

Fishing regulations summer 2026 for the high alpine Melchsee-Frutt

The mountain lakes Melchsee, Tannensee and Blauseeli are leased from the alpine partners Melchsee-Frutt by the Melchsee-Frutt sports railways. The Fisheries Commission is responsible for fish stocking and fisheries supervision. Due to the power plant operation (EWO) it is possible that the lake level changes.

In addition to the federal and cantonal regulations for fishing, the following provisions must be observed:

1. Scope

These regulations are binding for all fishermen/women on the high alpine Melchsee-Frutt.

2. Patent

2.1 The practice of fishing in the Melchsee, Tannensee and Blauseeli as well as in their inflows and outflows is bound to a special patent license.

2.2 Half-day, day, multi-day and seasonal licenses can be purchased at the issuing offices for adults and young people (between 10 and 15 years of age). To acquire a fishing license with a period of validity of more than 30 days, proof of competence in fishing (SaNa) must be presented!

2.3 Every fisherman/women is responsible for a **correct and fully completed license**. The fishing license must be completed before fishing and is only valid if it is dated and signed by the license holder. Patents that are not dated and signed are invalid and will be confiscated by the fishing inspectorate.

2.4 The license is personal and non-transferable.

2.5 The license entitles the holder to fish **with a rod under the constant supervision** of the license holder.

2.6 Only one license can be purchased per person per day.

2.7 seasonal licenses; the catch limit per season license is limited (trout / char). Once the maximum number of catches has been reached, another seasonal license can be obtained.

License adult: 150 fish

License Youth: 100 fish

License child: 50 fish

2.8 Licenses will not be issued to children under the age of 10 or who have been punished for fishing offenses.

2.9 The license prices include VAT.

3. Fishing

3.1 The use of fishing rods with barbs is permitted for fishermen who are in possession of the certificate of competence (SaNa). It is prohibited to deliberately catch fish with fishing tackle on any part of the body other than the mouth.

3.2 **The use of live bait fish is forbidden** (based on the cantonal fishing ordinance GDB 651.21 and the implementation regulations on fishing GDB 651.211). Fishermen/women in possession of the certificate of competence are entitled to catch minnows from the Melchsee and Tannensee lakes. Keeping minnows is only permitted in the containers designed for this purpose. These containers must always be supplied with fresh water! Bait fish that are used for fishing must be professionally killed before hooking (only dead bait fish are allowed!).

3.3 **It is forbidden** to bring bait from the valley to the mountain lakes or to bring bait fish caught in the mountain lakes into the valley! Those who are authorized to use bait fish may only catch bait for their own use and only on the authorized catch day during the daytime. If bait traps are in

the water at night, they will be emptied by the fishing supervisory staff!

3.4 The fishing season starts (provided the lakes are free of ice and fish stocks are guaranteed) on June 13, 2026 and ends on October 18, 2026. Blauseeli: There is a possibility that the Blauseeli will be released for fishing a little later due to too much snow and ice. **A maximum of 3 trout or char may be caught in Blauseeli.** The last fish stocking takes place on the first Thursday in October, so fishing restrictions must be expected (risk of icing and freezing of the Blauseeli)!

3.5 It is allowed to fish daily at the following times:
Season start by August 15: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
August 16 until the end of the season: 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fish stocking: On the respective stocking day (Monday and Thursday evening), fishing is prohibited during and after the fish stocking on Melchsee-Frutt!

There is no fish stocking in the Blauseeli on Monday! (No fishing ban on Monday in the Blauseeli).

In September there is only one fish stocking per week (Thursday).

3.6 Per day and per license, the license holder may catch a maximum of 5 trout or char, **of which a maximum of 2 trout or char over 55 cm (in all three mountain lakes). If 2 fish over 55 cm have been caught, fishing for trout / char over 55 cm is prohibited! The fishing tackle must be adjusted accordingly.**

3.7 With the half-day license (valid and available from 1 p.m.) the license holder may catch a maximum of 3 trout or char.

3.8 A child (aged 7-9 years old with their own rod) is only allowed to fish if they are accompanied by a person who has reached the age of 15 and who is in possession of a valid fishing license. Altogether, a maximum of 5 trout or char are allowed to be caught! The child is not allowed to use fish spinners, blinkers, spoons, wobblers, etc. The

use of a multi-ended fishing hook is also not permitted when a child is involved in fishing.

- 3.9 There is no minimum catch size for trout and char on Melchsee-Frutt, every hooked fish must be removed and must not be put back into the water! For perch there is no limit to the number of catches and no minimum catch size! Captured perch of any size may no longer be put back into the water! Perch are not to be entered on the statistics.
- 3.10 Every fisherman undertakes to keep his / her fish separately. Keeping caught fish is prohibited on Melchsee-Frutt.
- 3.11 It is **obligatory** and compulsory to use a feeder (landing net) to land the fish!
- 3.12 Fishing with boats (without a motor) is only permitted on the Melchsee.
- 3.13 Fishing in the Blauseeli is only permitted for fly fishermen with fly rods, **artificial flies or streamers**. The fly fishermen have the right to fish all three mountain lakes. When fly fishing, particular attention must be paid to fellow fishermen and walkers (risk of accidents).
The no-fishing zone in Blauseeli must be observed and strictly adhered to.
- 3.14 **Wading in the Blauseeli is generally prohibited!** Only the direct route to get to the nearest boulder that protrudes out of the water is allowed, otherwise you can only fish from the bank edge.
- 3.15 It is not permitted to reserve a place for fishing.
- 3.16 It is not permitted to throw waste (fish entrails, filleting waste, lines, fishhooks, bait boxes, cans, bottles, etc.) into the lake, including their inlets and outlets, or leave it on the bank.
- 3.17 The fish cleaning station is located at the old mountain station and is accessible 24 hours a day. All fishermen are asked to eviscerate (disembowel) their caught fish there and dispose of the offal in a professional manner.

All waste must be cleared up, taken with you and disposed of in the designated containers or in the fish cleaning station!

3.18 **Fishing on bridges is prohibited for safety reasons.**

4. **Statistics**

- 4.1 The population of the three lakes is based exclusively on statistical experience from previous years. We therefore ask you to fill in the catch statistics truthfully and to hand them in on time (within 7 days) so that you can get the statistical amount you have paid back in cash at the patent sales outlets. (No transfers by post or bank)
- 4.2 **Statistics on seasonal licenses must be submitted by the end of October of the current year.** The statistical deposit of CHF 50.00 is only returned in **cash** at the counter (no bank transfer / no postage, etc.). A late return of the statistics will not be taken into account.
- 4.3 Only the original statistics that are submitted when the license is released are valid. Copies are not valid when inspecting the lakes.
- 4.4 Caught trout / char must be entered in the catch statistics with a waterproof pen immediately **before continuing to fish**.

5. **Supervision and control**

- 5.1 The fishing supervision is the responsibility of the leaseholder Sportbahnen Melchsee-Frutt (Fisheries Commission)
- 5.2 The license is to be shown to the fishery supervisory staff on request. Together with the license, the holder must be able to show an identity card, an equivalent official ID with a picture and the SaNa ID.
- 5.3 During an inspection, all fish must be shown at the request of the fishery supervisory staff.
- 5.4 Violations of the regulations or the instructions of the fishing supervisory staff will be dealt with in accordance with the federal and cantonal

criminal provisions and punished with immediate license revocation.

- 5.5 People who do not understand will be reported and prosecuted. The handling fees of CHF 200.00 are invoiced by the leaseholder, Sportbahnen Melchsee-Frutt.

So that fishing is and remains a recreation for everyone, we thank you for observing and complying with the fishing regulations.

Important: It is very important to us that the animal welfare requirements are met on Melchsee-Frutt. The fish must be landed gently (Feumer/landing net), immediately stunned and properly killed. Anesthetic procedure: Blunt, forceful blow to the head or broken neck. Immediately afterwards, the fish must be properly killed either by cutting through the main blood vessels in the neck area (gill cut) or by removing the innards!

No fishing in the Blauseeli zone



Consideration, fairness and tolerance towards animals, the environment and fellow fishermen are a matter of honor.

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