Information on angling on the Engstlensee, Oeschinensee and Arnensee

The following important rules apply to all mountain lakes:

• Angling is permitted in the summer season from 05.00 to 24.00 and in the winter season from 06.00 to 20.00;
• Children under ten years of age may only fish if accompanied by a permit holder over the age of 16 who is carrying a permit;
• The use of groundbait is prohibited in all waters requiring a permit;
• It is prohibited to take live bait fish from the valley to mountain lakes, or bait fish caught in mountain lakes into the valley;
• Fishing is permitted all year round (NB: Please respect the close seasons for individual fish species!);
• Fishing is permitted with a gambe (Hegene) with five lures, each with a simple fishhook with or without a barbed hook;
• Fishing with two rods with a maximum of two lures each is permitted (NB: the fishing rods may not be left unsupervised);
• From 1 November to 31 December, fishing rods may only be used with one float and one lure with a simple fishhook in depths of up to three metres, or with a dry fly;
• Fishing with a barbed hook is not permitted without a special permit,
• There is no minimum size requirement and no close season for rainbow trout, so they may be caught all year round,
• Fish caught that meet the minimum size requirement may not be placed back in the water;
• It is not permitted to continue fishing after keeping six game fish;
• When ice fishing, always bear the following in mind: check the website www.slf.ch to find out the current avalanche risk. In the event of heavy snowfalls or thaws, there is a serious risk of avalanches and rockfalls. Only walk on the ice if it is clearly able to bear your weight. Where groundwater emerges and by stream inlets, there is an increased risk that the ice will break. Pay attention to the warning signs!

The basic principle is: if you fish on the ice, you do so at your own risk!

Engstlensee (1850 m/45 ha)
Fishing from the shore or from rented boats is permitted, but subject to quotas (7 boats). These rights belong to Fritz Immer (boat rental business). The use of other vessels (stationary or transportable boats) is prohibited. Most important fish species: char, Canadian lake trout, rainbow trout
When the lake is frozen, a 150 m wide buffer zone on the south shore of the lake is closed for fishing.
Address: Hotel Engstlenalp, Fritz Immer, Tel. 033 975 11 61

Oeschinensee (1578 m/114 ha)
Fishing from the shore or from rented boats is permitted, but subject to quotas (25 boats). These rights belong to Ueli Hirschi (boat rental business). The use of other vessels (stationary or transportable boats) is prohibited. Most important fish species: char, Canadian lake trout, rainbow trout
Please note: An information sheet for those interested in the mountain lake is available at the chairlift station in the valley (important for the ice fishing).
Address: Mountain lodge and boat rental business: Ueli Hirschi, am Oeschinensee, Tel. 033 675 11 66
Hotel Oeschinensee, David Wandfluh, Tel. 033 675 11 19

Arnensee (1542 m/35 ha)
Fishing from the shore or from boats is permitted. The mooring of vessels on the lake is prohibited (transportable boats may be brought). Most important fish species: char, rainbow trout, Canadian lake trout
Address: Huus am Arnensee, Angelfischerverein Saanenland, Tel. 033 755 14 36

Please note:
• Permit prices: see Regulations on fishing.
• Daily and weekly permits can be purchased from all agencies, on the Internet www.be.ch/fischerei, or in the four mountain hotels (Please send back your catch statistics!). Hotel opening hours vary (for an overnight stay, please book well in advance).

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