GADEN TROUT HATCHERY

See how premier sport fish are bred and raised!

At Jindabyne in the snowy mountains of NSW
A visit to Jindabyne

Jindabyne is a cosmopolitan, year-round, holiday resort with a mix of new residents and original pioneer families. In winter Jindabyne is a base for skiers bound for major resorts in Kosciuszko National Park and for the rest of the year it’s a great place for bushwalking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, canoeing, horse riding and kayaking. Lake Jindabyne provides great opportunities for water sports and superb trout fishing.

Providing a service for over 50 years

The NSW Government’s Gaden Trout Hatchery, on the Thredbo River, 10 km north-west of Jindabyne, is one of Australia’s main centres for breeding and rearing cold water sport fish. Four species, rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, and Atlantic salmon are produced by Industry & Investment NSW and stocked into the dams and river systems of our trout fisheries in the snowy mountains, southern highlands, the central tablelands and New England areas.

The department’s fish stocking program provides many benefits and is recognised for its importance to the community in terms of quality recreational fishing, stock for the aquaculture industry, conservation activities, visitor education, employment opportunities and subsequent economic benefits in regional areas that have grown in response to the activity over many years.

Discover some of the biggest trout and salmon in the country.

Visitors can watch the large fish leap to the surface of ponds as they’re fed by staff.

Enjoy a guided tour of the hatchery operations, learn from the friendly staff how fish are bred and inspect breeding tanks and facilities.

View trout aquarium displays, and a show in the theatrette of the hatchery’s purpose and operations.

Individual and group visitors are welcome, and educational tours are organised for schools. Kids Fishing Workshops teach children practical and environmental aspects of fishing and are great fun. Enquire about workshop dates and bookings.

Barbecue and picnic facilities are available in the vast parkland grounds, however fishing is only permitted at the hatchery on fishing workshop days. Enjoy a nature stroll along the Thredbo River or just relax beside the cascading cool waters.
Visit Gaden Trout Hatchery at Jindabyne

Picnic area open daily.

Visitors’ Centre open 10 am–4 pm. Guided tours: 10 am. 2 pm.


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Visitors’ Centre opening times and tours are subject to change due to operational requirements. Please phone in advance for confirmation.

Information on snowy region available from Jindabyne Visitors’ Centre, Phone 02 6450 5600