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GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN THE CANTAL IN 2025

The Fishing Fédération would like to remind you that it is compulsory to carry a fishing licence and to present it during inspections. A licence is also required for crayfish fishing. Failure to produce a licence may result in a fine and a first category fine.

Any angler fishing on a watercourse or body of water must only have in his possession fish that are at least equal to or larger than the legal size in force on the watercourse.

CLASSIFICATION OF WATERCOURSES

All rivers, canals and bodies of water are classified into two categories, under the terms of the ministerial decree of 24 November 1988 and the aforementioned prefectoral decree of 17 November 2009.

1°) First category rivers, canals and water bodies (dominant salmonids):

All watercourses or portions of watercourses and water bodies not classified as second category.

2°) Second category rivers, canals and water bodies (dominant cyprinids):

The Lot, The Dordogne left bank

The large hydroelectric reservoirs - Lastioulles (Haute-Tarentaine) - Bort - Marèges - L'Aigle- Le Chastang (Dordogne) - Enchanet et Gour Noir (Maronne) - Saint-Etienne-Cantalès - Nèpes (Cère) - Lanau - Grandval - Sarrans (Truyère) - Madic- le Tact - la Crégut

With the sole exception of the Lot, all the running waters in the department are classified as 1st category, as are the Vaussaire, Journiac, Les Essarts, Le Taurons and Le Gabacut reservoirs.

N.B: The 1st and 2nd category limits are located at points that are as precise as possible, determined by the maximum water level.

This limit remains unchanged if the lake level has dropped.

OPENING TIMES

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SPECIES	1st CATEGORY	2nd CATEGORY
	RIVERS	RIVERS
SALMON and SEA TROUT	Fishing prohibited all year round	
SALIVION and SLA TROOT	08 March to 21 08 March to 21	
TROUT, OMBLE or FOUNTAIN SALMON, HORSE OMBLE and CRISTIVOMER	September (*except	September
	on certain lakes	September
	where closure is	
	delayed, see below)	
	08 March to 21	1st January to 31st
RAINBOW TROUT	September	December
CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR	17 May to 21	17 May to 31
COMMON GRAYLING	September	December
	26 April to 21	1st to 28 January and 27
PIKE	September	April to 31 December
		1st January to 09
ZANDER		March and from 31
	08 March to 21	May* to 31 December *Except on the
	September	Grandval and Lanau
		reservoirs where the
		opening date is 14
		June.
	08 March to 21	1 January to 11 May
BLACK-BASS	September	and 5 July to 31
		December
Red-legged, torrent, white-legged and	Fishing prohibited all year round	
spadefoot CRAWFISH		
OTHER CRAYFISH	08 March to 21	1 January to 31
OTTER CRATTOT	September	December
FROGS (green and red)	07 June to 21	07 June to 31 December
	September	
YELLOW EELS and SILVER EELS	The fishing dates for yellow eel in 2025 will	
	be set at a later date by order of the ministers responsible for freshwater fishing and	
	maritime fishing. Fishing for eels smaller than	
	12 cm and silver eels is prohibited.	
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ALL FISH NOT MENTIONED ABOVE	08 March to 21	1 January to 31
	September	December

On the bodies of water listed below, the closing date for fishing has been postponed until the 1st Sunday in October: Omps, Mill of the Theil (Le Rouget-Pers), Mill of the Fau (Maurs), Val Saint-Jean (Mauriac), Trizac, des Essarts (Condat), de Condat (town of Condat), du Pêcher (Chalinargues), de Montrozier (Pierrefort), du Taurons (Trémouille), de Belvezet (Tiviers), de Lastic (Lastic).

Fishing on the Gabacut lake (Montboudif) will be postponed until the 1st Sunday in October for species other than brown trout (which will close on the same date as the 1st category).

CATCH QUOTA

- LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF SALMONID fish caught (brown and rainbow trout, brook salmon, common grayling): 6 by day and by angler (prefectoral decree), including 1 common grayling (Federation internal regulations) on all the department's rivers and lakes.
- LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF CARNASSIER (pike, zander and black-bass) caught:
- In 2nd category: 3 carnivorous fish including a maximum of 2 pike by day and by angler (prefectoral decree).

By decision of the Federation's Board of Directors, all black bass caught throughout the Cantal département must be released (internal regulations).

o In 1st category: 2 pike maximum by day and by angler (prefectoral decree).

LEGAL CATCH SIZES

TRUITS (fario and rainbow) and OMBLES (brook salmon): 0.20 cm

Except on the following rivers or parts of rivers where the size is set at: 0.23 m

- o Alagnon downstream of the R.N. 122 bridge at Fraisse-Haut (common of Laveissière)
- o Allanche downstream of the Peyro bridge, commune of Allanche
- o Aspre from the Vert bridge to the confluence with the Maronne, Fontanges common
- o Authre downstream of the Jussac bridge (R.D.922)
- o Auze (de Mauriac) downstream of the bridge mill, common of Brageac
- o Bertrande downstream of the R.D. 922 bridge
- o Bès along its entire Cantalien course
- o Célé downstream of the confluence with the Réssègue
- o Cère from the Pas de Cère causeway, in the municipality of Thièzac, to the departmental boundary
- o **Doire** downstream of the Anjoigny bridge, Saint-Cernin (R.D. 922)
- o Epie downstream of the Farin bridge (R.D. 34), common of Paulhac
- o Etze downstream of the confluence with the Braulle, town of Saint-Victor
- o Jordanne downstream of the Lavernière bridge, common of Velzic
- o The entire length of the Lot in Cantalien
- o Maronne downstream of the Saingoux bridge (CD 35), municipality of Fontanges
- o Mars downstream of the Pons bridge (R.D. 678) in the common of Anglards De Salers
- o Petite Rhue downstream of the D.3 bridge, D'Apchon municipality
- o Rance downstream of the Genêt d'or bridge on the RD. 617

- o Rhue along its entire Cantalien course
- o Santoire downstream of its confluence with the Impradine
- o Sumène downstream of its confluence with the Mars
- o Véronne downstream of the Roc-Marie bridge at Riom-Es-Montagnes

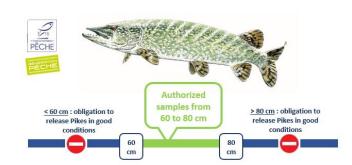
Except on the following rivers or parts of rivers where the size is set at 0.25 m (for brown trout):

o Truyère over the entire course

COMMON OMBRE: 0.35 m

PIKE: 0.60 m (Prefectoral decree)

Catch windows have also been introduced (FD Internal Regulations) on various lakes. Only pike measuring between 60 and 80 cm may be kept on the lakes of: Saint-Etienne-Cantalès, Nèpes, Enchanet, Gour Noir, Lanau, Tact.



ZANDER: 0.50 m (Prefectoral decree)

BLACK-BASS: 0.30 m

CRAWFISH (signal, American): no size regulation

GREEN AND RUSH FROG: 8 cm (from tip of snout to tip of cloaca)

OTHER MEASURES

NUMBER OF LINES AND HOOKS AUTHORISED :

<u>In 1st category</u>, only 1 line is authorised (with a maximum of 2 hooks or 3 artificial flies), except on the reservoirs listed below where 2 lines by angler are authorised:

- Vaussaire and les Essarts reservoirs (Rhue)
- Journiac reservoir (Little Rhue)
- Gabacut reservoir
- Taurons reservoir
- Condat micro-power station reservoir
- Mill of Theil water body (Le Rouget)
- Val-St-Jean water body (Mauriac)
- Majonenc lake

In 2nd category, the following are authorised

- 4 rods with a maximum of 2 hooks by line (the 4 lines must remain under the continuous and close supervision of the angler),
- A maximum of 6 crayfish scales
- A carafe or bottle with a maximum capacity of 2 litres.

❖ USE OF CERTAIN BAITS :

In the 1st category, the use of maggots, damselflies and other dipteran larvae as bait or groundbait is prohibited, except on the following lakes where it is possible to fish with maggots without groundbait: JOURNIAC - THE GABACUT - THE ESSARTS - TAURONS - VAUSSAIRE- THEIL MILL POND (common of le Rouget), POND OF CASSANIOUZE, POND OF VEZAC, POND OF SAINT-SATURNIN, POND OF CONDAT, POND OF COLLANGES (common of Dienne), POND OF VAL SAINT-JEAN, MAJONENC LAKE (Riom-ès-Montagnes).

In 2nd category, the use of maggots and other dipteran larvae as bait is authorised.

The following may not be transported live, used as bait or released: Sun perch, Gambusia, Pseudorasboras, crayfish and catfish.

It is forbidden to use natural or artificial fish eggs as bait.

CRAYFISH FISHING:

We would like to remind you that you must hold a fishing licence to fish for crayfish.

Crayfish may be caught in 1st and 2nd category waters using a maximum of 6 scales with a maximum diameter of 30 cm and a minimum mesh size of 10 mm.

Crayfish scales may not be baited with undersized fish.

It is forbidden to hold or transport live crayfish.

LEGAL FISHING HOURS :

Fishing is permitted from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

All fishing is prohibited at night except in areas marked for night carp fishing.

❖ FISHING WHILE WALKING IN THE WATER :

In order to protect the eggs of the Common Grayling species, fishing by walking in the water is prohibited from the second Saturday in March to 31 May, on the river Alagnon:

- From Notre Dame bridge (municipality of Murat) to Bourg bridge (municipality of La Chapelle d'Alagnon)
- From the Mill of Mazelles to the Charrade water intake (Neussargues-Moissac).

FISHING WITH NETS AND GEAR:

The use of nets, traps and other gear is absolutely and totally prohibited in all 1st category waters and 2nd category waters.

FISHING RESERVES

1st CATEGORY FISHING RESERVES :

A.A.P.P.M.A. OF ALLANCHE

Lake of Pêcher - upstream part of the lake - Municipality of Chavagnac

A.A.P.P.M.A. OF AURILLAC



The Jordanne and its tributaries upstream from the Liadouze waterfall to the sources (including Rau des Curedis, de Vachy, du Puy

A.A.P.P.M.A. OF CHAMPS

Stream of Granges - From the confluence with the Dordogne to the bridge of Grange - Common de Lanobre......500 m

Stream of Champs-Sur-Tarentaine - Upstream of the town culvert downstream limit at the level of Le Saint-Remy restaurant - Common

A.A.P.P.M.A. OF CHAUDES-AIGUES

The Remontalou - Crossing of Chaudes-Aigues, from the entrance to the swimming pool car park (downstream) to the RD989 bridge (upstream)
A.A.P.P.M.A. OF CONDAT
The Santoire - From the bridge over the CD 680 known as bridge of Puech to the lock at the water intake of the Dienne mill.
Common of Dienne
A.A.P.P.M.A. OF LAROQUEBROU
The Cère - 100 m downstream of the Mill causeway, Municipality of Laroquebrou
A.A.A.P.M.A. OF MAURIAC
The Labiou 1 500 m downstream of Jourdy mill to 500 m upstream of the same mill - Common of Sourniac and Chalvignac
A.A.A.P.P.M.A. OF RIOM-ES-MONTAGNES
The Veronne, above the village of Extrait, upstream from the small bridge to the springs - Common of Collandres 1 500 m
The Little Rhue, from Lapeyre bridge (downstream) to Chabanis bridge (upstream) - Common of Le Claux
The Cheylat, from the Espinasse bridge to the sources - Common of Collandres
A.A.A.P.M.A. OF SAINT-FLOUR
Channel d'amené d'eau of mill des Quelairs - Common of Viellespesse - Stream nursery160 m
Arcueil - From the R.D. 23 bridge to the R.D. 909 bridge - Common of Vieillespesse
Ander - From the feeder road from the Blaud mill (downstream) to the bridge on the RD926 (upstream, Saint-Flour bypass)600 m
A.A.P.P.M.A. OF VIC-SUR-CERE
The Cère - From the confluence with the Labouissonade stream (downstream) to the Saint-Jacques-des-Blats bridge (RD559, upstream), Common of St-Jacques-les-Blats
The whole of the Vialard ravine, Common of Vic-Sur-Cère

2nd category temporary fishing reserves

All fishing is prohibited on the temporary reserves created to protect the reproduction of species (pike-perch, black-bass and pike) and indicated by signs or buoys on the Grandval, Enchanet and Saint-Etienne-Cantalès reservoirs from 1st March until the opening of the pike-perch fishing season.

<u>Grandval dam:</u> The Truyère: From the Viaduc de Garabit to the Chaliers footbridge - The Ander: From its confluence with the Truyère to the finish of the path located 1 km downstream of the Auberge du Bout du Monde - The Bès/Truyère: From 150 m upstream of the Grandval dam (no-navigable zone) to the confluence with the Bès (including the two Chabriol coves) as well as the whole of the Bès up to the 1st -2nd category limit.

<u>Enchanet dam:</u> Handle of l'Etze at bridge of Rouffet - The Maronne from its confluence with the Bertrande (Espons), up to the upstream limit of the 2nd category (Marty stream, left bank tributary of the Maronne) - The Bertrande upstream of the viaduct of the Rouffet bridge up to the 1st/2nd category limit.

<u>Saint-Étienne-Cantalès dam</u>: From immediately downstream of the Gavanel stream cove (Carsac cove) to the 1st category limit (Palisse hydroelectric plant, 220 m upstream of the Bridge of Maudour) - From the Bridge of the Marie up to the limit of the 1st category (backwater of the dam at coast 517) - Handle of Vabret in its entirety – Handle of Espinet upstream of a line running from the south-eastern tip of the Rénac peninsula to the Espinet boat launch.

❖ TEMPORARY FISHING RESERVES IN 2nd CATEGORY ON LIMITROPHOUS WATERSHELLS

Sarrans dam: Temporary reserves from 1 April to 13 June 2025 inclusive

<u>Handle of Brezons</u>: From the Devèze bridge to the mouth of the 'Le Brezons' stream – <u>Handle of Lavendès</u>: From the end of the cove (right bank) of the Roc de Mons stream to the mouth of the Lavendès stream - <u>To the right of the Montignac stream</u> to the right of the Prade stream (including the cove of the Epie stream).

Aigle dam: Temporary reserves from 10 March to 13 June 2025 inclusive.

<u>Bay of the Sumène</u>: Upstream limit: limit between the 2nd and 1st categories of the Sumène watercourse, water level at normal operating level (342.00 m NGF). Downstream limit: See signs on site.

Bort Les Orgues dam: Temporary reserves from 10 March to 13 June 2025 inclusive

Bay of the Castle of Thynières: The entire bay bounded by a line between a point with LAMBERT 93 coordinates X= 661 025; Y= 6 484 435 (on cadastral parcel 0A n° 189, municipality of BEAULIEU) and a point with LAMBERT 93 coordinates X= 661 370; Y= 6 483 533 (on cadastral parcel 0A n° 101, municipality of BEAULIEU).

<u>Between the Val Castel and the Siauve:</u> Bank on the Cantal department side between a point with coordinates LAMBERT 93 X= 661 210; Y= 6482640 (on cadastral parcel 0E n° 225, municipality of LANOBRE) and a point with coordinates LAMBERT 93 x= 660710; Y= 6481060 (on cadastral parcel 0A n° 376, municipality of LANOBRE).

NIGHT FISHING FOR CARP

❖ NIGHT CARP FISHING ZONES

GRANDVAL RESERVOIR WITH SEVEN MARKED ZONES

Alleuze: 2 areas - Laval d'Albaret le comtal: 1 area - Saint-Georges: 1 area - Chaliers: 1 area - Immediately upstream of the Bridge of Mallet on the D13 on the left bank of the Bès, 400 m, Fridefont common: 1 area - Upstream of the Bridge of Garabit (RD 909) to where the stream of Mongon enters the lake, 700 m: 1 area.

It is forbidden to park boats on this lake at night, with the exception of official boat launches.

ENCHANET RESERVOIR WHERE A ZONE IS MARKED



- Left and right banks of the Maronne, from the Maronne viaduct upstream to the entrance to the Longairoux cove downstream.
 - SAINT-ETIENNE-CANTALES RESERVOIR, WHERE THREE ZONES ARE MARKED OUT
- Left bank of the Cère, from the upstream limit of the Ribeyres dwellings (GPS: 44.906437 2.248666) to the point located at GPS 44.916471 2.244788, including the Pers cove and the Braconnat cove (9.1 km of banks).
- Left bank of the Cère at the level of the main branch, from GPS point 44.920335 2.245345 upstream to the Roudier cove at point 44.933238 2.234015 downstream (1.7 km of banks).
- The arm of the Cère from the authorised limit for motorised navigation upstream to the bottom of the Fontanelles cove on the right bank, and as far as the Ribeyres campsite (excluded) on the left bank (8 km of banks).
 - LASTIOULLES RESERVOIR WHERE AN AREA IS MARKED OUT
- Former sailing base, peninsula at the level of the west dyke.
 - THE ENTIRE SARRANS DAM (managed by Aveyron)
 - BORT-LES-ORGUES DAM WHERE A ZONE IS MARKED (Correze management)
 - L'AIGLE DAM WHERE AN AREA IS MARKED (Correze management)

❖ SPECIAL MEASURES

No fish caught at night may be kept in captivity or transported.

The transport of carp larger than 60 cm is strictly prohibited.

Any angler fishing at night must signal his presence by means of a permanent light.

Authorised bait: Boilies - Seeds - Esches of plant origin.

In order to reconcile usage between anglers, the lines used for carp fishing may not be stretched beyond the median axis of the body of water (prefectoral decree). Markers should be placed on the fished spots.



Please note that all fishing techniques are permitted on Cantal's 2nd category lakes when pike fishing is closed.

On the Lot and the Sarrans reservoir, which are classified in the second category, Aveyron regulations apply (https://www.pecheaveyron.fr/pecher-en-aveyron/reglementation).

On the Dordogne and the Bort-Les-Orgues, Marèges and l'Aigle reservoirs, which are classified as 2nd category, the Corrèze regulations apply (https://www.peche19.fr/reglementation/reglementation-generale).

SELECTIVES COURSES

In order to protect salmonids, the following routes have been set up and marked with signs. On all of these routes, only the use of single barbless hook(s) or crushed barb(s) is authorised (Prefectoral Order).

Catch and release only for artificial fly fishing :

- 1-D6 Alagnon, Pachou course, from the Mazelles mill to the Charrade water intake release Neussargues-en-Pinatelle commune. In order to protect Common Grayling spawning grounds, fishing by walking in the water is prohibited on this stretch from the opening of 1st category fishing until 31st May.
- 2-G6 The Bès from the Chaldette bridge (R.D. 613) to 800 m upstream of the Chaldette municipality of Saint-Remy-De-Chaudes-Aigues.

All fishing permitted with special regulations :

3-D6 Alagnon, from Notre-Dame bridge in Murat to the Chapelle d'Alagnon bridge

Daily sampling authorised and limited to 3 salmonids, i.e. 3 trout of at least 0.25 m or 2 trout of at least 0.25 m and 1 grayling of at least 0.35 m.

In order to protect Common Grayling spawning grounds, fishing by walking in the water is prohibited on this route from the opening of 1st category fishing until 31st May.

- 4-D6 Alagnon, from Chanteronne SNCF bridge to Gaspard bridge (Neussargues, La Chapelle-d'Alagnon 2.8 km). All fishing techniques authorised, single barbless hook or crushed barb. Trout catch window: between 0.23 and 0.28 m. Trout smaller than 0.23 m or larger than 0.28 m must be returned to the water.
- 5-D3 The Aspre and the Maronne from the Theil bridge (downstream) to the Saingoux bridge on the RD35 on the Maronne, and from the Aspre/Maronne confluence to the Vert bridge on the Aspre. Capture size of trout: between 0.23 and 0.26 m and greater than 0.35 m. Fish smaller than 0.23 m or larger than 0.26 m and smaller than 0.35 m must be returned to the water.

- Run with immediate release for brown trout, rainbow trout and common grayling, all fishing authorised (use of single hooks without barbs or crushed hooks (Prefectoral Order), fishing and conservation possible for other species in compliance with the general regulations in force):
- 6-F3 The Jordanne from the confluence with the Cère (downstream) to the Pont Rouge causeway (5200 m) Aurillac common.
- 7-B5 The Big Rhue from the confluence with the Santoire to the footbridge at the Condat lake (RI) and from the footbridge at the lake to the confluence with the Bonjon (1000 m) Municipality of Condat.
- 8-D5 The Santoire from the Gravirous service road (1km upstream of the Pont Neuf) to 200 m downstream of the Bridge of Monteil municipality of Ségur-Les-Villas.
- 9-E2 The Etze, part of the 2nd piscicultural category: downstream of the Mill of Cavarnac causeway located 480 m upstream of the confluence with the Menoire stream Commons of St-Illide and St-Santin-Cantalès.

Course with immediate release for the Fario trout, all fishing authorised (use of single hooks without barbs or crushed (Prefectoral Order), fishing and conservation possibilities for other species in compliance with the general regulations in force):

- 10-C6 The Allanche, From the Peyro bridge (RD39) to the Chauvet bridge (entrance to the town of Allanche) (1950m)
- 11-E3 The Authre from Voulte castle footbridge to the Rigou bridge (800 m), common of Marmanhac.
- 12-E2 The Auze (from Saint-Paul-des-Landes) from the Gresse bridge to the confluence with the Camps stream (1,400 m), common of Saint-Etienne-Cantalès.
- **13-C2 The Auze** (to Mauriac) from the confluence with the Piallevedel to the footbridge upstream of the Miers forest house (1,650 m), municipalities of Chalvignac and Brageac.
- 14-C3 The Auze (to Mauriac) from the Anglards-de-Salers bridge (RD22) to the sources (11,000 m), municipalities of Anglards-de-Salers and Saint-Bonnet-de-Salers.
- 15-D3 The Bertrande from Bridge of the Pradines to Bridge of Cors (1,300 m), common of Saint-Chamant.
- 16-D3 The Bertrande from Bridge of Cors (hill 705) to Bridge of Lavergne (hill 720m) (3300m), common of Saint-Chamant.
- 17-E5 The Brezons, from the CD 39 bridge at la Vergnette to the municipal bridge at Liadières (Brezons)
- **18-E1 The Cère** from the confluence with the Chirgoulès stream to the Népes dam upstream (1,000 m), municipality of Laroquebrou.
- **19-E4 La Cère** from the Ladescargues bridge downstream (GPS 44.974571, 2.620808) to the Salvanhac causeway (1900 ml) municipality of Vic-Sur-Cère.
- 20-E4 La Cère from the Thièzac Campsite bridge 500 ml upstream from the RN 122 Viaduct (600 ml) municipality of Thièzac
- 21-F4 Le Goul from the Poulhès bridge (elevation 585m) to the Golusclat bridge (elevation 595) (850 m), municipality of Raulhac.
- 22-B4 The Incon from the Groussoles bridge to the Incon bridge (2400m), municipalities of Barriac-les-Bosquets and St-Christophe-les-Gorges
- 23-D4 The Jordanne from the Saint-Julien-de-Jordanne bridge to the Liadouze waterfall (Mandailles-Saint-Julien) (3 km)
- 24-D3 The Maronne from the Ecoles causeway downstream from the Saint-Martin-Valmeroux bridge to the Mas chasm causeway upstream from the village (700 m), municipality of Saint-Martin-Valmeroux.
- **25-C3 The Mars** from the causeway upstream from the Montbrun bridge to the Incougou meadow footbridge (2,300 m), municipalities of Anglards-De-Salers and Méallet.
- **26-C3 The Mars** from the confluence with the Méallet stream (downstream limit) to the Mill of the Roc bridge (upstream limit) (1,300 ml) municipalities of Jaleyrac, Méallet, Bassignac
- **27-C3 The Monzola** and its tributaries from the RD922 to the sources, municipalities of Salins, Anglards-de-Salers and St-Bonnet-de-Salers
- 28-D3 The Sionne from the RD922 bridge to the Coulanges bridge (elevation 696 m) (1,900 m), municipality of Drugeac
- 29-B3 the Sumène and the Marilhou: from the Vendes bridge RD 12 downstream limit to the RD 922 bridge upstream limit (1,300 ml), municipalities of Meallet and Bassignac.

Course with immediate release for pike, pikeperch and black bass :

30-B4 Cofferdam located between the Crégut pond and the Lastioulles lake.