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English translation



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1-7-31) Lake Hraunhafnarvatn, Lake Æðarvatn & Lake Arnarvatn on Melrakkaslétta

Location

Lakes Hraunhafnarvatn, Æðarvatn and Arnarvatn are located in Presthólahreppur in Melrakkaslétta, at the N-Eastern corner of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The distance from Reykjavík is 644 km, via Hvalfjarðargöng (*Hvalfjörður Tunnel*), and 10 km to Raufarhöfn, a village situated in the North-East of Iceland.

Practical information

Hraunhafnarvatn is the largest lake in Melrakkaslétta, and covers about 3, 4 km². It rises to 2 m above sea level; with the deepest point at approx. 4 m. Æðarvatn and Arnarvatn are much smaller.

Fishing area

Fishing is only allowed in the property of Skinnalón (*marked on the map*).

Accommodation

Camping is permitted in the designated area, without proper facilities however. The campsite at Raufarhöfn is quite lovely and Hotel Norðurljós can offer various possibilities.

Fishing potential

One can expect char and brown trout in both Hraunhafnarvatn and Æðarvatn, usually quite large. Brown trout is more common in Arnarvatn.

Fishing hours

No restrictions.

Fishing season

The fishing season is between May 1st and September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of day

There is an equal distribution throughout the day.

Rules

Cardholders must carry the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID on their person, ready for inspection at any time. Littering is strictly forbidden. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholders.

The catch must be announced to veidikortid@veidikortid.is.

Contact / Landlord:

Hallur Þorsteinsson, Skinnalón. Tel: (+354) 898-3789.



2) Baulárvallavatn (Lake Baularvellir)

Location

Lake Baulárvallavatn is located at the Snæfellsnes peninsula in the western part of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is approx. 200 km. and about 15 km from Grundarfjorður and Stykkishólmur to the north. Snæfellsnes' new highway makes it possible to drive directly to the lake.

Practical information

Baulárvallavatn covers about 1,6 km² and has the maximum deep of 47 metres. It rises 193 metres above sea level. The lake receives water from the Vatnaá river, and dispatches it to the Baulá river. The latter merges with the Straumfjarðará river, which is renowned for salmon fishing.

Fishing area

Fishing is only allowed between the northern bank of the river Vatnaá and the river Straumfjarðará.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge, however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Fishing potential

There is an excellent prospect for brown trout fishing. The average size of an individual catch is about 2-3 pounds. In the twilight zone we have experienced larger catch, all up to 5-6 pounds.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.

Season

Spring to 30th September.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

The fish can lay very deep in the water so it is better to let the bait sink very deep. Lure and worm normally work very well. In the twilight zone however, the brown trout goes to the shallow waters, where fly fishing should be recommended.

Best time of the year

The catch is consistent all season. The twilight zone is the best time of the day.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Vegamót and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for me, if accompanied by adult cardholder.



Contact / landlord: Lodge Straumfjarðará. Tel: (+354) 435-6674
Vegamót. Tel: (+354) 435-6690

3) Haugatjarnir (The Haugar Ponds)

Location

The Haugatjarnir are located in Skriðdalur, on the East coast of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest town

Distance from Reykjavík is 650 km, and 35 km from Egilsstaðir.

Practical information

The Haugatjarnir is comprised of two large ponds, packed with fish and easily accessible.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

No organized campsite is available, one may however camp wherever possible.

Fishing potential

One can only expect brown trout.

Fishing hours

No restrictions.

Season

May 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best season

There is an equal prospect throughout the season.

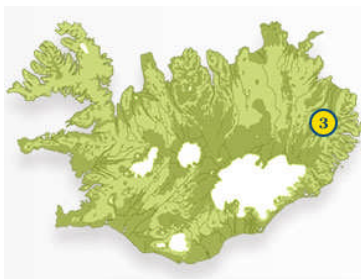
Rules:

Littering and off-road driving is prohibited.

Cardholders must register at the place of contact, showing both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by an adult cardholder.

Contact / Landlord:

Hugrún Sveinsdóttir, Haugar. Tel: (+354) 471-1819.



4) Haukadalsvatn (The Haukadalur lake)

Location:

Lake Haukadalsvatn is located in Haukadalur, near Búðardalur, on the west coast of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is approx. 140 km, taking highway 587 through Brattabrekka. Búðardalur is in the vicinity.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 3,2 km² and has the max. depth of 40 m.

Fishing area:

Fishing is only allowed on the designated area, belonging to the Vatn farm. The contact gives all further information.

Accommodation

Camping is permitted and free of charge wherever possible. Please contact the landlord for further information.

Fishing potential

Sea trout from the Haukadalsá river can almost exclusively be expected, but occasional salmon might be caught as well. Best chance of catching is where small creeks enter the lake.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.

Season

May 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Peak season is from mid July to end of September.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must register at the place of contact and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed if accompanied by an adult cardholder.

Contact / landlord:

Sigurður Jökulsson at Vatn. Tel: (+354) 434-1350.



5) Hítarvatn (Lake Hitarvatn)

Location

Lake Hítarvatn is located at Mýri in Borgarbyggð, near Borgarnes, on Iceland's West coast.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 120 km, through Hvalfjarðargöng (*Hvalfjörður tunnel*) and the town of Borgarnes. It is possible to drive all the way to the lake.

Practical information

The lake is 7,6km² and is located 147m above sea level. The Hítará River, renowned for salmon fishing, originates in the lake. The area is ideal for family gatherings.

The Hitarvatn region is well known for its spectacular landscape. At Hítarvatn is a lot of gnat during the summertime.

Fishing area

There are no restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge. Toilets are located in a lodge nearby.

Fishing potential

Hitarvatn constantly supplies very good brown trout and char fishing. People have, on a regular basis, caught more than 100 fishes in just a couple of days.

The best supply of fish is where creeks enter the lake.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.

Season

Fishing is allowed from May 29th to August 31st.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

In the beginning of summer the best part for fishing is the west side of the lake, under the hillside called. Later in the summer it is good to fish around creeks and by the lava.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Hítardalur farm and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for me, if accompanied by adult cardholder. Only 30 persons are allowed to fish in the lake at the same time. Therefore it is better to plan in advance and book a place well in advance.

Contact / Landlord

Guðrún Jónsdóttur and Finnbogi Leifsson at Hítardalur farm. Tel: (+354) 437-1883



6) Hópið (Lake Hopic)

Location

The Hópið lies on the boundaries of Western and Eastern Húnavatnssýsla in Northern Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 235 km and 35 km from Blönduós.

Driving from Reykjavík, the best access is at the Vatnsnes junction.

Practical information

Hópið is Iceland's 5th largest lake, one of few that are subjected to tides. It is practically a lagoon, only separated from the sea by a small, sandy reef. The lake covers an area of 29 km² to 44 km², depending on tides and season.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge, without proper facilities however. It is also possible to book a room at the Hotel Borgarvirki at Víðigerði, a place near the Lake.

Fishing potential

Both brown and char can be caught in the lake, as well as salmon, since the renowned salmon rivers of Víðidalsá and Gljúfurá are amongst the lake's tributaries. Sea char and sea trout also very well visible.

Daily opening hours

12 hours a day, whenever you wish!

Season

From spring to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: Fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year and day

Varies between years. May is often very good.

Rules

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8) Hraunsfjarðarvatn (Lake Hraunsfjordur)

Location

Lake Hraunsfjarðarvatn is located at the Snæfellsnes peninsula in the western part of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is approx. 200 km. and about 15 km from Grundarfjorður and Stykkishólmur to the north. Snæfellsnes' new highway makes it possible to drive to the neighboring Baulárvallavatn. From that point it takes about 15 minutes' walk to Hraunsfjarðarvatn, or just a moment by a 4-wd vehicle.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 2,5 km² and goes down to 84 meters at the deepest point. The lake lies at 207 m above sea level. From the lake the Vatnaá River runs to Baulárvallavatn.

Fishing area

No restrictions

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge; however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Fishing potential

There is an excellent prospect for brown trout fishing. The average size of an individual catch is about 2-3 pounds. In the twilight zone we have experienced larger catch, all up to 5-6 pounds.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk

Season

Fishing is allowed from spring to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

The fish can lay very deep in the water so it is better to let the bait sink very deep. Lure and worm normally work very well. In the twilight zone however, the brown trout goes to the shallow waters, where fly fishing should be recommended.

Best time of the year

The catch is consistent all season. The twilight zone is the best time of the day.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Vegamót and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contact / landlord

Lodge Straumfjarðará. Tel: (+354) 435-6674

Vegamót. Tel: (+354) 435-6690



9) Hraunsfjörður lagoon (Hraunsfjordur lagoon)

Location

The Hraunsfjörður lagoon is located at the Snæfellsnes Peninsula.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest town.

Distance from Reykjavík is approx. 200 km. and about 15 km from Grundarfjörður and Stykkishólmur to the north.

Practical information

Hraunsfjörður is a lagoon, located beyond the Hraunfjörður dam, near lake Hraunsfjarðarvatn.

Fishing area

Fishing is allowed in restricted areas only, as allocated by the landlord.

Accommodation

There is a designated camping site near the lagoon, with some facilities.

Fishing potential

Sea char and sea trout fishing is quite good, but salmon can be found there as well.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk

Season

April 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Fishing is good for the whole season. The twilight zone is the best time of the day to catch a fish.

Rules

Littering is strictly forbidden.

Contact / landlord

Tryggvi Gunnarsson Tel: (+354) 893-0000 / (+354) 853-0000



10) Kleifarvatn Reykjarnesi (Lake Kleifarvatn Reykjanes)

Location

Lake Kleifarvatn is located at Reykjaneskagi, lying between Sveifluháls and Vatnshlíð, roughly between Reykjavik and Keflavik.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The distance from Reykjavik is about 34 km. Access is very easy, since the lake lies next to the Krísuvíkurléið at Hafnarfjörður.

Practical information

Kleifarvatn is one of Iceland's largest lakes, covering about 8m². It rises 136 m. above sea level, with the deepest point at 90 m, near Syðri Stapi. Average depth is approx. 29 m.

The lake and its surroundings belong to the town of Hafnarfjörður, yet the Angling Club of Hafnarfjörður (Stangaveiðifélag Hafnarfjarðar) administrates the fishing rights.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

There is no accommodation available at the lake.

Fishing potential

Kleifarvatn is renowned for unusually large brown trout. One might also expect sizeable char.

Daily opening hours

No limits.

Season

May 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: Fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the day

None.

Rules

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Contact / Landlord

Stangaveiðifélag Hafnarfjarðar (The Angling Club of Hafnarfjörður). Tel: (+354) 565-4020.



11-16) Kleifarvatn and Mjóavatn (Lake Kleifarvatn & Mjoavatn)

Location

Kleifarvatn and Mjóavatn are located in Breiðdalur (East Coast).

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance is approx. 600 km. from Reykjavík and 75 km. from Egilsstaðir

Practical information

The lake district, including Kleifarvatn and Mjóavatn, is located near Highway 1, near the village of Breiðdalsvík. Kleifarvatn covers about 1km² and Mjóavatn about 0,15 km².

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Well equipped cabins can be rented. Booking must be made in advance at the place of contact. Camping is permitted at a designated place. No hygiene facilities are available at the campsite.

Fishing potential

One can expect to catch medium size brown trout in Kleifarvatn. In Mjóavatn one might catch large char and brown trout.

Fishing hours

No limits

Season

May 1st to September 30th

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure..

Best fishing time

None particular.

Rules

Cardholders must register at the place of contact, and show both Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. There they will receive a report form to fill out and return after fishing. Littering is strictly forbidden as well as off-road driving. Children are allowed, free of charge, accompanied with adult cardholders.

Contact / landlord

Ingunn Gunnlaugsdóttir and Ingólfur Reimarsson at Innri Kleif. Tel: (+354) 475-6789 or 852-6722.



12) Kringluvatn (Lake Kringla)

Location

Lake Kringluvatn is located in Suður-Pingeyjarsýsla, in North-Eastern Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 440 km and 40 km from Húsavík.

Practical information

The lake is 0,6km² and rises 270m above sea level. Geitafellsá River runs from the lake into Lake Langavatn. The area is ideal for family holidays or shorts a picnic.

Ice Fishing is possible during the winter.

One should notice the mud, that most often is quite annoying during the spring time, and avoid driving through muddy places.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge, without proper facilities however. It is also possible to book a room at the Heiðarbær holiday farm that is located 10-15 km north the lake.

Fishing potential

Both brown and char can be caught in the lake. Large brown trout is mainly caught by ice fishing during the winter.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk

Season

Fishing is permitted all year.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year and day

Late afternoon and early evening is the best chance to catch a fish. There is an equal distribution for the whole season.

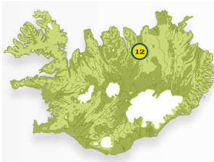
Rules

Littering and off-road driving is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Heiðarbær farm and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder. Only 30 persons are allowed to fish in the lake at the same time. Therefore it is better to plan ahead and book a place well in advance.

No dogs are allowed by the lake due to the surrounding wildlife.

Contact / Landlord

Heiðarbær holiday farm. Tel: (+354) 464-3903



13) Langavatn in Mýrar

Location

Lake Langavatn is located in Langidalur in Mýrasýslu, belonging to the Borgarbyggð county.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The distance from Reykjavík is roughly 100 km, through Hvalfjarðargöng (Hvalfjörður Tunnel) on Highway 1 through Borgarnes and Svignaskarð. From Svignaskarð one drives about 13 km on a road on the left bank of Gljúfurá River.

Information about the lake

The lake covers an area of 5,1 km² and rises to 215 m above sea level. The lake has the max. depth of 36 m. A well renowned salmon river, Langá, runs from Langavatn to the south. One might expect to catch a salmon at the river's mouth.

Fishing area

No restrictions:

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge, however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Fishing potential

Langavatn harbours both char and brown trout, large and small. Fishing in nets is prohibited to cardholders.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from 07:00 to midnight

Season

May 1st to 30th September.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Late spring and early summer are the prime time.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Þjónustumiðstöðin Svignaskarði (*Svignaskarð Information and Service Center*) and show both the Veðiðkortíð and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Please contact landlord before driving on the property.

Contact / Landlord

Svignaskarð Information and Service Center.



14) Ljósavatn (Lake Ljosavatn)

Location

Lake Ljósavatn is at Ljósavatnsskarð, Suður-Þingeyjarsýslu, to the east of Akureyri, the capital of Northern Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

You drive eastward through Akureyri, in the direction of Húsavík. The lake is situated approx. 40 km. from Akureyri and 430 km from Reykjavík, through the Hvalfjarðargöng (*Hvalfjörður Tunnel*).

Practical information

Ljósavatn rises to 105 m. above sea level, covering just about 3.2 km². The deepest point is 35 m., with an average deep of 10 m. Ljósavatn has become increasingly popular, particularly among families, who like to combine camping and fishing. Highway 1 runs directly to the lake, and thus provides an easy access. Ljósavatn has various tributaries, including Geitá and Litlutjarnarlæk. Djúpa is its main outflow.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Organised campsites are located near the lake. Permits can be bought at Sigríðarstaðir and Fosshóll.

Fishing potential

Medium sized char is the most likely catch, yet one can expect large brown trout on a good day.

Daily Opening Hours

No limits.

Season

May 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: Fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

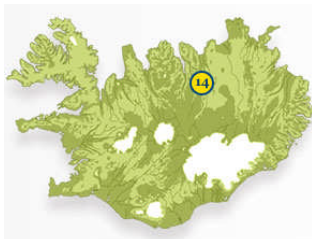
The best catch is early in the early season, particularly in May, June and early July.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at one of the places of contact and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contacts/Landlords

Þorgeir Halldórsson, Arnarstapi. Tel: (+354) 464-3250



15) Meðalfellsvatn (Lake Medalfellsvatn)

Location

Lake Meðalfellsvatn is located approx 50 km west of Reykjavik.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 2 km² and rises to 46 m above sea level.

Fishing area

No restrictions except for no fishing closer than 50 metres to the outflow.

Accommodation

Camping is not allowed by the lake. Various hotels, camping sites and lodgings can be found in the Greater Reykjavik area.

Fishing potential

Char and brown trout are found in the lake, with an average size of 1-2 pounds as well as occasional salmon late summer.

Daily opening hours

7:00 am to 10pm.

Season

April 1st to September 20th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Peak season is from mid June until mid August.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden.



17) Skriðuvatn (Lake Skriduvatn)

Location:

Lake Skriðuvatn lies in Skriðdalur, S-Múlasýsla, on the East Coast of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

See Haugatjarnir

Practical information:

Skriðuvatn covers an area of 1, 25 km² and rises to 155 m above sea level, with a max Depth of 10 m. Its main tributaries are the rivers Axará and Vatnsdalsá. River Múlaá is its main outflow.

Fishing area:

The property of Vatnsskógar (marked) as well as the eastern bank of Axará.

Accommodation:

No organized campsite is available, one may however camp wherever possible at the Vatnsskógar property.

Accommodation can also be found at the towns of Egilsstaðir, Breiðdalsvík and Djúpivogur.

Fishing potential:

Brown trout and char are the most likely catch. Fishing in nets is prohibited.

Fishing hours:

08.00 am to 10.00 p.m.

Fishing season:

June 1st to September 15th

Bait:

All bait is allowed: Fly, worm and lure.

Best season:

No specific.

Rules:

Cardholders must carry the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID on their person, ready for inspection at any time. Littering is strictly forbidden. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholders.

Contacts/landlords:

Bragi Björgvinsson at Víðilækur, Ívar Björgvinsson at Djúpivogur and Laufey Sólmundsdóttir at Vatnsskógum in Skriðdalur.



18) Sléttuhlíðarvatn (Lake Slettuhlíðarvatn)

Location

Lake Sléttuhlíðarvatn is located by Highway 76, north of Hofsós and about 30 minutes drive from Siglufjörður.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 360 km, 21 km from Hofsós and 50 km from Sauðárkrókur.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 0,76 km² and rises to 14 m above sea level.

Fishing area

Fishing is only allowed on the property of the Hraun farm, marked with signs.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities. Please contact landlord.

Fishing potential

Sea char and brown trout are both found in abundance.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from 08:00 am - 08:00 pm

Season

May 1st to September 20th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

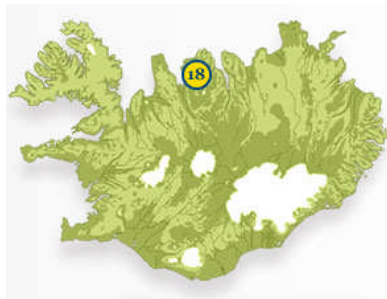
The peak season is in May and June. Fishing is actually very good all summer.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Hraun and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder. Please contact landlord before driving on the property. Landlord is not liable for anything that happens on the property while cardholder stays there.

Contact / landlord

Magnús Pétursson, Hraun. Tel: (+354) 453-7422 and Mobile: (+354) 894-4402.



19) Svínavatn (Lake Svinavatn)

Location

Lake Svínavatn is located in Húnavatnshreppur, A- Húnavatnssýsla, near the town of Blönduós.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The lake lies approx. 240 km from Reykjavik, taking Highway 1 through the Hvalfjarðargöng (*Hvalfjörður Tunnel*). It lies approx. 9 km, from the highway, disembarking at the Highway 724 junction.

Information about the lake

Svínavatn rises to 130 m. above sea level, covering just about 12 km². The deepest point is 30 m.

Fishing area

The fishing area varies during the season. It is compulsory to check in at Hotel Hunavellir, where one can acquire necessary information and maps that point out where fishing is allowed at that period of time.

Accommodation

Hotel Hunavellir provides bed and breakfast service, as well as campsites and cheap bunks (sleeping bag facilities). Information can be acquired at <http://www.hotelhunavellir.is>, info@hotelhunavellir.is or by telephone at (+354) 453-5600 or 898-685. Hotel Hunavellir provides excellent facilities, including a swimming pool and hot tub.

Fishing potential

Brown trout is the most common catch, yet char can be expected as well.

Daily hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.

Season

June 1st and August 31st.

Bait

All bait is allowed: Fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

There is an equal distribution throughout the season.

Rules

It is compulsory to check in at Hotel Hunavellir, register and acquire special forms, which must be filled out during our stay and turned in at the Hotel when you leave. Littering and off-road driving is strictly prohibited.

Contact / landlord

Björn Þór Kristjánsson at Hotel Hunavellir. Tel: (+354) 898-4685 and 453-5600, or at info@hotelhunavellir.is



20) Syðridalsvatn (Lake Sydridalsvatn)

Location

Lake Syðridalsvatn is located at Bolungavík in Ísafjarðardjúp, to the far North-West of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 473 km, with only a few km to Ísafjörður.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 1 km² and rises to 3 m above sea level.

Fishing area

No restrictions. Cardholders are welcome to try out the rivers Gilsá and Tröllá as well. It is also possible to rent a boat at the Hanahóll farm.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Fishing potential

Char, sea trout, sea char and an occasional salmon.

This lake is excellent for fishing. There you can catch sea char, brown trout and salmon. The best places are close to the farm Hanahóll, near the Miðdalur farm and at the Selá river mouth.

Daily opening hours

Fishing is allowed from 07:00 am - 11:00 pm.

Season

No restrictions. Ice fishing is permitted during the winter.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure

Best time of the year

July and August.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Hanahóll and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contact/ landlord

Jóhann Hannibalsson at Hanahóll. Tel: (+354) 456-7284.



21) Sænautavatn (Lake Saenautavatn)

Location

Lake Sænautavatn is located at Jökuldalsheiði, by Sænautasel, in the North-East of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 600 km, 74 km from Egilsstaðir and 13 km, from Highway 1.

Practical information

The Lónskvísl river, one of Hofsá river's tributaries, has its origin there.

Halldor Laxness, Iceland best known author and a Nobel laureate, stayed in Sænautasel on his journey from eastern Iceland to Reykjavik in 1926. That small farm proved to be a haven from the terrible weather Mr. Laxness encountered.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Lodging might also be available at Sænautasel.

Fishing potential

Pink trout is abundant in the lake, both small and large. The best place to catch is where the shallow and deep water meet.

Daily opening hours

No restrictions.

Season

May 1st to September 20th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

The peak season is early summer, yet one might expect good catch all season.

Other

It is possible to buy some refreshments at Sænautasel or even order a dinner in advance.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Sænautasel and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contact / landlord

Lilja Óladóttir at Sænautasel. Tel: (+354) 471-1060 and (+354) 855-5399



22) Urriðavatn (Lake Trout)

Location

Lake Urriðavatn is close to Egilsstaðir, the largest town in Eastern Iceland

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavik is 664 km and only 5km from Egilsstaðir. National roads no 1 and no 925 run by the lake.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 1,1km² (0.42 miles²) and rises 40m above sea level. The lake is 15 m at deepest point. The creeks Hafralónslækur and Merkilækur are its main tributaries.

Fishing area

No restrictions. The best place for fishing is where the creeks enter the lake.

Accommodation

Camping is free of charge, however there are no toilets or any other hygiene facilities.

Fishing potential

In Lake Trout you can only catch char! The average size is about 1 pound.

Daily openings hours

Fishing is allowed from dawn to dusk.

Season

No restrictions.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

The best time is in the spring, when the ice has melted.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Vegamót and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contact / Landlord

Jón Steinar Benjamínsson at Urriðavatn farm. Tel: (+354) 471-2060



23) Úlfljótuvatn (Lake Úlfljótuvatn)

Location

Lake Úlfljótuvatn is located in Grímsnes-Grafningur in Árnessýsla, close to Iceland's largest lake, Þingvallavatn, just a short drive from Selfoss, the main centre of Árborg.

Distance from Reykjavik and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is about 70 km (or 65 km through Þingvellir) and 20 km from Selfoss.

The shortcut through Nesjavellir, where Reykjavík's geothermic power plant is located, might be shorter, but the highways are recommended.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 2.45 km² and rises to 80 m above sea level. The deepest point is at 20 m.

Fishing area

Fishing is only allowed at the property of Orkuveita Reykjavíkur, on the same side as the local church. Please call the Contact for further information.

Accommodation

Úlfljótuvatn is the National Boy Scout's centre and camping is usually available at their place, as well as access to recreational facilities (info at: www.ulfljotuvatn.is). Hotels and lodgings are numerous in the vicinity, including hotels at Selfoss and Þingvellir.

Fishing potential

Char and brown trout are numerous in the lake, with an average size of about 0.5 - 2 pounds.

Daily opening hours

07:00 to 23:00.

Fishing season

June 1st to September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

From mid-June to mid-August.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at the Úlfljótuvatn and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

The catch must be announced by filling out a special form, available at the Úlfljótuvatn farm. One must especially mention if one catches a fish that is marked "Veiðimálastofnun".



24) Ölvesvatn (The Sela lakes)

Location

Ölvesvatn (the largest of the Selá lakes) is located on Skagaheiði, Skefilsstaðahreppur in Skagafjörður (Northern Iceland).

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The distance from Reykjavík is approx. 366 km and 40 km from Sauðárkrúkur. The lake lies about 6 km from the Hvalnes junction, but is unfortunately only suitable for larger vehicles.

Practical information

Ölvesvatn (Lake Ölves) is the largest of the Selá lakes, but fishing is also permitted in Fossvatn, Selvatn, Grunnatjörn, Andavatn and Stífluvatn, in addition to the connecting brooks and rivers. Ölvesvatn covers about 2,8km² and is thought to be fairly deep.

Fishing area

No restrictions

Accommodation

A very nice fishing cabin is available at the site, with all necessary equipment. One can also lodge at the Hvalnes farm. Booking should be place at Hvalnes, tel. (+354) 453-6520

Fishing potential

One can expect medium or large brown trout or char. Smaller fish appears to be dwindling.

Daily opening hours

No limits

Season

The fishing season is usually depending upon the accessibility. Usually the season starts at the end of May and closes at the end of September. Cardholders are, however, only allowed after July 1st.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure. Fly fishing is, however, the best option.

Best time of the day

There is an equal distribution throughout the day.

Rules

Cardholders must register at Hvalsnes, and show both Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. There they will receive a report form to fill out and return after fishing. Littering is strictly forbidden as well as off-road driving. Children are allowed, free of charge, accompanied with adult cardholders.

Contact / Landlord

Bjarni Egilsson and Elín Guðbrandsdóttir at Hvalnes. Tel: (+354) 453-6520



25) Vatnsdalsvatn (Lake Vatnsdalur)

Location

Vatnsdalsvatn is located in Vatnsfjörður in Barðaströnd, in the West fjords (Vestfirðir).

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 340 km. Shortcut is possible by the ferry Baldur, sailing from Stykkishólmur to Brjánslækur, near Vatnsfjörður.

Practical information

The lake is 2.2km² and rises to 8m above sea level. The deepest point is at 30 m.

Fishing area

There are no restrictions, except for the mouth of several rivers, running in or out of the lake.

Accommodation

The camping site is located at Hótel Flókalundur, about 2 km away.

Fishing potential

Sea trout is prevalent, about 1-3 pounds, yet some brown trout, sea char and occasional salmon might also be caught.

Daily opening hours

07:00 am - 11:00 pm

Season

May 1st to September 20th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Peak season is from mid June - mid August.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Hotel Flókalundur and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder.

Contact / Landlord

Hótel Flókalundur. Tel: (+354) 456-2011.



26) Vífilsstaðavatn (Lake Vífilstadavatn)

Location

Lake Vífilsstaðavatn is located just outside the town Garðabær, a suburb of Reykjavík.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 0,27 km² and rises to 38 m above sea level. This lake is often used for practicing fly fishing.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is not allowed by the lake. Various hotels, camping sites and lodgings can be found in the Greater Reykjavík area.

Fishing potential

Char and brown trout are found in the lake, with an average size of 1-2 pounds.

Daily opening hours

8:00 am to midnight.

Season

April 1st to September 15th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Peak season is in May and June

Rules

The Lake is owned by the township of Garðabær.

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Golfskáli G.K.G (*The Golf club nearby*) and show both the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholder. No dogs are allowed by the lake.

Contact / Landlord

Golfskáli G.K.G by Lake Vífilsstaðavatn. Tel: (+354) 565-7373 and Erla B. Bjarnardóttir, Garðabær. Tel: (+354) 525-8588.



27) Víkurflóð (Lake Vikurflod)

Location

Víkurflóð is located in Landbrot, near Kirkjubæjarklaustur on the south east coast.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 260 km, but only 4 km to Kirkjubæjarklaustur.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 1,2 km² and has the max depth of 3 m.

Fishing area

Fishing is allowed everywhere in the lake.

Accommodation

There is a good camping site by the lake, facilitated with toilets. Small cabins are also available for rent. One can purchase food and drinks at the Efri-Vík holiday resort or Kirkjubæjarklaustur town.

Fishing potential

The lake harbors sea trout and sea char, in addition to the more common brown trout and char. The waters of Landbrot are unique in many ways, including an unusual ratio of large trout and char.

Daily opening hours

No restrictions.

Season

No restrictions. Fishing is allowed all year around.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure. Fly fishing is particularly promising.

Best time of the day

It is usually best to start fishing early in the morning or late at night.

Rules

Littering is forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Efri-Vík and show both Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Off-road driving is prohibited. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholders.

Contact / Landlord:

Hörður Davíðsson, Efri-Vík, Tel: (+354) 487-4694



28) Þingvallavatn (Lake Thingvallavatn)

Location

Lake Þingvallavatn is located in Þingvallasveit in Bláskógabyggð. It belongs to Iceland's most treasured national monument the Þingvellir National Park.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The lake is situated approx. 50 km. from Reykjavík.

Practical information

Þingvallavatn rises to approx. 100 m. above sea level, with size of 84 km² and max depth of 114 m. The lake is one of Iceland's most popular fishing sites, with large numbers of regulars.

Þingvellir and Þingvallavatn combine unusual natural beauty and Iceland's cultural heritage, Þingvellir being the site where Europe's first parliament was founded.

See also: <http://www.thingvellir.is/english> <http://www.gofishing.is/thingvellir.htm>

Fishing area

Cardholders are only allowed to fish in the National park, in the area between Arnarfell and Öxará, near Hotel Valhöll. Fishing in Öxará River is strictly prohibited.

Maps and other information are available at the Service Centre, where cardholders are obliged to register. We like to stress that all fishing is prohibited in Ólafsdráttur between July 1st and August 31st.

Accommodation

Þingvellir is a popular summer resort, and has thus a number of options, including Hotel Hengill. Camping sites are located in various places around the lake. Permits can be purchased at the Service Centre. Vatnskot is an exciting camping site, where one can also receive information concerning the best fishing grounds.

Fishing

Þingvallavatn has a special affiliation to various types of fish. No other lake has as many species of char and its brown trout is quite particular. The Þingvallavatn char is usually rather large.

Fishing hours

No restrictions. Guides and guards are stationed at the Service Centre and Vatnskot.

Fishing season

Fishing is only allowed from May 1st - September 15th.

We like to stress, that all fishing is prohibited in Ólafsdráttur area between July 1st and August 31st.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best fishing time

The brown trout is most visible during the evening. The char is no respecter of seasons or times of day.

Special rules

We like to stress the importance of keeping the place tidy. Littering is strictly forbidden. Cars and other vehicles must stay on designated roads.



29-33-34) Þórisstaðavatn, Eyrarvatn & Geitabergsvatn

Location

Svínadalur in Hvalfjörður, near Reykjavík.

Distance from Reykjavík and nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík city centre is 82 km via Hvalfjarðargöng (Hvalfjörður tunnel) and 27 km to Akranes.

Practical information

The lakes are three and they are all part of the Laxa in Leirarsveit area, and the biggest one is Þórisstaðavatn, covers an area of 1.37 km² and rises to 71 m. above sea level. The deepest point is at 24 m. Salmon run through the lakes.

Accessibility is quite good, making this an ideal place for families to combine fishing and camping. Nearby you find a hotel, a country pub, horse rental and a swimming pool.

Fishing Area

No restrictions

Accommodation

There is a campsite nearby, facilitated with toilets. There are also facilities at Tunga farm in Svínadalur and Hótel Glymur in Hvalfjörður.

Fishing potential

One might expect catching brown trout and char. Occasional salmon might also be caught.

Daily opening hours

07:00 am - 10:00 pm (09:00 p.m. from August 20th).

Season

April 1st - September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Fishing is equally distributed throughout the season.

Rules

It is only allowed to fish in the three lakes, but not in the rivers Þverá and Selós.

Littering and off-road driving is forbidden. Children under 14 are allowed for free, if accompanied by adult cardholders.

Contact / Landlord

Þorsteinn Ingason. Tel: (+354) 433-8975 and 860-6340.



30) Þveit (Lake Thveit)

Location

Þveit is located in Nesjahreppur, Austur-Skaftafellssýsla (South-East Iceland).

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is 450 km. and 10 km from Höfn in Hornafjörður, the principal town in South-East Iceland. The lake is located at Highway 1. The access to the lake is quite good.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 0,91 km² and rises to 2 m above sea level. Sea char can be found there.

Fishing area

Fishing is allowed on the property of Stóru­lágur, comprising about half of the lake.

Accommodation

Nearest hotel is Fosshótel Vatnajökli, only 2 km. away.

Fishing potential

In the lake you will find brown trout and char, along with sea trout and sea char.

Daily opening hours

10.00 am -10.00 pm.

Season

April 1st - September 30th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the year

Spring and fall

Rules

Fishing is only allowed on the property of Stóru­lág. No dogs are allowed at the lake and the use of boats is prohibited without permission from the landlord. Littering is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must sign up at Stóru­lág and show both Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID. Off-road driving is prohibited. Children are allowed, free of charge, if accompanied with adult cardholders. Please contact landlord before driving on the property.

Contact / landlord

Sigurður Sigfinnsson at Stóru­lág farm, which is located about 2 km north of the lake. Tel: (+354) 478-1353 or (+354) 899-9947. Helgi Ingason, Vatnsendi Tel: (+354) 464-3249

Sigurður Birgisson, Kross Tel: (+354) 464-3248.



32) Þingvallavatn II (Lake Thingvallavatn II)

Location:

Lake Thingvallavatn south.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

The part is situated approx. 65 km. from Reykjavík. Turn left at the farm Ölvusvatnsá

Fishing area

Cardholders are only allowed to fish the bank of the lake between the Ölvusvatnsá and the Villingaholtsá

Accommodation

Þingvellir is a popular summer resort, and has thus a number of options, including Hotel Hengill. Camping sites are located in various places around the lake. Permits can be purchased at the Service Centre. Vatnskot is an exciting camping site, where one can also receive information concerning the best fishing grounds.

Fishing

Þingvallavatn has a special affiliation to various types of fish. No other lake has as many species of char and its brown trout is quite particular. The Þingvallavatn char is usually rather large.

Fishing hours

No restrictions. Guides and guards are stationed at the Service Centre and Vatnskot.

Fishing season

Fishing is only allowed from May 1st - September 15th.

Bait

All bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best fishing time

The brown trout is most visible during the evening. The char is no respecter of seasons or times of day.

Special rules

We like to stress the importance of keeping the place tidy. Littering is strictly forbidden. Cars and other vehicles must stay on designated roads.



35) Sauðlauksvatn (Lake Saudlauksvatn)

Location

Sauðlauksvatn is located in Sauðlauksdalur in Barðarstrandasýsla, near Patreksfjörður, in the lower North-West of Iceland.

Distance from Reykjavík and the nearest township

Distance from Reykjavík is approx. 380 km, and 28 km from Patreksfjörður.

Practical information

The lake covers an area of 0.35 km². The off-highway route to the Lake is quite accessible, but off-road driving is prohibited.

Fishing area

No restrictions.

Accommodation

Camping is permitted and free of charge wherever possible. Toilet facilities.

Fishing potential

Char and Sea char can be found, usually fairly large, as well as large or very large trout.

Daily opening hours

No restrictions.

Season

Early spring to autumn, whenever there is no ice covering on the Lake.

Bait

All regular bait is allowed: fly, worm and lure.

Best time of the day

Early in the morning and late at night.

Rules

Littering and off-road driving is strictly forbidden. Cardholders must carry the Veiðikortið and an appropriate ID on their person, ready for inspection at any time. Children under 14 are allowed for free if accompanied by an adult cardholder. Fishing in the rivers nearby is strictly forbidden.