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26 September 2026

XXXIII Australian Fly Fishing Championships
Falls Creek, Victoria – 25th to 28 November 2026

Fly Fish Australia Inc (FFA) is staging the XXXIII Australia Fly Fishing Championships from the Bright Chalet in Bright.

The event is being hosted by the Victoria Chapter and will serve as a test run for the Commonwealth Championship in November 2027.
All key event activities will be conducted from the championship headquarters at the Bright Chalet. Competitors will need to make their way to Bright Chalet in Bright.
The entry ticket will include accommodation with a share room and all meals including Presentation dinner.
Check in will be after 2pm on Wednesday 25th November. Check out by 10am Sunday 29th November.
Registration, accommodation and all meals included is $900 pp. for non boaters and $800 pp. for those competitors who are providing boats, and $725 for junior anglers.

The 2026 Nationals are the final qualifying event for selection of International Teams in 2028.

Competition Sectors and Group Rotations

The waters to be utilised for the 2026 National Championships are:

Sector I – Rocky Valley Dam (East) – Loch style Boat
Sector II – Rocky Valley Dam (West) – Loch style Boat
Sector III – Ovens River – Upstream from the Racecourse Plantation, Bright
Sector IV – Buckland River - Upstream from Porepunkah
Sector V – Kiewa River - Downstream from Mt Beauty

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There will be five groups, each group will comprise a maximum of 12 anglers – 60 registered competitors.

PRACTICE WATERS AND COMPETITION SECTORS

Competition waters and nominated practice waters are shown in the sector maps following. Competitors may fish on any waters other than the competition waters prior to the event – see Rule Modifications below for closure times.

COMPETITION RULES, NOTIFICATIONS AND/OR RULE MODIFICATIONS

The FFA Competition Rules 2019 (with amendments as at 7 February 2021) [FFACR] apply to this competition. The following Rule Modifications have been approved:

Article 4.9.2 – All **financial** members of FFA are able to nominate for the competition.
Maximum number of competitors is limited to 60.
Ranked anglers to be given first option for places in the competition.
Article 10.11 – Steaming time of 10 minutes has been allowed for Lake sectors.
Article 11.3 - Session competition times will be 0800hrs to1100hrs for morning sessions and 1400 hrs to 1700hrs for afternoon sessions
Article 25.1 – Minimum eligible size limit of fish for scoring purposes is 180mm
Article 31.1 (a) – the prohibition on fishing BOTH lake and river sectors for this competition will be 21 full days prior to the official start of the event being from and including Thursday 5th November 2026.

TRAVEL ROUTES AND SECTOR MAPS

Sector Locations

Travel Times Summary:

Bright to Rocky Valley – 1 hr 20 mins
Bright to Ovens River – 15-20 mins
Bright to Buckland River - 20-30 mins
Bright to Kiewa River - 45 mins

General Instruction – Competitors and Controllers MUST meet at the identified **Muster Station** for check in, any further briefings or safety instructions. Once checked in Competitors and Controllers will then make their way to the allocated beat for commencement of the session.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE – the three hours gap between sessions is very tight given you will have to pack up, travel, take sustenance, toilet break, meet your controller at the muster station, travel to your beat and then get set up for the start of competition. It is imperative that everyone sticks to the allocated time and is efficient with travel between sectors.
Caution – be organised and stick to the speed limits.

Sector I and Sector II – Rocky Valley Dam

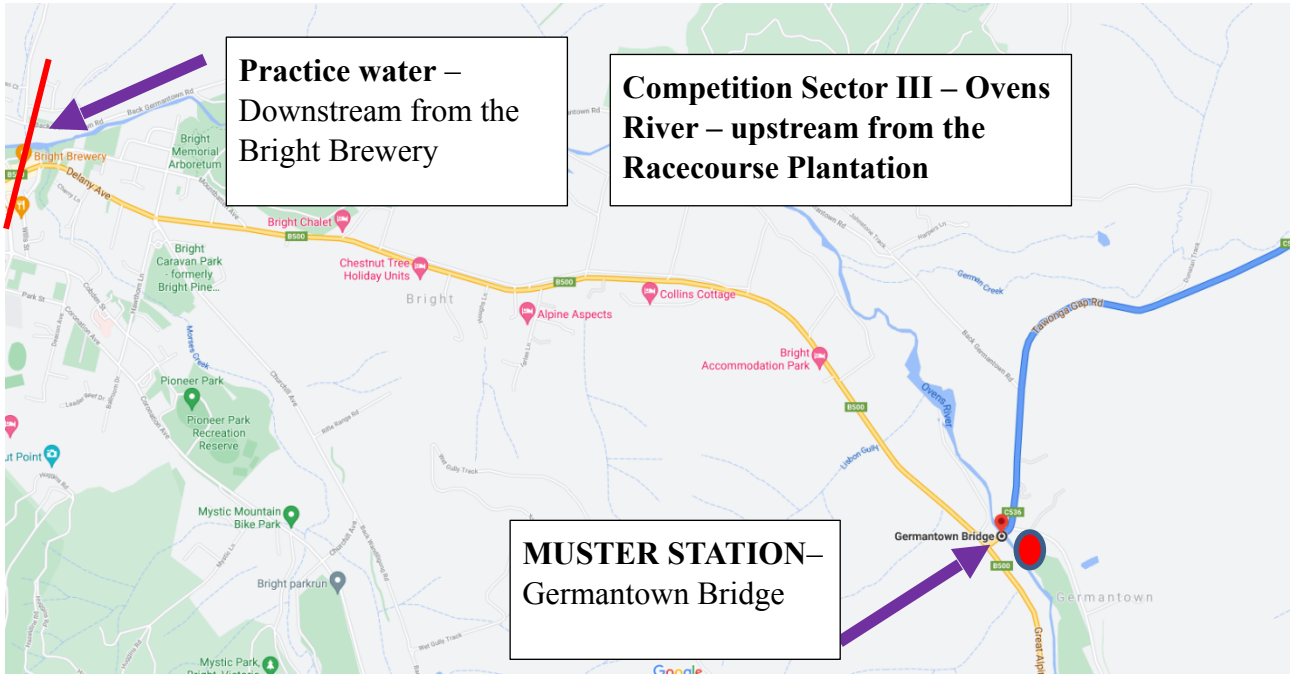
1 hr 20 minute drive from Bright Chalet HQ
Travel time to Sector III (Ovens River) is approximately 1hr 15 minutes.
Sector Judge – xxTBAxx – Mob: xxTBAxx
Boat Steward – xxTBAxx - Mob: xxTBAxx
Muster Station for both Rocky Valley sectors – at the Rocky Valley Boat Ramp
Boats will be numbered and allocated to competitors as part of the draw.
Owners will drive their own boats in the sectors they are fishing.

The lake is divided into two Sectors as shown below:

Sector III– Ovens River

Estimated 1 hr 15 mins from Rocky Valley Dam (boat ramp)
Sector Judge – XXTBAXXX
Muster Station – Parking area on Great Alpine Rd adjacent to the Germantown Bridge
Competition Water – Upstream of the Racecourse Plantation, Bright
Practice Waters – Downstream of the Bright Brewery, Bright.
There is NO practice water in the Ovens River upstream of the Bright Brewery.

Falls Creek to Ovens River – 1hr 15 mins


Practice water – Downstream from the Bright Brewery
Competition Sector III – Ovens River – upstream from the Racecourse Plantation
MUSTER STATION– Germantown Bridge
Bright Brewery
Delany Ave
Bright Memorial Arboretum
Bright Chalet
Bright Caravan Park - formerly Bright Pine...
Chestnut Tree Holiday Units
Bright
Alpine Aspects
Collins Cottage
Bright Accommodation Park
Pioneer Park
Pioneer Park Recreation Reserve
Mystic Mountain Bike Park
Bright parkrun
Mystic Park
Germantown Bridge
Germantown
Tawonga Gap Rd
Ovens River
Lisbon Gully
Morses Creek
Germans Creek
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Sector IV – Buckland River

Estimated 24 Minutes from Germantown Bridge
Sector Judge – xxTBAxx Mob: xxTBAxx
Muster Station – Buckland River Bridge
Competition Water – all waters upstream of Porepunkah
Practice Waters – There is NO practice water on the Buckland River.

Sector V– Kiewa River

Estimated 53 mins from Buckland River Bridge to Mt Beauty
Sector Judge – xxTBAxx Mob: xxTBAxx
Muster Station – River car park opposite the Mt Beauty Caravan park
Competition Water – Downstream from Mt Beauty Pondage
Practice Waters – Downstream of the Ryders Bridge, Mountain Creek Rd

FFA – 2026 Nationals

Sector I – Rocky Valley Dam (East) – Loch style Boat
Sector II – Rocky Valley Dam (West) – Loch style Boat
Sector III– Ovens River – Upstream of Racecourse Plantation
Sector IV – Buckland River – Buckland Valley Rd
Sector V - Kiewa River – Mt Beauty

SESSIONS	1 Thursday Morning	2 Thursday Afternoon	3 Friday Morning	4 Friday Afternoon	5 Saturday Morning
GROUPS	0800 - 1100	1400 - 1700	0800 - 1100	1400 - 1700	0800 - 1100
A	I	II	III	IV	V
B	II	III	IV	V	I
C	III	IV	V	I	II
D	IV	V	I	II	III
E	V	I	II	III	IV