



Fishing rules Vestre Jakobselv - 2026
Valid from 00.00 15st of June to 17st of August.

Tackle:	Sones	June	July	August
Floating line	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sinking line	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	Yes	No
Weighted flies and metal tubes	1-2	Yes	No	No
Weighted flies and metal tubes	3-4-5	Yes	Yes	No
Tubes and coneheads	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lure – Spinner – Wobbler. Children up to and including 16 years	1-2-3-4-5	Ja	Ja (12gr)	Ja (12gr)
Lure – Spinner – Wobbler. From 17 years and older.	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	No	No
Lure – Spinner – Wobbler. From 17 years and older (max 12 gr)	3-4-5	Yes	Yes (12gr)	No
Worm with circle hook	3-4-5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Worm with circle hook	1-2	Yes	Yes	No
Worm with circle hook. Children up to and including 16 years	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead weight	1-2-3-4-5	Yes	No	No
Gaff	1-2-3-4-5	No	No	No

Zoning

Zone 1 from the beginning of the brakewater to the conservation zone at the 1st waterfall.

Zone 2 from the 2nd waterfall to 4th waterfall.

Zone 3 from the 4th waterfall to Aldonen.

Zone 4 from Aldonen to Øvre Flintelv.

Zone 5 from Øvre Flintelv to above Stallobekken.

Catch reporting

Anyone fishing for anadromous salmonids is obliged to provide information about the catch to the licensee immediately, by completing the catch form attached to the fishing license. The catch must also be registered in Elveguiden.no. Failure to report the catch will result in the loss of the right to purchase a fishing license for the current and subsequent seasons. Zero catches must also be registered for the current fishing day.

Tackle

- Disinfection of Fishing equipment and other possibly contagious items used outside the Nord Varanger must be disinfected. Certificate of satisfactory disinfection of fishing gear, etc. must be presented at the time of purchase of fishing licenses and must be carried while fishing and shown to river guards on request. Only disinfection carried out in Nord Varanger is approved. Disinfection of fishing equipment is carried out at Vestre Jakobselv Camping for 150 NOK.
- Only one rod with three hooks is allowed. (A triple hook is considered as three hooks).
- Fishing with worm is only permitted with a circle hook.
- While fishing with flies or worms, only the floater or the fly line can be used as casting weight.
- The hook size is measured between the trunk and the point of the hook. No more/longer than 13 mm on double or treble hooks are allowed. No more than 15 mm on single hook is allowed.
- Dipping the fishing gear in organic extracts or adding scent lubricants is prohibited.
- Use hook pliers when the hook is to be loosened and the fish is to be released.

Fishing

- Keep moving downstream while fishing. This means, start fishing at the pools upper point, and fish downstream. If a fisherman/woman catch/lose a fish, that person must start fishing in the pools upper point.
- Fishing upstream is permitted but hooking/crouching fish is not permitted.
- No fishing whatsoever in prohibited zones (Lines, tippet or flies cannot cross the line into the protected zone). The protected zones are marked with paint on the ground as well as with signs. You can see the protected zones marked on the maps along the river.
- The Esbensen and the Båtkulpen on the east side of the river are private grounds. You may not fish in these pools without acceptance from the landowner.
- Kelts is protected and must be released.
- Arctic char is protected and must be released.
- Minimum size salmon 35 cm.
- Minimum size Trout 25 cm.
- Pink salmon must be killed.
- **Bjarneholla is protected all season. No fishing allowed.**

Bag limits for locals (residents of Vadsø kommune)

- Season bag limit (killed fish): **10 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the season (no free C&R).
- Daily quota (killed fish): **2 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the day (no free C&R).
- Daily quota C&R: **4 atlantic salmon**. When the daily quota is reached, fishing must end.
- Released fish do not count towards the seasonal quota (killed fish).
- It is only permitted to kill **2 male atlantic salmon over 80 cm**.
- All hen atlantic salmon must be released. It is not allowed to kill hen atlantic salmon.
- If situations arise where the angler cannot follow the rules, river supervision is contacted.

Bag limits for persons living in Finnmark

- Season bag limit (killed fish): **6 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the season (no free C&R).
- Daily quota (killed fish): **1 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the day (no free C&R).
- Daily quota C&R: **2 atlantic salmon**. When the daily quota is reached, fishing must end.
- Released fish do not count towards the seasonal quota (killed fish).
- It is only permitted to kill **1 male atlantic salmon over 80 cm**.
- All hen atlantic salmon must be released. It is not allowed to kill hen atlantic salmon.
- If situations arise where the angler cannot follow the rules, river supervision is contacted.

Bag limits for persons living outside Finnmark

- Season bag limit (killed fish): **4 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the season (no free C&R).
- Daily quota (killed fish): **1 atlantic salmon**. When bag limit is reached, fishing must end for the day (no free C&R).
- Daily quota C&R: **2 atlantic salmon**. When the daily quota is reached, fishing must end.
- Released fish do not count towards the seasonal quota (killed fish).
- It is only permitted to kill **1 male atlantic salmon over 80 cm**.
- All hen atlantic salmon must be released. It is not allowed to kill hen atlantic salmon.
- If situations arise where the angler cannot follow the rules, river supervision is contacted.

Rules of conduct

- Be an example and guide by example for youngsters and children. Prioritize children to fish first.
- It's prohibited to throw garbage along the river, use the garbage cans along the river or bring your garbage home. Fish gut must not be thrown in the garbage cans or thrown into the water. Both about the risk of infection and well-being along the river
- Everyone fishing in Vestre Jakobselv must bring:
 - ✓ Fishing licence and national fishing licence.
 - ✓ IDENTIFICATION (driver's license or passport)
 - ✓ Disinfection certification (Gyrodactylus salaris) and must be showed to the river supervisor/guards upon request.
 - ✓ **The fisherman must bring a fishing license and catch form in paper format.**
- If you observe illegal fishing, call the river guard.
- Tent: do not camp closer than 100 metres from the riverbank. Use existing bonfire sites.

Riversupervisor/ -guard: 93897622

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