

CROSS-BORDER WATERS WITH GERMANY

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN FISHING REGULATIONS

Moselle: Schengen - Wasserbillig

Border Sauer: Wasserbillig - Wallendorf

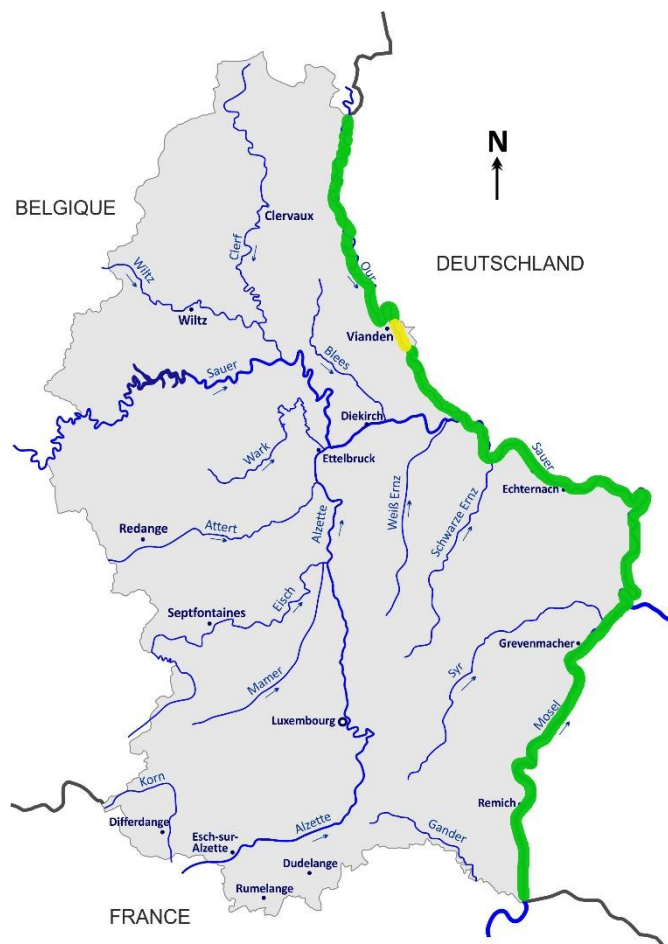
Our: 3-country corner near Lieler - Wallendorf,

including the reservoir at Vianden (*Special Permit)

To fish in the cross-border waters with Germany, a fishing license is required. Since these are considered condominium waters, fishing licenses issued by either Germany or Luxembourg are valid on both banks.

Anyone over the age of 14 who wishes to fish in the cross-border waters with Germany must have a fishing permit.

Minors under the age of 14 are allowed to fish with one rod under the supervision of an adult who holds a valid fishing permit, without needing their own permit.



There are two categories of fishing permits available:

Category A Fishing Permit (Moselle, Sauer, Our), allows fishing from the shore with one rod.
(this license allow also to wade in the river Sauer)

Category B Fishing Permit (Moselle and Sauer) grants the right to fish from a boat or any floating or stationary platform serving as a boat, with one rod. The Category B permit also includes the rights associated with the Category A permit.



[Buy these permits online](#)

To fish in the Our river, you must also obtain land access permission from the shoreline owner in addition to the fishing permit. Wading is prohibited in the Our river.

Fishing in the Vianden reservoir (more at page 3)

To fish from the shore of the **Vianden** reservoir, a **special fishing permit is required**. (*The cross border license is not needed*) The annual fishing permits are issued by the Our Power Company (Société électrique de l'Our - SEO), 2, rue Pierre d'Aspelt, L-1142 Luxembourg. A tourist fishing permit valid for two weeks is available from April 1 to November 30 at the Tourist Office (Syndicat d'initiative) Maison Victor Hugo, in Vianden

Fishing Permit Costs

Category A Fishing Permit (Shore): €15/year; €10/month; €5/week.

Category B Fishing Permit (Boat): €40/year; €25/month; €10/week.

Recipients of the cost-of-living allowance, as well as holders of a special or disability card (category B or C), pay €10/year for the Category A permit. Proof of eligibility for the cost-of-living allowance must be provided upon inspection.

Fishing Equipment and Bait

In the Sauer and Our rivers, as well as in Vianden, only one rod per person is allowed.

In the Moselle, two rods per person are permitted.

A rod consists of a fishing rod, line, hook, and bait, with a reel, sinkers (lead weights), and floats allowed as accessories. Treble hooks count as one hook.



Lures, wobblers, and systems with more than one hook are not allowed.

For fly fishing, a maximum of 3 flies, nymphs, or streamers are allowed on the leader.

The rods must not be left unattended while fishing and must remain under constant control of the angler.

Islands, bridges, and parts of locks, weirs, power plants, piers, and floating platforms adjacent to the water do not count as shores.

General Conditions

Fishing must be conducted in a way that respects nature and animal welfare.

Fishing with a hand rod is only allowed from the shore, except for fly fishing.

Stocking measures in the cross-border waters of the Moselle, Sauer, and Our rivers require approval from the joint border fishing commission.

The border waters are closed for all kind of fishing from 1 march to 15 june

PROHIBITIONS include:

- Catching more than 3 salmonids (trout, grayling) and 1 pike per day.
- Fishing at night; night is defined as:
 - a) From April 1 to October 31: 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM
 - b) From November 1 to March 31: 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM
- Snagging fish.
- Using non-native fish species as bait, as well as crayfish, tadpoles, frogs, natural or artificial fish eggs, or colored maggots (pinkies, etc.), and using colored maggots as ground bait.
- Any type of fishing near the Sauer's Rosport-Ralingen dam, the Palzem-Stadtbredimus dam on the Moselle, or the Grevenmacher-Wellen dam on the Moselle (observe the prohibition signs).

-Any type of fishing from the quay wall in Wasserbillig from November 1 to March 1 (effectively until June 15).

Fishing with a crayfish trap or lift net, except with special permission from a permanent member of the joint fishing commission.

Boat Fishing (only with permit B)

When fishing from a boat:

The boat must be anchored in the river or moored at the shore during fishing; fishing while moving or drifting is prohibited.

All items used to anchor or moor the boat must be removed after fishing.

On the Moselle, boat fishers must maintain a minimum distance of 10 meters from the shore when traveling downstream and upstream; on the Sauer, they must stay in the middle of the river.

Boat fishing is prohibited near the Palzem/Stadtbredimus dam on the Moselle and the Grevenmacher/Wellen dam on the Moselle.

Minimum Sizes

Fish of the following species may not be taken if they are below the following lengths, measured from the tip of the head to the end of the longest part of the tail fin:

Pike (*Esox lucius* L.): 50 cm / **Zander** (*Stizostedion lucioperca* L.): 45 cm / **Eel** (*Anguilla anguilla* L.): 50 cm / **Barbel** (*Barbus barbus* L.): 35 cm / **Carp** (*Cyprinus carpio* L.): 35 cm / **Grayling** (*Thymallus thymallus* L.): 35 cm / **Nase** (*Chondrostoma nasus* L.): 30 cm / **Tench** (*Tinca tinca* L.): 25 cm
Brown trout (*Salmo trutta fario* L.): 25 cm / **Rudd** (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus* L.): 15 cm
Roach (*Rutilus rutilus* L.): 15 cm

The following species are protected year-round:

Salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) **Sea trout** (*Salmo trutta* L.) **Burbot** (*Lota lota* L.) **Brook lamprey** (*Lampetra planeri* Bloch) **Bitterling** (*Rhodeus sericeus amarus* Bloch) **Weather loach** (*Misgurnus fossilis* L.) **Stone loach** (*Cobitis taenia* L.) **Crucian carp** (*Carassius carassius* L.) **Schneider** (*Alburnoides bipunctatus* L.) **European crayfish** (*Astacus astacus* L.) **Stone crayfish** (*Austropotamobius torrentium* Schr.) **Freshwater pearl mussel** (*Margaritifera margaritifera* L.) **Large freshwater mussel** (*Unio tumidus* L.)

Special Powers of Fishery Inspectors

Fishery inspectors are authorized to:

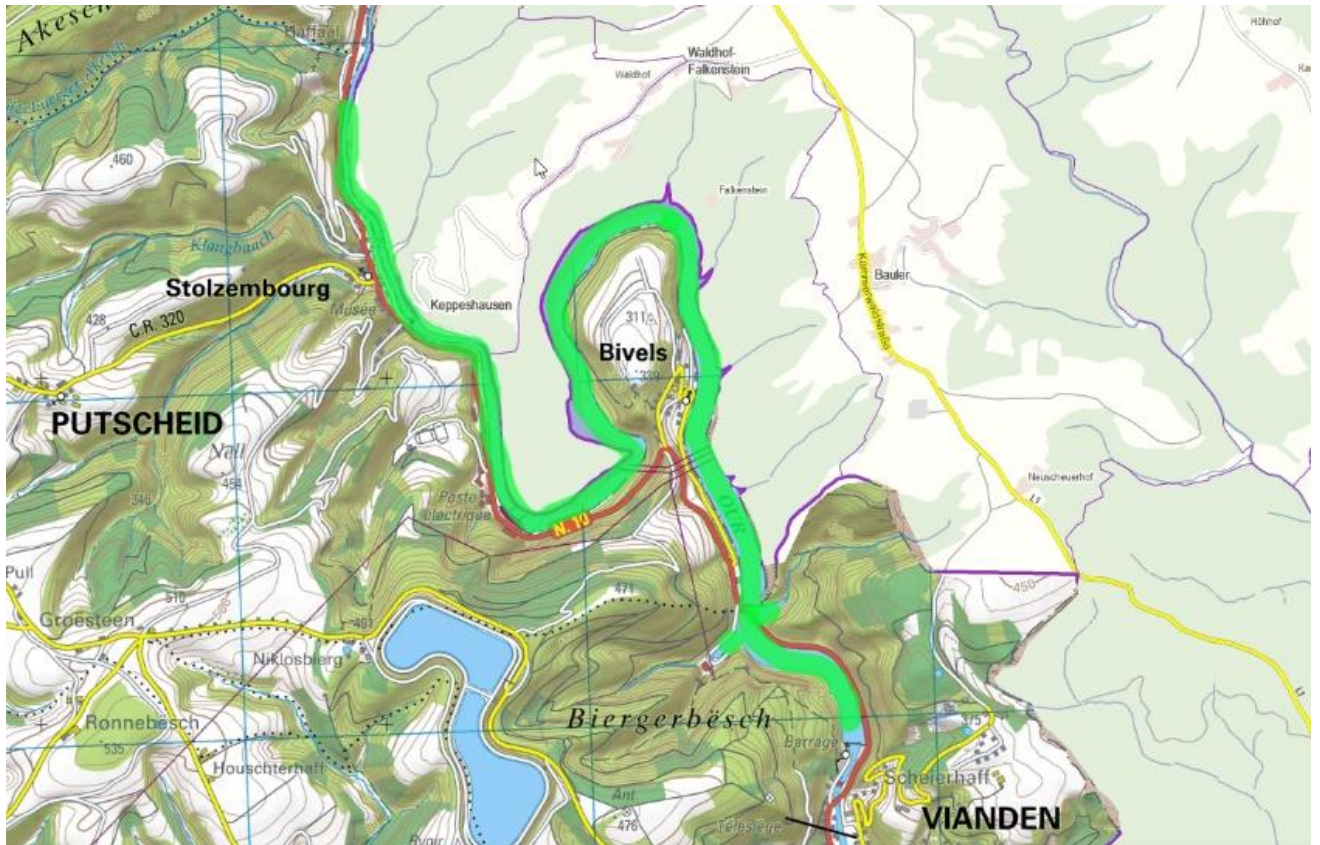
Request personal identification and inspect fishing permits.

Examine the fishing gear used or intended for use, as well as any caught fish and containers used for their storage, even if they are inside vehicles.

Boat fishers must stop their boats when signaled and may only continue once authorized. Upon request, they must go ashore and allow their boat to be searched for fishing gear, fish containers, and fish.

Fishery inspectors are authorized to enter the banks, islands, landings, and shipping facilities adjacent to the waters, as well as bridges, weirs, locks, and other water structures within their jurisdiction, and to navigate the waters.

VIANDEN RESERVOIR



Annual permit: €25/year, issued upon request by SEO, 2, rue Pierre d'Aspelt, L-1142 Luxembourg.

Tourist permit for two weeks: €12.50 for two weeks, available at the Tourist Office in Vianden, Victor Hugo House (issued only from June 1 to September 30).

Both permits only allow shore fishing. *A separate cross-border waters permit (D-LU) is not required.*

Restrictions

Fishing is prohibited in the following areas:

From the Lohmühle dam to 200 meters upstream of the dam

100 meters downstream and 50 meters upstream of the bridge at Stolzenbourg-Keppeshausen

Fishing may be restricted for approximately 500 meters in the area of the Stolzenbourg campsite during the tourist season due to light water sports.

In the immediate vicinity of the Vianden pump storage power plant

On bridges and piers (fishing boundaries are marked with signs)

Fishing Regulations

Fishing is only allowed from the shore with a hand-held rod.

Responsibility

Fishing in the reservoir and access to the shoreline are at your own responsibility and risk.

Closed Seasons

General annual closed season: January 1 – March

Closed seasons for species, fishing restrictions, and minimum sizes are based on the legal regulations governing fishing in the German-Luxembourg border waters.

Overview Fish protection and closing times in the rivers Moselle and Sauer

FISCHARTEN	M-maß	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Hecht , Brochet (Esox lucius)	50 cm												
Zander, Sandre (Stizostedion lucioperca)	45 cm												
Aal, Anguille (Anguilla anguilla)	50 cm												
Barbe, Barbeau (Barbus barbus)	35 cm												
Karpfenfamilie, Carpe (Cyprinus carpio)	35 cm												
Äsche, Ombre (Thymallus thymallus)	35 cm												
Nase, Hötu (Chondrostoma nasus)	30 cm												
Schleie, Tanche (Tinca tinca)	25 cm												
Bachforelle, Truite de rivière (Salmo Trutta forma fario)	25 cm												
Rotfeder, Rotangle (Scardinius erythrophthalmus)	15 cm												
Rotauge, Gardon (Rutilus rutilus)	15 cm												
Döbel, Chevenne (Squalius cephalus)	/												
Brachse, Brème (Abramis brama)	/												
Barsch, Perche (Perca fluviatilis)	/												
Hasel, Vandoise (Leuciscus leuciscus)	/												
Ukelei, Ablette (Alburnus alburnus)	/												
Gründling, Goujon (Gobio gobio)	/												
Saibling Omble de fontaine (Salvelinus fontinalis)	/												
Grundel, Gobie (Gobiidae)	/												
Regenbogenforelle, Truite arc en ciel (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	/												
Signalkrebs, Écrevisse signal (Pacifastacus leniusculus)	/												
Kammerkreb, Écrevisse américaine (Orconectes limosus)	/												
Galizischer Sumpfkrebs, Écrevisse turque (Astacus leptodactylos)	/												
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Schleie, Tanche (Tinca tinca)	25 cm												
Bachforelle, Truite de rivière unterhalb /en aval - Dasbourg	25 cm												
Bachforelle, Truite de rivière oberhalb / en amont - Dasbourg	25 cm												
Rotfeder, Rotangle (Scardinius erythrophthalmus)	15 cm												
Rotauge, Gardon (Rutilus rutilus)	15 cm												
Döbel, Chevenne (Squalius cephalus)	/												
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