beach to avoid going over the bar at Inverloch. However fishing from a boat in this area can be dangerous on days with large swells so experience in boating is strongly advised. There are a number of hidden rocks, so take great care.

At **Cape Paterson** there are quite a few good fishing spots, such as Undertow Bay for mullet and salmon. The rocks around Bay Beach and Browns' Bay produce large whiting and juvenile snapper (pinkie). Do not attempt to launch a boat without contacting some of the local anglers. Remember you are not allowed to take reef fish such as parrot fish, bluenose wrasse and leather jackets in this area. Around to the second surf beach at Cape Paterson, great scores of mullet can be caught, but, for safety, avoid the surfing area. Once again no reef fish are to be taken.

## **Fishing is NOT permitted in the Bunurong Marine National Park**

The Bunurong Marine National Park extends 5km between the southernmost headland west of 'The Oaks' and the headland at the eastern end of 'Eagles Nest', and offshore for approx. 3 nautical miles to the limit of the Victorian waters. Strong penalties apply under the National Parks Act for fishing in Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries. For more information refer to Parks Victoria's *Enjoying the Bunurong Coast*.

## **Boating Anderson Inlet, Inverloch**

The Bar at the entrance is very dangerous. Do not attempt to cross the bar if you are inexperienced, or if your boat is underpowered. Speak to the staff at the Marine & Automotive centre for advice.

There are quite a few places where a boat can be launched, including two places in the inlet on the Inverloch side: Mahers' Landing and the Inverloch boat ramp. Maher's Landing is about 5km east of the turn-off into Inverloch from the Bass Highway. Anderson Inlet can be fished from anywhere and a good catch is usually found. On occasions good catches are to be had from the shore, however the tide must be right to fish.

## **Inverloch Shore Fishing**

**Main Surf Beach:** near Goroke Street is great for surf fishing.

**Pensioners Corner:** Wyeth's Bay opposite Moller's Caravan Park on Ramsay Boulevard usually produces good catches on the tides. (Silver Trevally, King George Whiting, Flathead, Mullet).

**The Poles:** Opposite the beach end of Abbott St, there is a weed bed just off shore. If it's fairly calm & the King George Whiting are about, try a light line with a running sinker for King George Whiting, Gummy Shark, Juvenile Snapper (pinkie) & Flathead.

**Bowling Club:** Along the Esplanade, usually produces good results, especially with live bait, which can be pumped locally. Good for Flathead, Mullet, Whiting.

**Inverloch Jetty:** Popular with kids learning to fish but it can be crowded.

## **Maher's landing (5kms SE Inverloch)**

This spot works well if you cast into the channel, using a fair sized sinker.

**Screw Creek:** Accessed via Inverloch Foreshore Caravan Park, it is roughly a 5 minute walk to the creek, which fishes better on rising tide. (Bream, Perch)

## **Kilcunda Shore Fishing**

The most popular surf fishing along this stretch of coast can be accessed from any of the car parks. (Salmon, Trout, Yellow-eyed Mullet during the day and Gummy & School Shark in the early morning/evening).

## **Powlett River Fishing**

Approx 12 kms from Wonthaggi towards Kilcunda has good fishing at the mouth of the river for Bream, Perch, Mullet, Salmon. And surf fishing at night is good for Gummy & School Sharks.

## **Tarwin River Fishing**

Popular for families. Easy access from the road to the riverbank. Yellow-eyed Mullet, Black Bream, Perch, Silver Trevally.