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FISHING FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES? LAKE NO FURTHER

More than 70 lakes across Victoria are now brimming with rainbow trout ready for families to enjoy the great outdoors these school holidays – thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos today announced that 35,000 rainbow trout have been released into lakes across Victoria, thanks to the Labor Government's \$96 million package to improve fishing, boating and piers.

Many of the freshly stocked lakes have fishing platforms, walking tracks, barbecues and playgrounds – making it a fun and easy day out for the whole family. Families can join the fun at lakes across Melbourne and in regional areas.

Rainbow trout are the perfect catch for beginners because they can easily be caught using widely available bait, with the Little Angler Kits provided by the Labor Government to school students across Victoria.

The Little Anglers' Guide to Fishing – which came with the rods – has advice on how to catch a rainbow trout, what bait to use and more handy hints for reeling in a catch.

To view the full list of lakes and see what's been stocked at your local fishing spot, head to vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout.

More information about fishing can be found in the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide which is available for free at most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or via the free Vic Fishing app on your smartphone.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos

"We know parents are always looking for fun, low cost activities that get kids outside and into nature – so we're providing great fishing opportunities for families right across the state."

"Lakes across the state are stocked and students have their rods ready to go – this is a great way to spend time with family and friends these school holidays."

Quote attributable to Victorian Fisheries Authority CEO Travis Dowling

"These catchable size rainbow trout for kids are part of our record-breaking stocking program, which released more than 11.5 million fish, more than all other states and territories combined."