

Day fishing access and fishing lessons at Oxbow Country Estate

Sundowner Fly-fishing Adventures is excited to be operating the fishing activities at Oxbow Country Estate from the 1st March 2024. We are situated near Boschkop/Bronkhorstspuit, easy driving distance from Joburg and Pretoria. Art lure, specimen and fly for bass/carp/kurper permitted in summer and fly fishing only for trout in winter.

A. Fishing access

The fishing access with Sundowner@ Oxbow is designed to provide the discerning guest with a safe venue where you can enjoy a quality outdoor, day fishing experience.

B. Regular day fishing permit prices:

| Summer access available for 1 March to 24 April 2024 & 18 Sep 24 to 24 April 2025 | |
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| Adults - per fisher per day | R150 |
| Pensioner - per fisher per day | R125 |
| Child u12 - per fisher per day | R100 |
| Winter access available for 1 May 24 to 18 Sep 2024 | |
| One Adult - per fisher per day | R275 |
| Two or more adult – per fisher per day | R250 |
| Pensioner - per fisher per day | R200 |
| Child u12 - per fisher per day | R175 |
| Non fisher access for All seasons | |
| Adult non-fisher per day | R50 |
| Pensioner non-fisher per day | R25 |
| Child u12 non-fisher per day | R20 |

- SFA hosts annual fishing events including Winter Fly Fishing Competition, Winter Corporate fishing challenge, Summer bass fly fishing comp, Summer bass fishing comp and Adventure game & fishing fair. Day fishing access will not be available on these days, or on the day before any competition.
- Oxbow Country Estate is closed to fishing annually from the 20th December to the 5th January. Fishing access will not be available on those days.

C. Process for using fishing permits:

1. Check the availability for the desired booking date via our online bookings on www.sundowner.co.za.
 - a. Select the required fishing activity and nr of fishing/non-fishing guests.
 - b. Select extra's such as fishing rod hire.
 - c. Select your date if the system indicates it is available.
 - d. Insert your name, contact details, and requested information.
 - e. Check out and settle the payment on the portal.
2. You will be sent an email confirmation of your booking.
3. Pre-check-in procedure the day before the fishing: The online booking system will request you complete an e-indemnity form each time you make a booking.
4. On the day: The fishing guide will check your booking on the system and issue fishers and non-fishers with ID wrist bands.

D. Fishing terms and conditions – both day permit holders and club packages

1. Fishing access times are 6am – 6pm on Wednesday, Saturdays, and Sundays.

2. Maximum limit of 25 fishers per day
3. The fishing operation has its own entrance and vehicle parking area, which is separate from the main lodge entrance. Directions to the fishing entrance is well marked with signage from outside the main entrance.
4. Fishers must check in with the fishing guide at the fishing entrance to receive their access wrist bands, which need to be always worn while on the property. Non-fishers will also access the venue through the fishing entrance and receive an access wrist band.
5. A day fishing access permit always includes access to the following dams (1) Last dam (2) Island dam (3) Sickle dam and (4b) Keepem dam. There will be access to toilets and picnic area for guests fishing these dams.
6. Be aware that on days when the lodge has exclusive bookings for weddings, functions, events and corporate clients (mainly Saturdays but may be other days) there will be no fishing access to the Academy dam, Top dam, Honeypot dam and Oval dam. In addition, the lodge facilities will also be restricted. Signage indicating these restrictions need to be adhered to. Full day fishing access will still be available for all dams below Stone bridge as per the point above.
7. On days where there are no exclusive events, fishers may access any of the seven dams which are available for day fishing. The dam in front of the owner's house or other dams not indicated as day fishing dams are strictly out of bounds.
8. Meals and beverages may not be brought onto the premises. Remember it's a cashless facility. Coffee, tea, Amarula and sherry will be on sale for the early part of the morning. A limited light menu and snacks are available at the Lakeside Café. Bacon & egg breakfast bun from 8-11:30am and lunch menu (Boerie roll, Chicken Prego, chicken salad etc.) from 11:30-3:30pm. Soft drinks, mineral water and alcoholic beverages for sale. New combo meal packages now on offer.
9. The main Oxbow Country Estate has a country restaurant is now only for special events.
10. All fishing is on a catch-and-release basis although trout may be kept and paid for in the Catch-&-keep dam upon pre-arrangement.
11. Only de-barbed flies for fly fishing and single de-barbed hooks for regular bass/carp/kurper fishing are permitted.
12. Terms and conditions as specified on the indemnity form on the fishing permit apply. Any contravention of these terms will result in a warning, and a repeat offense will be required to immediately leave the premises, followed by the immediate cancellation of the package and relinquishing of any remaining day access permits. Non-package holders will be issued with a warning, and a repeat offense will be required to leave the premises with immediate effect.
13. Right of admission is reserved.
14. Staff of Oxbow Country Estate as well as Sundowner Adventures hold the right to enforce these rules.
15. **Marketing opt-in:** All package purchases and permit purchases include opt-in to subscribe to our monthly newsletter and contacts database. Package holders may unsubscribe from these newsletters when they don't want to continue receiving them. Please let us know at any point in time if you would like to be removed from these lists.
16. **Indemnity:** Oxbow Country Estate and Sundowner Adventures, their owners and staff and directors are indemnified and may not be held responsible for any theft, damage or injury whatsoever. Use of all facilities and fishing gear are at guests own risk.

We look forward to you spending many hours enjoying your fishing with Sundowner Flyfishing Adventures at Oxbow Country Estate.

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