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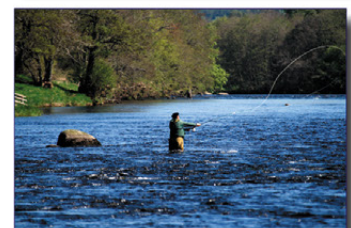
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Scotland is the true spiritual home of angling and it offers genuinely world-class fishing for the whole spectrum of game, coarse and sea species. This fantastic fishing is spread the length and breadth of the islands and mainland and nearly all of it is easily accessible to the visiting angler.

The only 'problem' with coming here to fish is choosing where to go as you will quite simply be spoilt for choice. For sea anglers we have a coastline that is over 18,000 km long and nearly all of it is freely accessible. Fancy a bit of loch fishing? Well, you're going to have to choose from over 31,000 of them. And, no, that is not a typo. They range in size from small, intimate waters to massive lochs such as lochs Awe, Lomond and Ness. Loch Ness is particularly famous as it may (or may not) be the home to a rather large monster. It's also worth noting that just this one loch contains nearly double the volume of water of all the lakes in England and Wales combined. For rivers we have around 380 that get runs of salmon and seemingly countless miles

of river trout fishing. We've simply got so much fishing availability that fishing areas rarely get busy. In fact there are many areas in the north west of Scotland where, if the fish are not biting or you see another angler, the local advice is usually to simply choose another loch.

There's more to a perfect fishing holiday than just fishing though and easy travel, welcoming accommodation and tasty food and drink are equally important. Once again, Scotland has got that covered and covered in style. We have an excellent transport network and most visitors comment on how uncongested the roads are in comparison to what they normally experience at home. One 'complaint' some less appreciative drivers have had, is needing to slow down as there were too many deer wandering across the road!

You'll be able to find whatever type of accommodation you'd like and in most price ranges. Self-catering accommodation is particularly popular and can range from glamping pods,

through uniquely designed and environmental friendly houses to your very own castle, with turrets and all. Bed and breakfast accommodation is also extremely popular as it allows you to get a real feel for local life. If you fancy a bit of pampering there is everything from local inns through boutique hotels to the grandeur of world famous, five star hotels.

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Last, but most definitely not least, we have food. Lots of it. Scots love their food and no wonder as the country is world famous for the quality of its produce.



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Loch Ba, Isle of Mull

River Tweed, Scottish Borders

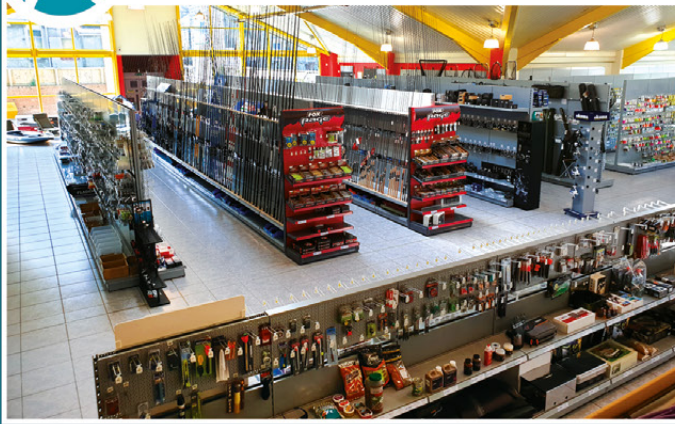
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Trout fishing, Argyll

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Unlike many other countries, Scotland does not have a national rod licence system and therefore all you need to do, if fishing in freshwater, is get a permit from the owner of the fishing. The only exception to this is the Border Esk where you need an English Environment Agency rod licence, as well as your permit, even although a lot of the river is actually in Scotland. If you want to fish in the sea, for sea fish, you don't need a permit and it's just a case of grabbing your rod and going fishing. If you want

to fish in the sea (including sea pools) for salmon or sea trout you must get a permit. It's actually illegal to fish for salmon or sea trout in any part of the sea within 1.5 km of the mean low tide mark without a permit.

Anglers with disabilities are well catered for at many of Scotland's fisheries. This is especially so at numerous commercial trout and coarse fisheries where access has been designed with disabilities in mind and fishing platforms are available. A good number of the larger commercial trout fisheries also provide purpose-built 'wheely boats' which are designed to accommodate wheelchairs. If you want to try salmon fishing the River Tweed also has a 'wheely boat' that can be used on various salmon beats on the river. In this case you'll go out on the river with a specially trained boatman.

Catch and release fishing for all species of sea and freshwater fish is widely practised throughout Scotland and in

some cases it's the law or a condition of the permit. Even where the killing of fish is allowed, the sight of large bags of dead fish is very strongly frowned upon by everyone. If allowed, you can obviously take a couple home for dinner but everything else should be carefully released.

Salmon fishing is available somewhere in the country between 11 January and 30 November, inclusive, each year. Sunday fishing for salmon and sea trout is not allowed by law. The timing of runs can vary quite considerably between rivers and therefore some research is needed to make sure you're there at the right time. This type of fishing is not just for the rich and famous and permits can cost as little as around £20 a day – with every chance of catching a fish.

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pan-sized breakfast trout to monsters in the 20lbs – 30lbs range. The choice is yours. Bank or river permits can seem ridiculously cheap at around £8 - £10 per day but in this case price is not a reflection of quality. We just have so much incredible trout fishing and relatively few anglers. The season runs from 15 March to 6 October, inclusive.

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Rainbow trout are Scotland’s most popular game fish and are only stocked into

commercial stillwaters. Expect an average size of around 2lbs with doubles being pretty common. Fish over 30lbs have been caught. There’s no legal close season.

The sea fishing opportunities seem almost endless with everything from bass and flatties to monster skate and shark. Angling pressure is surprisingly light and many great shore marks hardly see an angler from year to year.



Loch Awe, Argyll



Birkhall, River Dee

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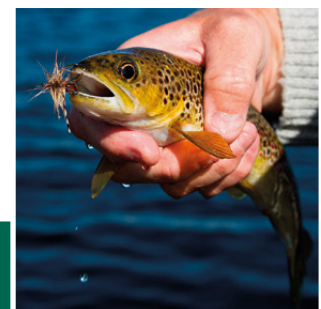
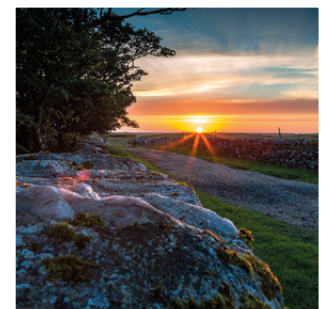
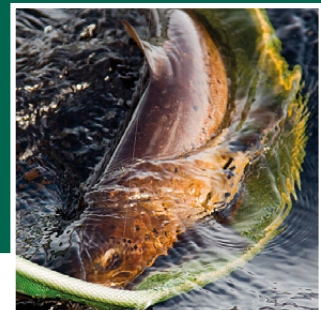
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Scotland has one of the world's longest Atlantic salmon seasons with the timing of the runs varying depending on the river. The actual season runs from 11 January to 30 November, inclusive, with each river setting its own opening and closing times within these parameters.

Nearly all salmon fishing in Scotland is in private ownership with often multiple owners on a specific river. Unlike most other salmon fishing countries, Scotland does not have a national rod licence system but you must have a permit from the owner before starting to fish. The one exception is the Border Esk where an English Environment Agency rod licence is required, plus your permit. Please note that fishing for salmon or sea trout is not allowed, by law, on a Sunday. However it's perfectly legal to fish for other species on that day, although local permit restrictions may apply.

The Scottish Government carries out an annual grading of all salmon rivers in the interests of good conservation. The grading levels range from 1 to 3. Catch and release is mandatory on all Grade 3 rivers and local rules may also require this on other grades as well. On buying your permit all conditions will be fully explained. If your fishing comes with a ghillie (guide) the ghillie will keep you right. On top of this it's illegal to kill any salmon before 1 April each year. This law is there to conserve spring salmon stocks, in that the more fish that are returned alive to the water, the more that will eventually spawn. Most anglers are perfectly happy with these restrictions on killing salmon and this is clearly shown by

the fact that in 2018 (latest available figures) 93% of all the salmon caught in Scotland were released.

The most common method of angling for salmon is fly-fishing and most waters make it a rule. If you prefer spinning you'll find it's still widely carried out, especially on the larger rivers or when the water is running high. The availability of worm fishing is far more restricted but it is allowed in certain areas. Some rivers no longer allow treble hooks on flies or with tubes and some request that barbless hooks are used.

Contrary to popular belief, salmon fishing is not the preserve of the wealthy and most waters are freely available for modest fees on day or weekly permits. Yes, many places get booked up very quickly but the same can be said for everything. Cost doesn't need to be high and around £25 to £50 a day can get you excellent fishing with every chance of a salmon or two. The hardest bit will be choosing where to go, as we have around 380 rivers that have runs of salmon, not to mention myriad lochs.

One of the best ways to access fantastic value-for-money salmon fishing is through Scotland's extensive network of angling club waters. The clubs are spread throughout the length and breadth of the country and welcome visitors. It would be a mistake to assume that because they are club waters the fishing can't be that good. Many clubs have yearly catches that would put many private waters to shame – and they charge a lot less!

A good example is the Wick Angling Association which controls over 10



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If you'd prefer to fish a private and more exclusive water (beat) the cost of a day's fishing will start to rise. On many beats you will also get the services of a ghillie, lunch huts, well maintained banks and paths and the place will never feel

crowded. Ghillies are true professionals and are there to make sure you have a great day out. They will do everything they can to help you get a fish but always remember that their word is law and you should always treat them with the respect they deserve. It's the accepted etiquette in Scottish salmon fishing that the ghillie is given a tip at the end of your fishing. As a general guide, prices (ex tip) on private waters start around £50 - £80 per angler per day. If you're wanting to fish during the prime time you can expect to pay anything from £100 - £350 per angler per day, or more. Some might think this a bit expensive but this gives you an exclusive Atlantic salmon fishing experience that is on par with anywhere in the world. It should also be noted that some of these beats are only fished by between two and four anglers a day, six days of the week, yet they individually

can catch more salmon in a year than whole rivers in other countries.

Scotland's most famous salmon rivers are the Dee, Spey, Tay and Tweed but there are many other 'lesser' rivers that, on their day, can out-fish the famous 'Big Four'.

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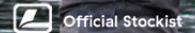


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The sea trout is held very close to the heart of many anglers and is often called the ultimate game fish. Although the species seems to be in decline throughout Europe, good numbers are still taken in Scotland. In 2018 (last available figures), over 13,600 sea trout and 7,600 finnock, which are fish that have spent less than one year at sea, were caught. Of these 90% of sea trout and 96% of finnock were returned alive. These figures are down on the previous year but 2018 suffered from poor fishing conditions due to prolonged drought and hot, sunny weather.

There is a common misconception that all sea trout fishing is at night

but nothing could be further from the truth when loch fishing. Here the fish rise freely during daylight hours and anglers can be home in time for dinner. Night fishing mostly takes place on rivers because in this environment, the sea trout is noticeably less active in daylight hours.

For boat fishing, most head for the Outer Hebrides or mainland lochs on the north west or north Highland coasts. The Outer Hebrides are magical and any angler should have them on their bucket list.

For river fishing, the Annan, Deveron, Nith, Spey and Tweed, including its tributaries, should always be on any

short list and they regularly produce sea trout in the 8lb – 12lb range. There are, of course numerous other rivers that, on their day, can out-fish the big names.

Sea pool fishing can be great but, contrary to popular belief, you still need a permit and without one it's a criminal offence.

The sea trout season varies from river to river. Many east coast rivers peak in May/June/July whilst the Outer Hebrides, north west and north Highland coasts peak in July/August/September, with the chance of fresh fish right up until the end of the season.



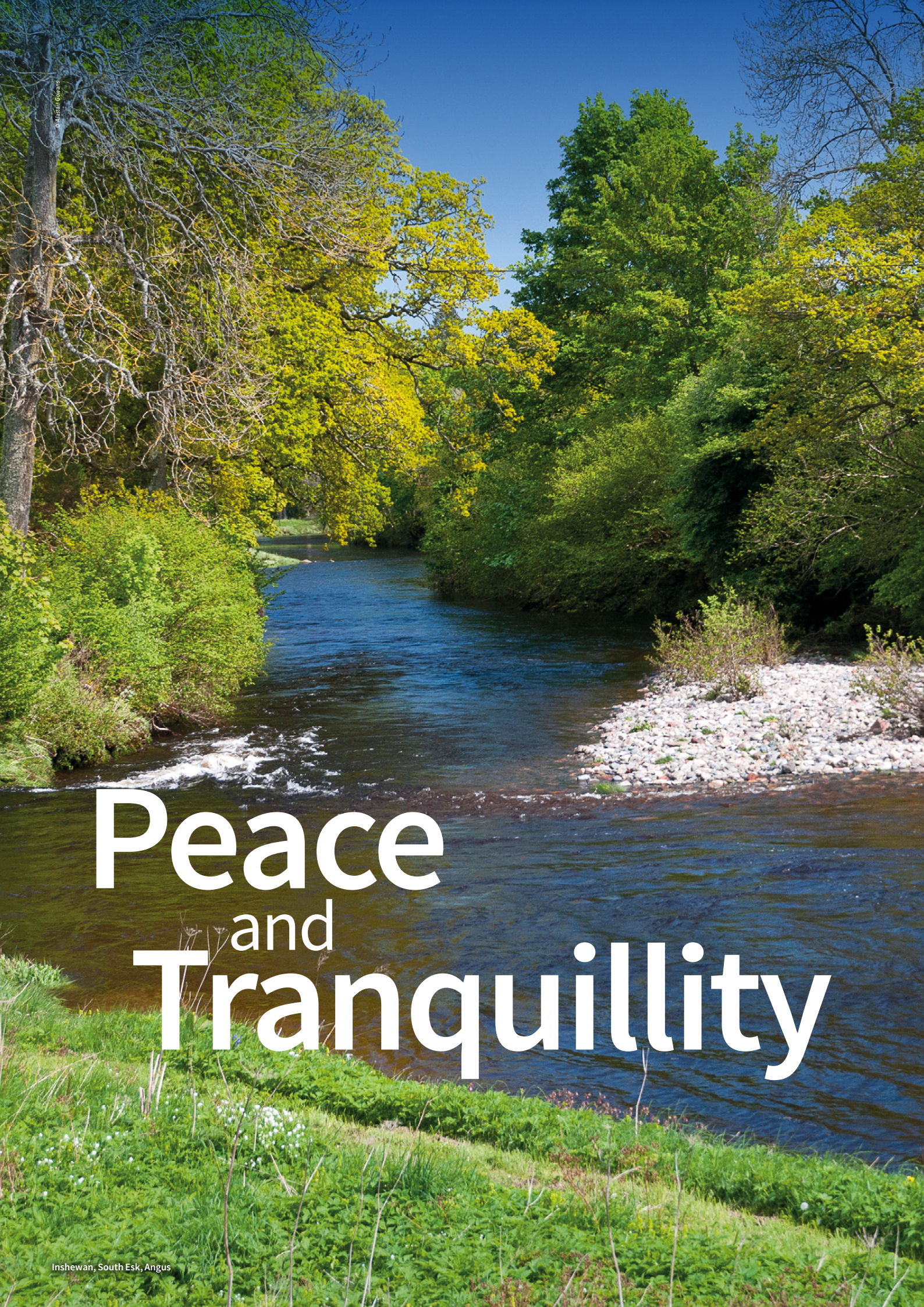
Finnock

When boat fishing on a loch for sea trout a floating line is mostly used. However during late September and especially October attaching a five foot, fast sink polyleader can often save a blank day. This is especially so if a strong wind is blowing.

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Seasons: The sea trout season matches that of the salmon. However, the main runs generally take place from around May until September. This varies from river to river and is always best to check locally. Many rivers support a run of large sea trout in the early part of this period. Fishing for sea trout on a Sunday is prohibited.

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The official season for brown trout is from 15 March to 6 October, inclusive. However local regulations may mean that the season can open later and close earlier. Unlike with salmon and sea trout, fishing on a Sunday for brown trout is perfectly legal in Scotland. Having said that, local regulations may not allow this. It's just a case of checking with your permit provider.

Fly-fishing is the most popular method of fishing and in most cases is stipulated on the permit. However there is significant availability if you want to worm or spin. Please note that live baiting with vertebrates is illegal in Scotland.

There is an urban myth that wild brown trout fishing is free in Scotland. This is not the case and in many instances the simple act of fishing without permission is actually a criminal offence. The good news is that nearly all of the brown trout fishing in Scotland is widely available and at permit costs that can seem incredibly great value to many visitors. Never fall into the trap of thinking that low-cost trout fishing in Scotland can't be that

good. It's inexpensive because we simply have so much good fishing and, relatively speaking, so few anglers. A reasonable average cost of a daily bank permit would be in the £5 - £10 range. If you're fishing in the north west of the country it is perfectly normal to have a whole loch to yourself – every day of the holiday. If you want a boat on a loch there will be an additional charge. In Scotland there is no government rod licence system and therefore all you need is a permit from the owner of the fishing. The one exception to this is the Border Esk, where you will also need an English Environment Agency rod licence.

In Scotland most trout fishing is in private ownership but this does not mean that



Brown trout



Catch and release

Seasons: The brown trout season runs from 15 March to 6 October inclusive. However, some fisheries delay the start of the season further to allow the fish to reach better condition.

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Lower Loch Bornish, South Uist, Outer Hebrides



permits will not be easily available. We also have an amazing network of angling clubs that own or lease waters and will more than happily sell permits to visiting anglers. For many visitors these clubs are a first port of call and rightly so. Not only do they sell permits, but they can be a mine of local information on where to go, or not go, depending on the conditions or time of year.

So, where do you go for the best fishing? If you're a river angler then you want to head for the east coast rivers south of Inverness or those on both coasts south of Glasgow and Edinburgh. The rivers of Aberdeenshire, Borders, Perthshire and Speyside are particularly famous for the quality of their brown trout. The River Annan in the south of Scotland is especially noted for its technical fishing for wild trout

in the 4lb – 6lb range. Catch and release is expected at all times. On nearly all rivers the prime time for trout is April to June. Later in the year evening fishing is best and, as with everywhere in the UK, August can be problematic due to high water temperatures. Many of our trout rivers are also salmon rivers but access is often freely available through local angling clubs. The etiquette here is that trout anglers always give way to salmon anglers. If this simple rule (and a touch of common sense and politeness) is followed there is never any conflict. As salmon fishing is illegal on a Sunday it's often the case that these rivers also stop brown trout fishing on that day.

For loch anglers the choice of venue is even greater. Basically where there is a loch there are probably trout. However some areas are better than others and, as usual,

Nowhere in Europe offers such a wide variety of fishing for wild brown trout as Scotland. At one end of the spectrum there is sport to suit the specialist or expert fisher seeking to outwit difficult but highly rewarding river trout. At the other extreme there are literally myriads of lochs teeming with comparatively uneducated fish.

fishpal.com/wildtrout.html





Lake of Menteith, Stirlingshire

it's simply a case of doing a bit of research in advance.

For sheer numbers of trout and a unique fishing experience the place to head for is north west Sutherland. Here you'll find more lochs than you could probably fish in three lifetimes and they all contain wild trout. Many would argue that pound for pound, this area provides the hardest fighting 'brownies' to be found anywhere. The lochs contain everything from pan-sized fish to genuine monsters in the teens to twenty of pounds. If conditions are good, catches can reach the realms of fantasy. Boat fishing can regularly produce bags of 40 – 60 trout. By this we mean 40 to 60 trout per angler per day. Tackle wise

you'll get most enjoyment if you use rods in the #4 - #5, 10 foot range. Most days all you'll need is a floating line and size #10 flies. Big and bushy on the bob and something flashy on the tail. Locals say small flies catch small fish and they are probably right. These lochs are far north and need time to warm up. Because of this good fishing doesn't really get going until May, and June and July are the prime months. Many of the lochs also have huge mayfly hatches at that time of year.

The Outer Hebrides are world famous for the quality of their brown trout fishing and everyone should visit here at least once. Basically all the trout fishing in lochs and boats are most popular. The Machair lochs

on the Outer Hebrides are world famous for the quality of the trout. These are clear, shallow and fertile lochs situated right on the edge of the sea and are an experience not to be missed. May and June are arguably the best months. Fishing these lochs in a strong breeze with trout in the 2lb – 3lb range coming freely to your fly will live with you forever. Once again it's big flies, a floating line and ideally a rod in the #5 - #6, 10 foot range.

If you tire of the Machair (can anyone tire of the Machair?) you can head a bit inland and you'll find seemingly countless other trout lochs just waiting to be fished. You know you'll have to return.

“ First time fishing the Ness and will certainly not be my last. No fish caught but every cast was ripe with anticipation and the feeling the line would tighten at any moment. ”

Mr Marshall, visitor to River Ness, Inverness



Carron Valley Reservoir, near Falkirk

Rainbow Trout

Scotland is the home to fantastic rainbow trout fishing, from boat or bank, and set in stunning and easily accessible scenery.

Rainbow trout first came to Scotland from North America around 1888. Although extensively stocked in many lochs since then they've never managed to establish self-sustaining populations. No one is really sure why. Because of this all the lochs where they exist have to be stocked annually to allow fishing to take place. Having said that, the quality of stock fish is so high these days that once they've been in the water for a few weeks you'd be hard pushed to tell them from wild fish. It's worth noting that rainbows are never stocked into rivers, so if you're after that sort of fishing you'll need to stick with brown trout.

In the last 50 years or so the popularity of rainbow fishing has soared and it's now the most popular game fish in Scotland by a mile. Fisheries range from small ponds to large lochs and fishing is done by boat or bank, depending on the venue. These fisheries are spread throughout mainland Scotland, with most of them being found within an easy and quick drive from the main centres of population. However, nearly all of the waters are set in beautiful rural countryside.

Most of the fisheries have a fly-fishing only rule, but there is ample opportunity for bait fishing. It's just a case of checking the rules for your chosen fishery before you

go. Unlike most other countries, there is no national rod licence scheme in Scotland and all you have to do is buy a permit before starting to fish. Unlike salmon fishing, rainbow fishing is perfectly legal in Scotland on a Sunday and it's often the busiest day of the week at fisheries. We also have no close season for rainbows and therefore fishing is possible every month of the year. Generally speaking the physically larger fisheries shut over the winter for economic reasons but the smaller ones are nearly all open most days of the year.

Anglers with disabilities are particularly well catered for at many of these fisheries and there are often specially adapted

Seasons: There is no official close season for rainbow trout and many fisheries remain open all year. Check specific dates with the owner of the fishery when making a booking.

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Loch Bhac, Pitlochry, Perthshire



Rainbow trout



Release of rainbow trout

fishing platforms and easy access. Several of the larger, boat-only fisheries have 'wheely boats' which can be specifically booked for use by wheelchair users at no extra charge. In fact the Lake of Menteith fishery actually reduces the regular price for a 'wheely boat'.

Visiting anglers often worry about what tackle to take with them on holiday. However if you already fish for rainbows your normal tackle will in all probability be fine. The same goes for your normal flies and lures. If you're still not sure either check out the Tackle and Clothing page in this guide or phone the fishery you intend to visit and they'll explain everything.

Although midges can be a pest in some parts of Scotland, most rainbow fisheries are in areas where the issue is not significant. Stick a bottle of midge repellent in your pocket but you probably won't need it. What is worth remembering is that our weather can change very quickly and therefore it's important to dress on the layer principle and make sure you have good waterproofs with you. If boat fishing, the wearing of a life jacket is very strongly recommended at all times and many boat fisheries have it as a rule.

Scotland is probably best known for its large water rainbow fisheries and the most famous is the Lake of Menteith. It's often called the only lake in Scotland but in fact there are a number of others. What is true is that it's a top fishery in world

terms; it is set in magnificent scenery and should be on every visiting angler's list. However, there are a number of other large water fisheries that are equally productive and exciting to visit.

Nearly all the fishing on large waters is from drifting boats, with or without a drogue. Any bank fishing will almost definitely be from natural banks and therefore chest waders will probably be needed. Permits are usually sold per session and not from dawn to dusk, as can be the case in other countries. May to August will normally have a day and an evening session and the rest of the season will just be a day session. Many fisheries sell permits for single anglers so you'll be okay if you're on holiday on your own. Catch and release permits are widely available and expect a fish average of 2lb plus, with fish up to double figures.

Most boat fisheries close for the winter and therefore their trout seasons are roughly from mid-March to mid-October. As they're all very popular, advance booking is very strongly advised.

For lovers of smaller waters the visiting angler is almost spoilt for choice. The great advantage of these waters is that you can nearly always get a permit for just a couple of hours or the whole day, depending on your available time or mood. Catch and release permits are widely available. Expect an average weight of 2lb to 3lb, or more, with the potential of fish well into double figures.



Rainbow trout

Insider Tip

Although Scotland is situated at a northern latitude rainbow lochs heat up just like their southern neighbours. This means that the higher water temperatures of August can force the fish deeper during the day. If you intend to visit at that time don't forget to pack a good, fast sinking line. Better safe than sorry!

30lb rainbows have been caught! These fisheries normally have toilets, shelters, hot drinks and sometimes even tackle shops. The autumn and winter months can provide extremely good fishing even though the days are shorter.



Linlithgow Loch

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Orchill Trout Fishery, Dunblane



Lake of Menteith, Stirling

Fisheries

Fisheries to visit.

For one of the best and most popular ways to fish in Scotland, a visit to one of the country's world-class fisheries comes very highly recommended. These pages showcase some of the best fisheries in the country and there are plenty of reasons why you should consider trying them out.

First and foremost, many commercial fisheries remain open and stocked all year round, with no close season. This means you don't have to give up the sport you love, regardless of the time of year.

Many fisheries also have wheelchair access and fishing platforms, and some provide 'wheely boats', ensuring that angling is an activity that really is accessible to everyone.

During any given day, you'll find novice and experienced anglers alike taking to boat and shore to try their luck, more often than not succeeding given the fact they are run for fishermen, by fishermen.

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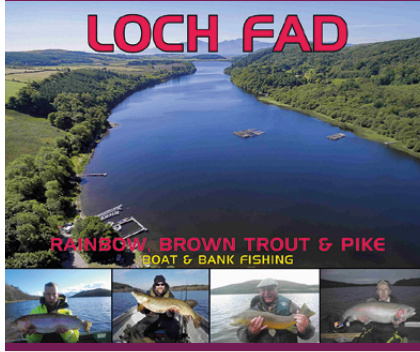
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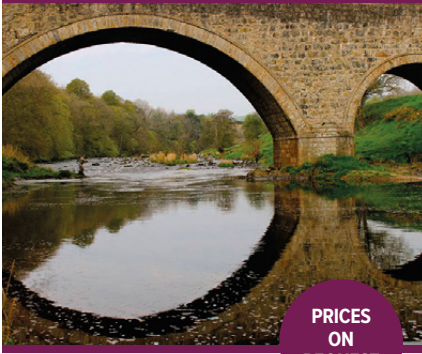
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The average cost of a day permit is around the £8 mark and they are nearly always freely available. Many permits can be booked online, with the permit immediately sent to your device. In

Scotland we do not have a government rod license system and therefore once you've got your permit just head for the river.

The best of the fishing is said to be October and onwards through the winter. However many local anglers start fishing for them from late June, often using small dry flies in the #18 - #20 range. Top quality, 2lb plus grayling are regularly caught at this time on year.

Come winter, the grayling usually pack into tight shoals and it's a case of hunting the water until you find them. Sport can then be fast and furious with lots of fish in the 1lb plus range and good numbers of 2lb – 3lb specimens.

A lot of the fishing is fly only but there is also scope for trotting bait. It's just a case of checking local permit rules to see what's allowed.

Catch and release for grayling is widely practised and encouraged as it's seen to be particularly important with Scottish grayling. Research has shown that the catch rate for grayling in Scotland can be very high in relation to the total population.

It's therefore essential to carefully return as many fish as possible so that Scotland's great grayling resource can continue to thrive.



Grayling

Grayling were introduced to the Clyde from Derbyshire in 1855, and in subsequent years to the Annan, Ayr, Earn, Nith, Tay, Teviot and Tweed, where they thrived and spread to some of their tributaries. It is worth noting that on many grayling rivers the use of a fixed spool reel is not allowed. However, assuming bait fishing is permitted, the use of a centre pin reel is perfectly okay.

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Seasons: There is no official close season for grayling in Scotland. The best times to fish are undoubtedly during the winter months when they are in peak condition. The days may be short but the weather can be surprisingly mild and the rivers are usually quieter than most visitors are used to.

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Pike

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Myths of huge pike exist in many countries, but Scotland has evidence to back up its legends. Near New Galloway in south west Scotland, lies the grave of John Murray, who caught a pike said to weigh 72lb from Loch Ken in 1760. Its preserved skull, sadly now lost, was authenticated by the eminent ichthyologist Tate Regan in 1910. In Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum you can actually see the head of the 'Endrick Pike',

found dead in Loch Lomond in 1934 and also reported as over 70lb.

Who knows whether giants like these still lurk in our lochs, but there's no doubt that Scotland's specimen pike stand comparison with any in the British Isles or Europe. Every year, lochs all over Scotland produce many fish of twenty and even thirty pounds - and sometimes one or two above the magic forty mark. What's more, average sizes are generally good and because most waters see little angling pressure these are truly wild fish that tend to take freely and fight like the proverbial tigers.

Regardless of the size of fish you catch – or even when you're not catching at all – pike angling in Scotland offers an experience you'll not match anywhere else. Only in Scotland can you find your sport among such stunning surroundings, and maybe if you're very lucky see a golden eagle wheel among the crags across the loch while you wait for a take? Sometimes it almost feels that landing a fish would break the spell, but don't worry, there's always more time to sit back and soak up the scenery and the wildlife.

You'll find pike angling venues almost everywhere in Scotland. It's not expensive –

Seasons: There is no official close season for coarse fishing and many fisheries remain open all year. Check specific dates with the owner of the fishery when making a booking.

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Portmore Loch, Peebles

Insider Tip

Winter pike fishing in Scotland can be utterly fantastic but winter weather conditions often mean chilling winds and a fair amount of rain. Always overdress and that way you can shed layers if you get too warm. Similarly proper, full waterproofs and water boots are pretty much essential.

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generally under £10 per day - and getting access is simple. There are no rod licences and no coarse fish closed season; you just need to buy a permit, in advance, for your chosen water. These can be obtained from some hotels, village shops or Post Offices; and of course, local tackle dealers will sell permits and serve as a mine of information about the waters available nearby.

If you're an experienced pike angler you no doubt already have all the tackle you need to catch Scottish pike by the methods you favour (though you should be aware that livebaiting is illegal here). However, even if you're not a regular pike fisher at home, the chances are that you have other gear that will do the job. For example, a reasonably powerful carp outfit will generally be adequate for deadbaiting, while a medium / heavy spinning set-up will serve for most lure fishing. You'll need to buy appropriate end tackle - especially wire traces - and maybe some suitable lures, but these items are not expensive and you'll find tackle shops selling them, and frozen pike baits, in almost every town of any size.

The only exception, where specialist equipment is an absolute must, is fly-

fishing for pike. This can be tremendously exciting, but you'll need a purpose-made #9 or #10 weight pike or saltwater outfit, big flies, 20lb leaders and of course wire tippets. The first time you see three feet of angry pike take off vertically with your streamer in their mouth you'll be glad of every penny you spent on the gear!

One thing that sometimes deters anglers from going after pike in the larger Scottish lochs is the scale of the venues concerned. Don't let this put you off though. No matter what the size of the water, pike spend most of their time in the vicinity of features that attract their food species and provide cover to ambush their prey. They usually prefer relatively shallow water (say, 1 - 6 metres) and will tend to patrol or take up residence near weedbeds, bays, river mouths, gravelly points or islands. Find these and it's odds on you'll locate some pike.

A boat can be a great asset, especially on larger lochs. It opens up a wider range of fishing spots and with a modern fishfinder you'll easily locate features and concentrations of prey fish. Some lochs have suitable boats for hire but many anglers bring their



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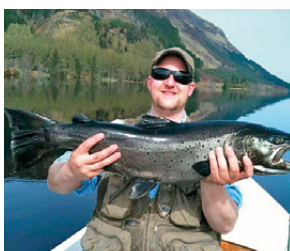
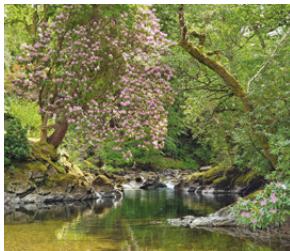
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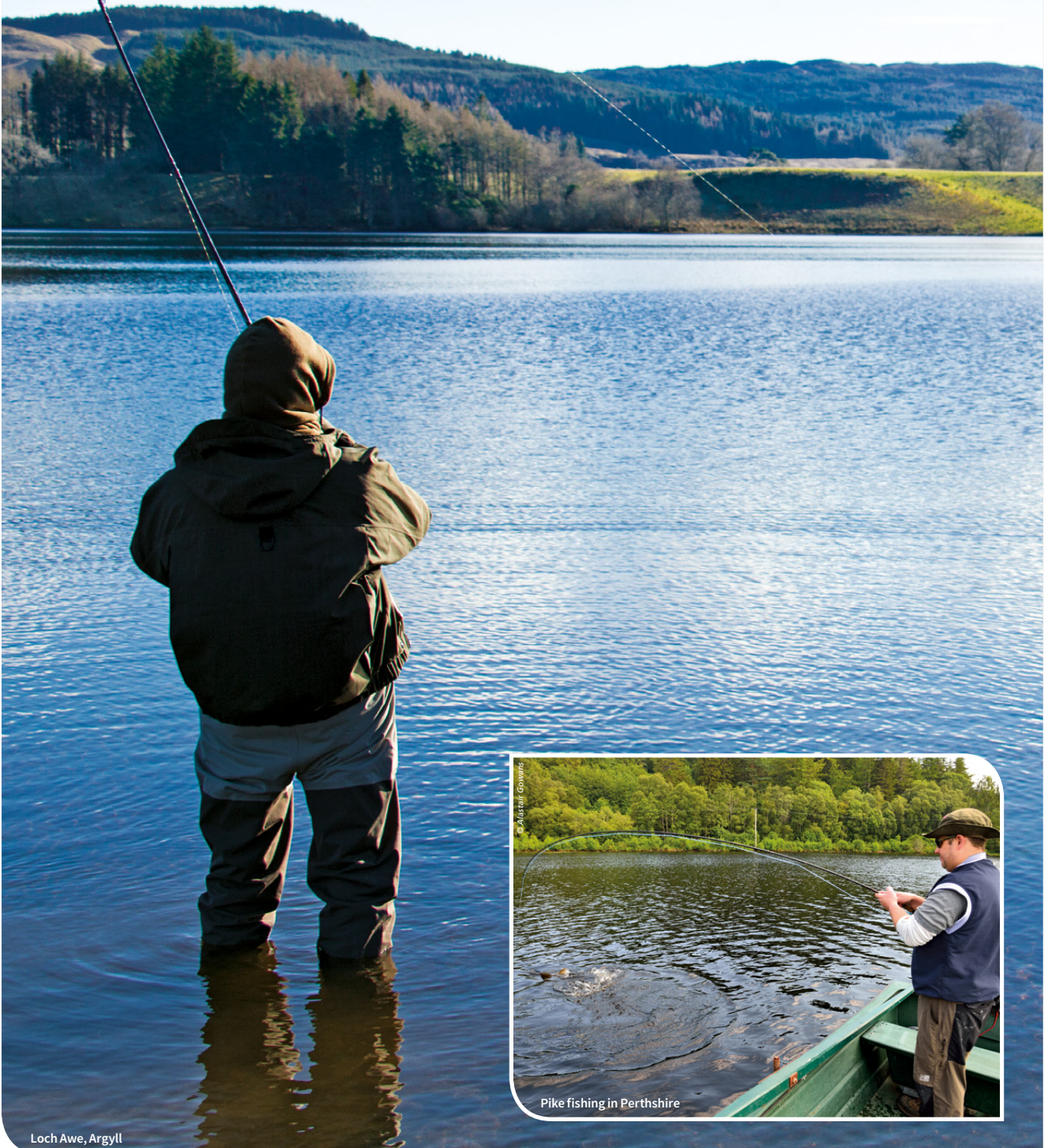
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own, in which case you should check out launch sites and fees in advance. You also need to check that your permit allows boat fishing as this is not always the case. Either way, going afloat on big Scottish lochs is not for the inexperienced or ill-equipped angler, nor will an underpowered or undersized craft do the job safely. Wind and wave conditions can deteriorate rapidly and dramatically, so check forecasts before setting out and never take chances. Tell someone your plans for the day and take a mobile phone for emergency contact. On many lochs an engine failure could leave you in an isolated spot, miles from your launch point, so ensure you have

alternative means of propulsion such as oars or an auxiliary engine. Most of all, under no circumstances go afloat without wearing a proper life jacket.

No matter how or where you fish for them, please look after Scottish pike so future anglers can enjoy their sport. Employ safe rigs and bite indication, land them carefully with a suitable net, use proper unhooking gear and an unhooking mat, and get them back into the water alive as quickly as possible. And please disinfect or thoroughly dry out your landing net and weigh sling before coming to avoid importing any diseases or 'passengers'.



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Pike fishing in Perthshire



Orchil Course Fishery, Dunblane

Carp and other species

Scotland's pike fishing may be the stuff of legends, but there's great sport with other coarse species too, in scenic venues without the crowds.

Perch are a prime target for today's predator anglers, and Scotland's perch fishing simply can't be beaten. They're present almost everywhere from Argyllshire and Perthshire south. Most waters contain fish of at least two pounds, while some Trossachs and Galloway lochs yield specimens of three or even four pounds every year. Worms fished on float or feeder tackle bring good catches, but soft plastic lures are a great alternative – letting you track the fish down via a mobile approach, and often picking off the best specimens.

For first class general coarse angling on well-managed venues it's hard to see past the commercial fisheries that have been established across Scotland. A trip to, for instance, Broom at Annan, Magiscroft near Cumbernauld, Orchil in Perthshire, or Springwater in Ayrshire offers you carp from a few ounces to over twenty pounds as well as a mix of other species like roach, rudd, bream, tench, orfe or chub. Advice and sometimes tuition are available for less experienced anglers, while those who prefer the competitive side of the sport will find regular open matches on most commercial fisheries. Add to that the combination of safe parking, wheelchair access, well-tended

swims, and bait, tackle and food for sale on-site and you'll appreciate the attraction of venues like these.

For sheer numbers of carp, look no further than the commercial fisheries, but Scotland also has other day ticket carp fisheries. These range from relatively prolific waters like Eliburn Reservoir in Livingston and Lanark Loch to granite-hard venues such as Castle Loch at Lochmaben, Eglinton Loch by Kilwinning, Hogganfield Loch in Glasgow, or the Forth & Clyde Canal - all lightly-stocked but with specimens of thirty pounds and more.

Roach are widely distributed throughout the central belt and Galloway, with some populations a little further north. Scottish roach fishing has always been good, but we're now seeing a renaissance that brings to mind its heyday in the sixties and seventies. Venues such as Lochnaw Castle near Stranraer, Eglinton Loch, and Springwater in Ayrshire throw up 2lb+ specimens while sizeable roach catches are increasingly common on stillwaters like Loch Ken and Cumbernauld's Braidwood Loch, as well as the Lowland Canals. But the success story of 2019 has been the big nets of roach (and dace) now consistently being taken in the

newly-developed Cunnigar Loop stretch of the lower Clyde near Rutherglen.

Tench and bream are not particularly common outwith the commercial fisheries, but can be found in the Forth & Clyde canal as well as some stillwaters in the central belt and Dumfries & Galloway. Castle Loch at Lochmaben produced the Scottish records for both species, while good stocks of bream are present in nearby Loch Ken and Loch Rutton.

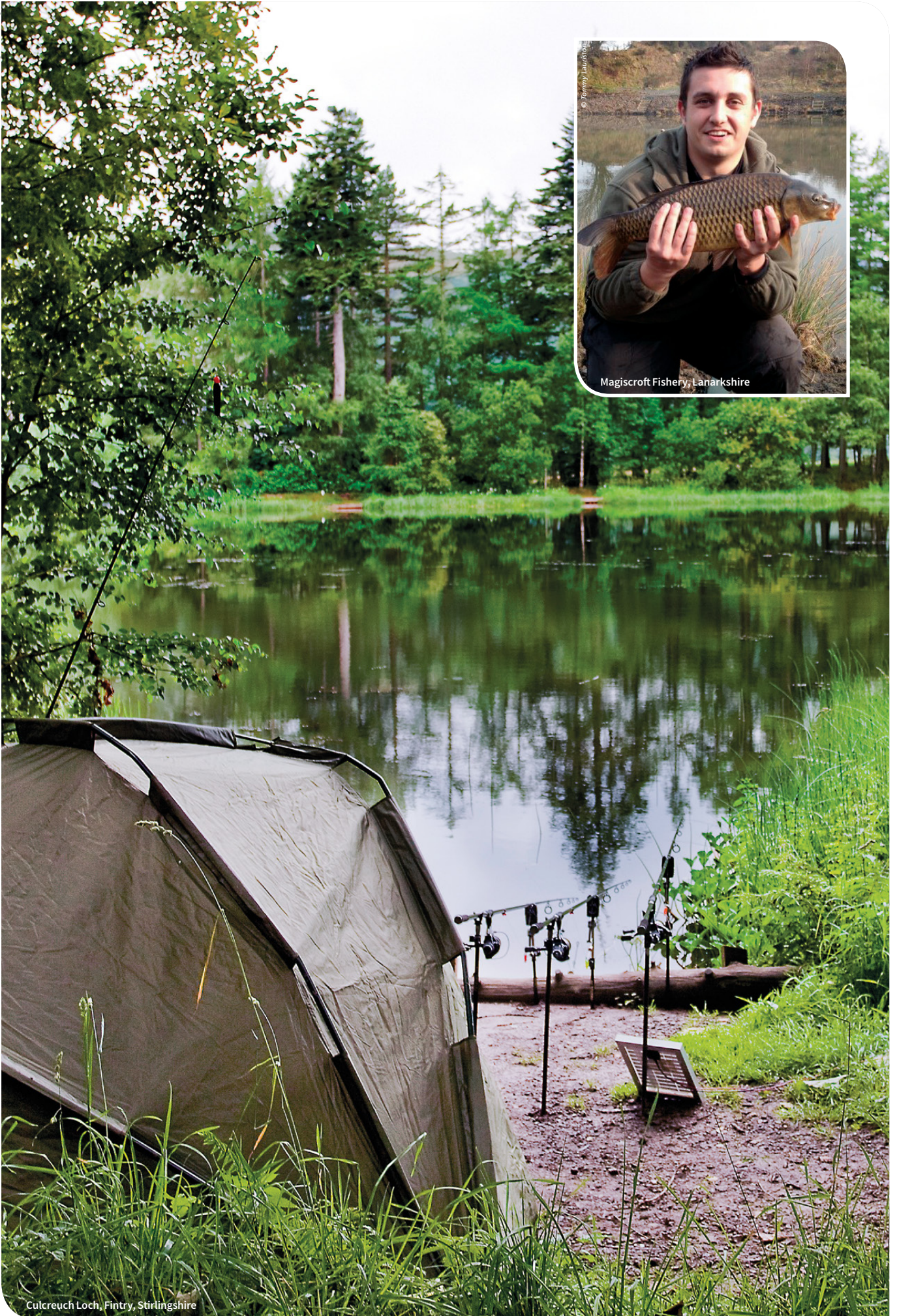


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You'll also be pleased to know that, unlike many other countries, in Scotland there's a right of responsible access to nearly all of the countryside and coastline, although there are some exceptions. The main condition to this access is that it's exercised in a responsible manner. Please remember that this right of access does not include motorised vehicles and therefore you need to walk, cycle, horse ride, etc. to get there. For more information, see page 73.

In Scotland, conservation of sea fish is taken very seriously and catch and release is almost universally practised, except for the occasional fish for the pot. Big bags of dead fish are socially unacceptable. If you

are going to take a fish, please remember that the UK has minimum size limits for all sea fish and these should always be followed. Bass are a slow growing species and are therefore particularly under pressure from exploitation. Because of this, full catch and release is recommended at all times. Full catch and release is also expected for common skate and all shark species.

What tackle to bring? Your normal sea fishing gear will probably be fine but if you're unsure check out the Tackle and Clothing page in this guide for some hints. Nearly all the coastal tackle shops, and especially those in the major cities, carry a good range of equipment and many of them also stock bait.

Boat fishing is widely available and if you want to bring your own boat you will find numerous slipways and launch sites all around the coast. You sometimes have to pay a fee to use the launching site but most are free of charge. If you do go out in your own boat, please use common sense and make sure that you're fully equipped with the correct safety and communications equipment. Like any sea, the weather can change very rapidly and therefore it's essential to always check the weather forecast in advance and leave

Insider Tip

Scotland's coastline can offer a diverse range of coastal fishing experiences from shore or boat. You'll find shark species in the open water, and wrasse, pollack and conger eel in the rocks and kelp. Large areas of sand offer good fishing for skate, plaice and flounder.

If you're planning to bring your own boat, it's best to stick to the summer months as the sea can change quickly at other times. If coming in the winter, stick to professional boat hirers – and, anyway, they know where the fish are!

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So where are the best places to go? Many love the Solway Firth in south west Scotland as it has marvellous shore marks for everything from flatties and bass to cod and tope. There is also excellent boat fishing and professional charters available.

Heading up the west coast to Argyll and the Oban area, you'll find the home of skate fishing for genuine monsters, with fish over 200lb. This type of fishing is strictly catch and release and is carried out from specialist, and very professional, charter boats.

Further north brings you to Wester Ross and Sutherland, and you'll be lucky to see another angler, as there are so many incredible fishing spots. Even some of the best shore marks are hardly fished each year as angling pressure is so light. Shore fishing is king and just head for rocky areas with a bit of depth and lots of kelp. Here you'll find pollack and coalfish to test any angler. For the boat anglers, charters are available at Gairloch and Ullapool in the summer months.

A special mention has to go to the sea fishing around the Outer Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland as they all provide absolutely fantastic fishing. They all offer great boat fishing for cod, halibut, ling, pollack and even porbeagle shark. The seas can get really big here and therefore stick to charter boats and local skippers who can read the ever-changing conditions. The Outer Hebrides has great boat fishing but is also very much suited for the shore angler.

Last but most definitely not least is the fishing down the east coast of the country. Here the coast is straighter but no less dramatic and beautiful. The land often tumbles off sheer cliffs into the waves, yet this can be right beside golden beaches that sweep along for miles and miles.

Charter boats are available at many of the numerous harbour towns that dot the coastline and the widespread shore marks are mostly easy to access. Particularly popular areas are Aberdeenshire, Angus, Fife, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders. Shore fishing possibilities are everywhere from rocky points, through harbour walls to sandy beaches. Local anglers especially favour from Aberdeenshire south. The shore fishing is year-round with November to mid-February seen as prime time for cod into double figures, and especially after a few days of strong onshore winds. Other species you can encounter include bass, flounder, mullet, plaice, pollack and wrasse.



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Having said all that there's no question a bit of instruction is definitely a big help. People think nothing of getting professional lessons for golf, skiing or tennis and it should be the same for fishing. Luckily we have professional instructors spread throughout Scotland and they cover all aspects of the sport - coarse, game and sea. Many of these instructors are actually world champions or international competitors, but first and foremost they are skilled teachers who live to pass on their skills and passion to others.

Finding an instructor couldn't be easier and a number of them are listed in this guide. Alternatively, a quick check online will put you in the right direction. Just choose the branch of sport you want to try and then contact the instructor. Always choose an instructor who has a recognised qualification and, more importantly, proper insurance cover. Instruction can be as an individual or in groups and all relevant equipment will be provided on the day. Costs are on par with fees charged by professional instructors in other sports.

On the day you just need to turn up, but always remember to bring some eye protection, such as sunglasses, and a hat.

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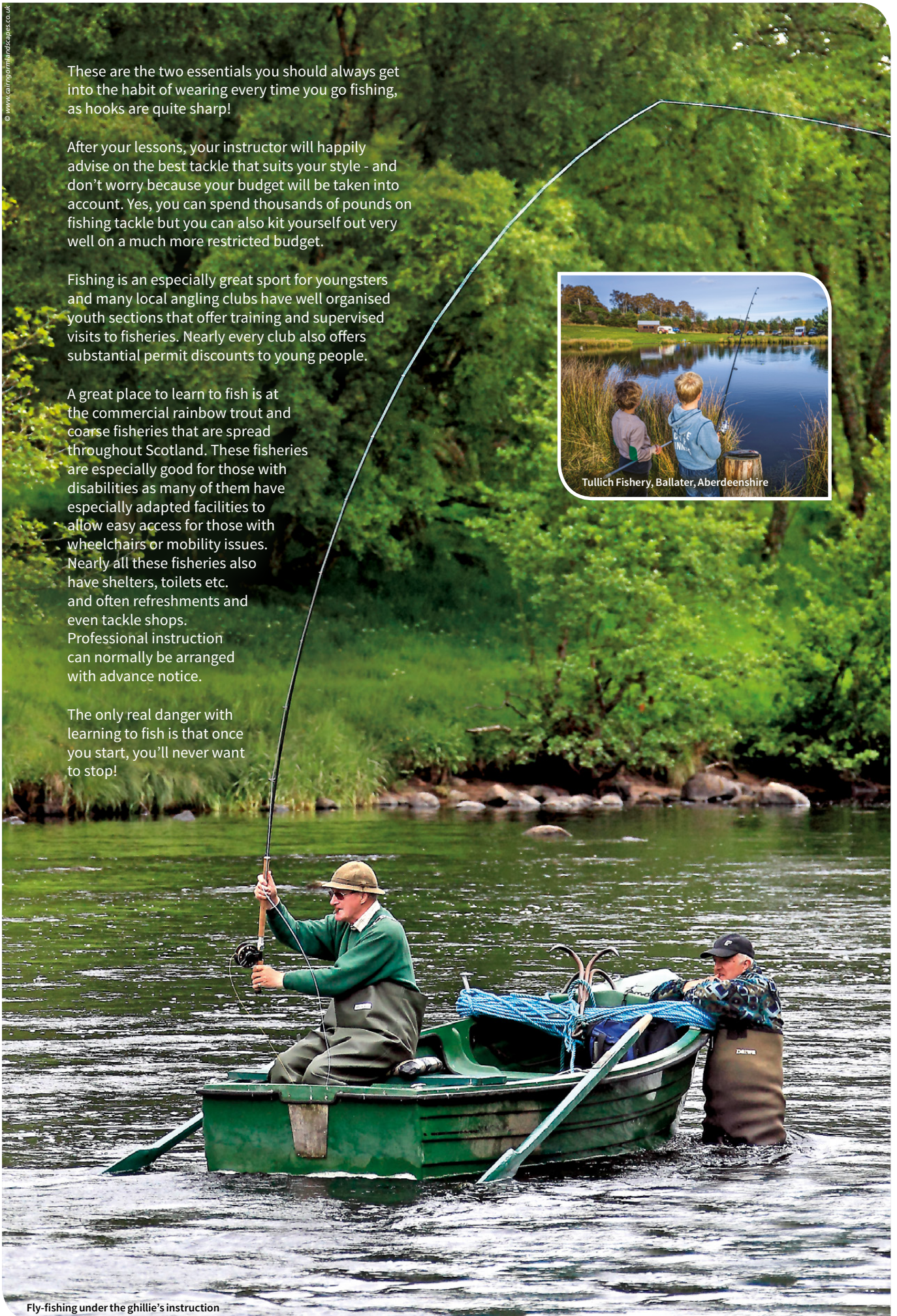
Fishing is an especially great sport for youngsters and many local angling clubs have well organised youth sections that offer training and supervised visits to fisheries. Nearly every club also offers substantial permit discounts to young people.

A great place to learn to fish is at the commercial rainbow trout and coarse fisheries that are spread throughout Scotland. These fisheries are especially good for those with disabilities as many of them have especially adapted facilities to allow easy access for those with wheelchairs or mobility issues. Nearly all these fisheries also have shelters, toilets etc. and often refreshments and even tackle shops. Professional instruction can normally be arranged with advance notice.

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Scottish weather can change very rapidly and you should always be prepared for this. Good waterproof clothing and waterproof boots are essential at all times. Bring warm clothing to be worn on the layered principle. Most Scottish game anglers wear chest waders as they help keep you warm and dry. When fishing larger rivers they are almost essential to effectively cover the water.

Pike

Pike fishing in Scotland often demands fishing in rugged terrain and therefore any tackle needs to be up to the job. Rods should be 11 ft or 12 ft and a test curve of around 3lb. Reels should hold at least 150 yards of 18lb line. Wire traces are essential with 30lb being an absolute minimum. Running ledger rigs or float rigs are regularly used. Popular deadbaits include mackerel, herring and rainbow trout. Frozen bait is readily available in tackle shops in the central belt but can become

scarcer further north. Please remember that livebaiting is illegal in Scotland. For fly-fishing a 9 ft #9 or #10 rod is ideal. Floating line or intermediate is all you will need. Leader material should be 20lb plus and wire tippetts are essential.

Carp

Use an 11 ft or 12 ft rod with a test curve of around 2.5lb. Lines from 10lb - 15lb, depending on underwater snags. Hook sizes #4 - #6. All the normal rigs and baits (such as bollies) are used in Scotland. Central belt tackle shops can provide all your needs with regards to bait and tackle.

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Normal rods, floats and other gear will be fine. Long pole (11 m upwards) fitted out with a range of elastics from number 4, for small silver fish, to 12 or 14 for tench on canals. 12 ft - 13 ft feeder rod with various tips. Most feeder work in Scotland is on stillwater and they should still have some backbone for when long

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Grayling

A 9ft or 10ft fly rod #5/6 is ideal. Leader material around 3lb - 4lb. A floating line is fine for most situations, although some intermediate and sinking poly tips can help. For bait, a 10 ft trotting rod is best. Many Scottish rivers only allow fly-fishing or specific types of equipment - always check in advance. Standard nymphs, Czech nymphs, dry and wet flies sizes #16 - #10.

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Wild trout fishing

RIVER: A 9 ft #5/6 fly rod, with floating and intermediate lines, will cover most situations. However #4 rods are becoming increasing popular. Leaders around 3lb - 4lb and tippets down to 2lb. A selection of standard nymphs, wets and dries in sizes #18 - #10.

LOCH: A 9 ft or 10 ft #5/6 rod would be ideal although a #7 is still very popular. Bring floating, sinking and intermediate lines. Flies sizes #16 - #10. Traditional and bushy flies are very popular, especially the further north you go.

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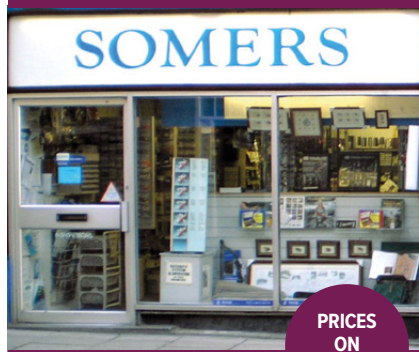


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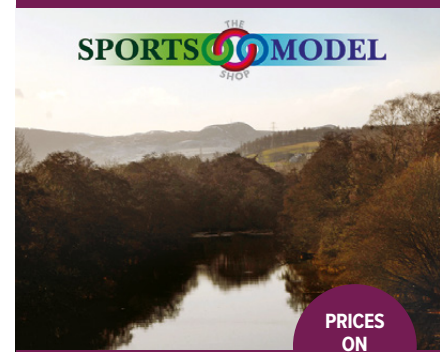


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




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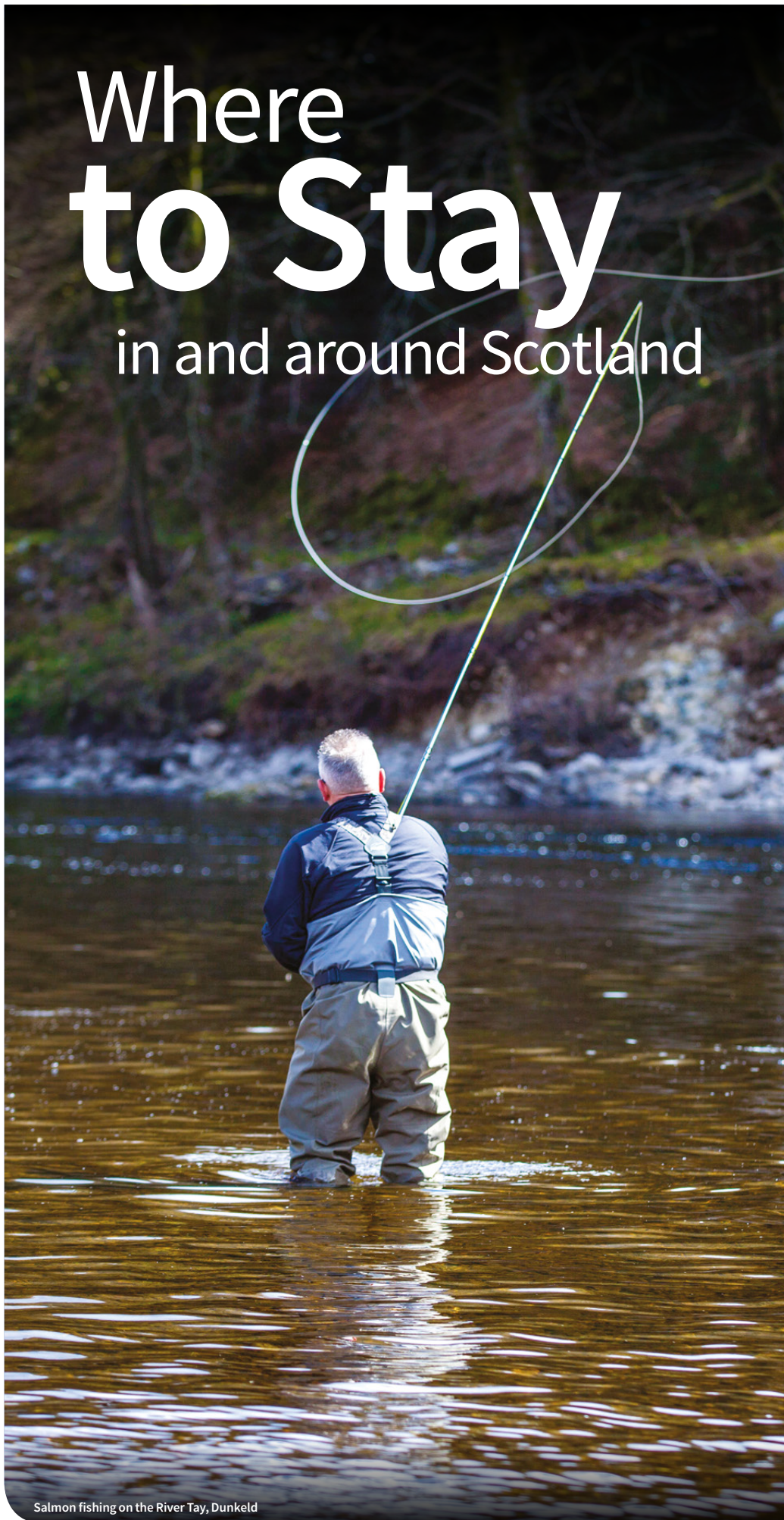
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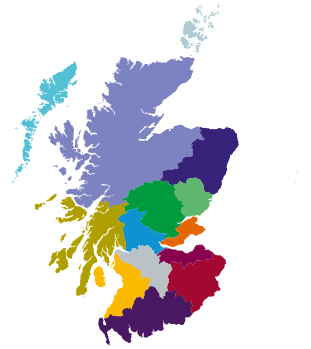
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ARGYLL & ISLES



SMALL HOTEL
Prices from £80 prpn

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
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*** SELF-CATERING
SC prices from £323-£700 pw

Larch Cottage

Loch Shandra is a 22 acre loch situated about 1 mile from the accommodation (Larch Cottage) and the same distance from Kirkton of Glenisla. The fish are all native or stocked brown trout (no rainbow). There are 2 boats and also fishing from the bank. Prices £16 (boat) and £14 (bank). Caught fish range from 1lb to 3lb sometimes larger. Larch Cottage sleeps 4 people.

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SMALL HOTEL
Prices from £60 pppn

Achness Hotel

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THE HIGHLANDS
*** HOTEL
Prices from £65 prpn

Cnoc Hotel

The hotel is ideal for fishers, as we are within a mile of the Farrar, the Beaully and the Glass, and offering permits for fishing on the River Glass. The Farrar, renowned for its fine trout and salmon fishing flows through two lochs, Loch Monar and Loch Benneacharan. Also, within easy reach are some other wonderful fishing lochs. Following a relaxing day, you can return to the hotel to try our excellent meals at the award-winning restaurant, offering the finest of cuisine using freshly prepared local produce. Or perhaps try the local beers in the Chisholm Bar, fully licensed from 12 noon every day.

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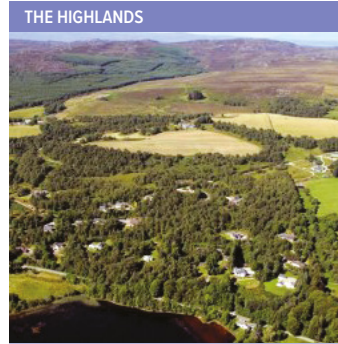


THE HIGHLANDS
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Culligran Cottages

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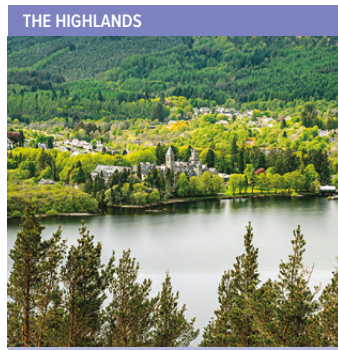


THE HIGHLANDS
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SC prices from £604 pw

Gordon Castle Holiday Cottages

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Pictured is the idyllic Garden Cottage which overlooks Gordon Castle Walled Garden.

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Inver Lodge Hotel

Overlooking Lochinver Bay in the Scottish Highlands, this hotel has an award-winning restaurant with picturesque views. It offers 5-star accommodation in an area famous for its fishing.
Salmon and trout in abundance are a famous feature of the northern Highlands and a great attraction to anglers. The Inver Lodge Hotel is the ideal centre for the angler, with some excellent salmon fishing on the Inver and Kirkaig rivers. The hotel also has access to boats on certain lochs around the area.

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THE HIGHLANDS
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SC prices from £600 pw

Meikle House

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THE HIGHLANDS



★★★ HOTEL

Prices from £35 pppn

The Poolewe Hotel

The Poolewe Hotel is a traditional Highland hotel and restaurant, on the shore of Loch Ewe near Gairloch on the north west coast of Scotland. Set amidst dramatic Highland scenery, it is the perfect place to stay for trout and salmon fishing in the nearby lochs. Visit the world-famous Inverewe Gardens less than a mile from the hotel. We also have a choice of thirteen en suite bedrooms and suites, all enjoying spectacular views. In addition, we host an excellent restaurant, conservatory dining area, and a bar. Log fires in all the public rooms add to the friendly atmosphere of this historic inn. The hotel is dog friendly and there is ample Parking and Wi-Fi.



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LOCH LOMOND, THE TROSSACHS & FORTH VALLEY



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SC prices from £650 pw

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Hotel

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OUTER HEBRIDES



SELF-CATERING

SC prices from £350 pw

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OUTER HEBRIDES



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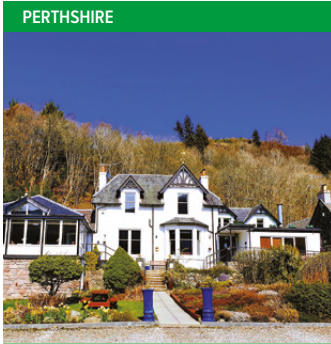
Prices from £55 pppn

Lochboisdale Hotel

Established in the late 19th century, Lochboisdale Hotel was established as the go-to Fishermans' hotel. Situated in the bay next to the ferry terminal, the hotel boasts beautiful views out to Canna and Rhum. A rod room and drying room are available for all guests. Rooms start from £70 per person per night. With a peat fire and serving local produce, Lochboisdale Hotel is full of character and charisma.



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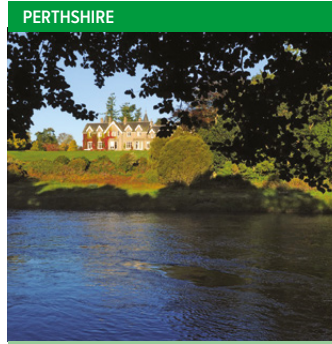


PERTHSHIRE
HOTEL
Prices from £95 prpn

Achray House Hotel

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PERTHSHIRE
INN
B&B prices from £55 pppn

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PERTHSHIRE
SMALL HOTEL
Prices TBC prpn

Kinloch Arms Hotel

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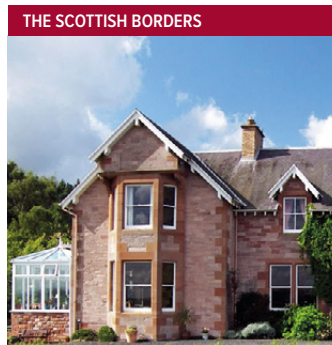
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**** HOLIDAY PARK
Prices from £150-£424 pw

Milton of Fonab Caravan Park

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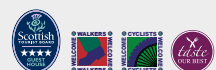
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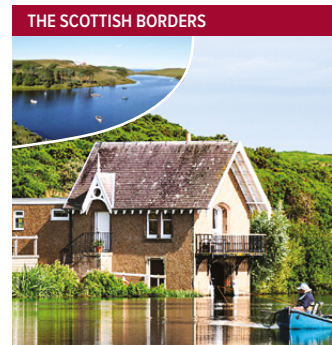
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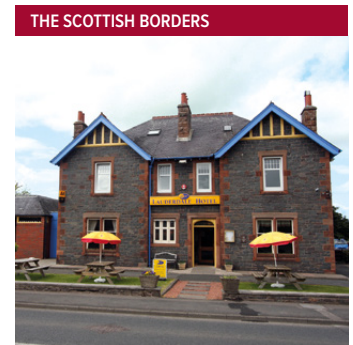


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LODGE
SC prices from £295 pw

Coldingham Loch Fly Fishery & Holiday Cottages

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Prices from £83 prpn

Lauderdale Hotel

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SMALL HOTEL

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SC prices from £425 pw

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THE SCOTTISH BORDERS



★★★ to ★★★★★ SELF-CATERING

SC prices from £300 pw

Smailholm Mains Cottages

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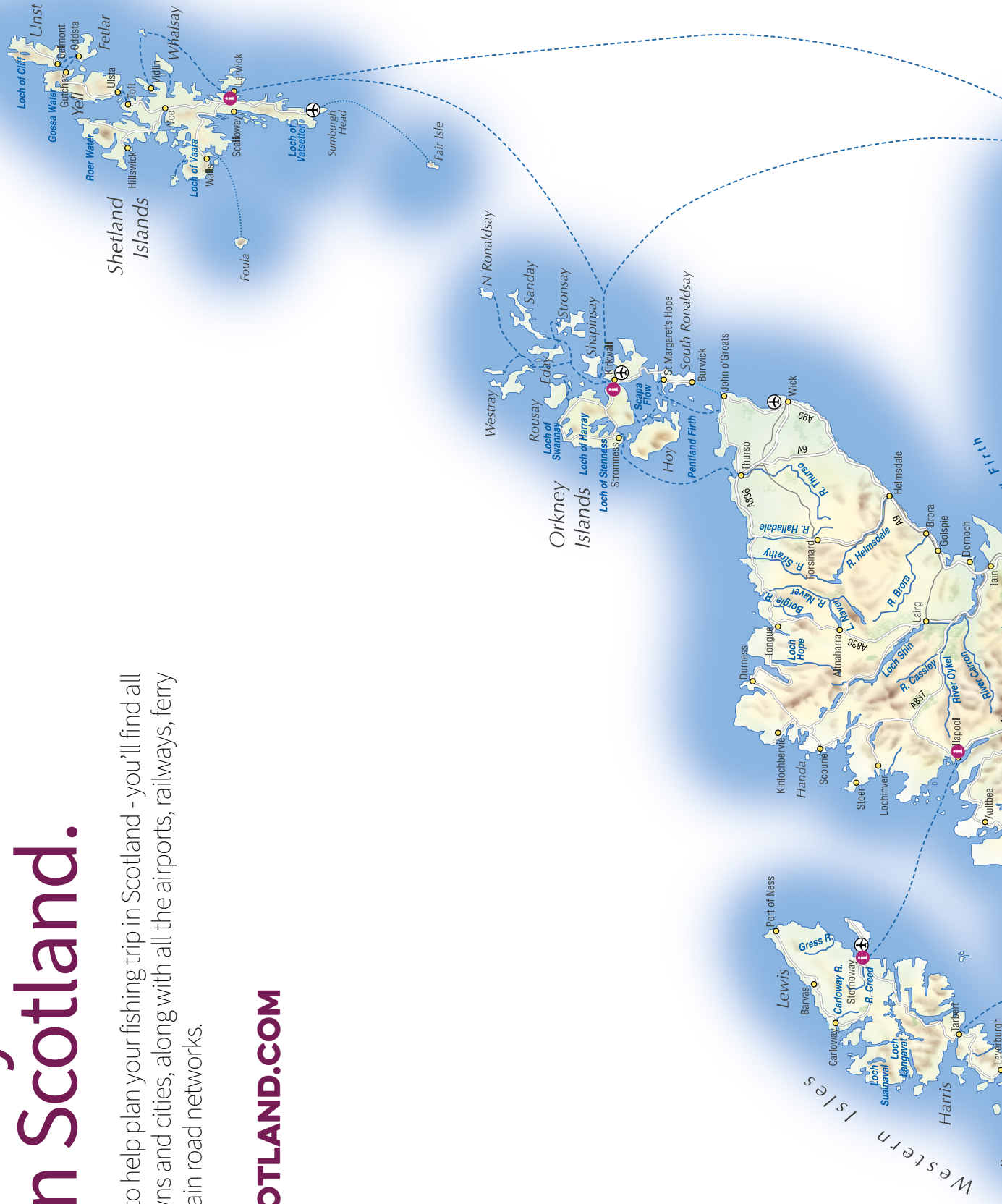
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Accommodation providers in the Anglers Welcome scheme provide:

- A separate space for drying outdoor clothing and footwear.
- An early or late evening meal if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be available after dinner service.
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- Daily Met Office weather information, or similar as well as tide tables (where a marine location).

Visitors with an interest in fishing have been considered by VisitScotland in the development of the Anglers Welcome Scheme which recognises the special efforts made by businesses to provide for anglers, and to help them choose suitable accommodation, these businesses are verified by our Quality and Tourism Advisors.

Salmon fishing, Helmsdale

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors

What does the Scottish Outdoor Access Code mean for anglers?

Enjoy the outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Respect the interests of other people
- Care for the environment

Responsible behaviour by anglers

Although access rights do not extend to fishing, anglers should be aware that people can exercise their access rights along riverbanks and loch shores, as well as on the water.

Anglers need to be careful when casting lines to be aware of where people are on the water and on the land. If a kayaker, canoeist or other person on the water is close by, wait until they have passed by before casting. If you have a line in the water, allow people on the water to pass at the earliest opportunity.

Standard hand signals exist to allow safe passage through the water for kayakers and canoeists. The angler must point to the route where the paddler should pass and not to where the line is (Hand signal 1). A raised hand with palm towards the paddler (Hand signal 2) indicates that they should wait until the line has been secured. They should be allowed to pass at the earliest opportunity as it can be difficult to maintain position in flowing water. Indicating where you would prefer kayakers, canoeists or rafters to pass by can help but be aware that it might not always be possible for them to follow the route you suggest.



Visit: www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot for further information on this and other outdoor sports and activities.



Home & dry

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Fishing or doing water sports abroad?

Before use in Scotland ensure your equipment is not carrying the highly contagious *Gyrodactylus salaris* (Gs) parasite, which has the ability to wipe out freshwater salmon stocks.

What is the Gs Parasite?

The Gs parasite is a highly contagious bug that has devastated wild salmon stocks.

The Gs parasite is not currently found in the UK and we want to keep it out of Scotland's rivers.

Here's what you need to do

To ensure your equipment is not contaminated, please take one of the following precautionary measures:

- Completely dry equipment (e.g. waders, fishing equipment, bags, canoes and windsurf gear) at the minimum temperature of 20°C for at least 2 days **or**
- Heat for at least 1 hour at above 60°C **or**
- Deep freeze for at least 1 day **or**
- Immerse in a solution* suitable of killing Gs for at least 10 minutes

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Brown trout

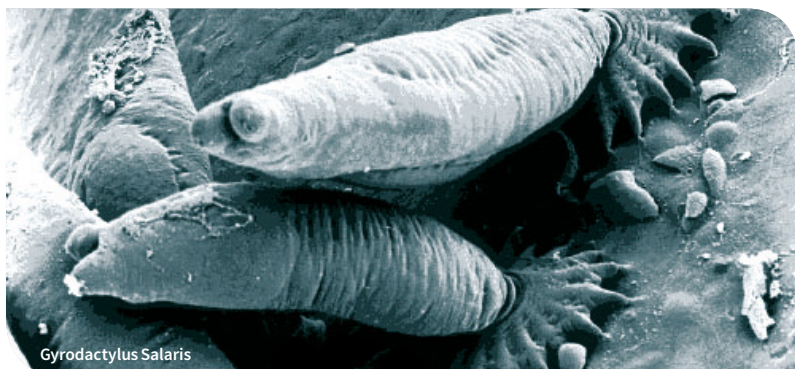
We are lucky in Scotland that we do not have many of the worst fish diseases. Should these diseases get into the country they could potentially change our unique fishing experiences forever.

It is therefore essential to keep these diseases out and there are a number of simple, common sense steps that a visiting angler should take.

- All anglers should make sure that their fishing tackle, nets, clothing, waders and wading boots are completely dry before coming to Scotland. Some fish diseases can be spread on damp material.
- Never bring live fish into the country or try to move them from one water to another. Apart from being illegal this is a classic way of spreading disease.
- If coming from outside the UK, it is extremely important that all

tackle, nets, waders and fishing clothing is thoroughly disinfected before arrival. Many waters ask anglers to sign a declaration before fishing to show that they've either not fished overseas within three months or, if they have, that they have disinfected their tackle in advance. If this has not happened they will not be allowed to fish until all the equipment has been treated.

Of particular concern is the parasite *Gyrodactylus Salaris* (GS) as it is deadly to Atlantic salmon. If it got into Scotland our salmon would have no resistance and would die. Whole rivers would no longer be able to support salmon and getting rid of the disease is extremely difficult. Anglers travelling from areas which are not free of the disease, and especially Russia, Scandinavia, Portugal, Spain, France and Germany, must ensure that their equipment is disinfected.



Gyrodactylus Salaris

Insider Tips

Equipment should be cleaned thoroughly and then treated to kill any parasites by either:

- Drying at a minimum temperature of 20 ° C for at least two days.
- Heating for at least one hour at a temperature of 60 ° C.
- Deep-freezing for at least one day.
- Immersion in a solution suitable for killing the parasite for a minimum of 10 minutes. Suitable solutions include sodium chloride (saltwater, 3%), sodium hydroxide or solutions known by their trade name as Virkon or Wescodyne.

Whilst GS is extremely dangerous, there are other deadly diseases that affect other game and coarse species as well. All it takes is one simple mistake and one of these diseases could get into the country. So always follow the guidelines above and help keep Scotland disease free.

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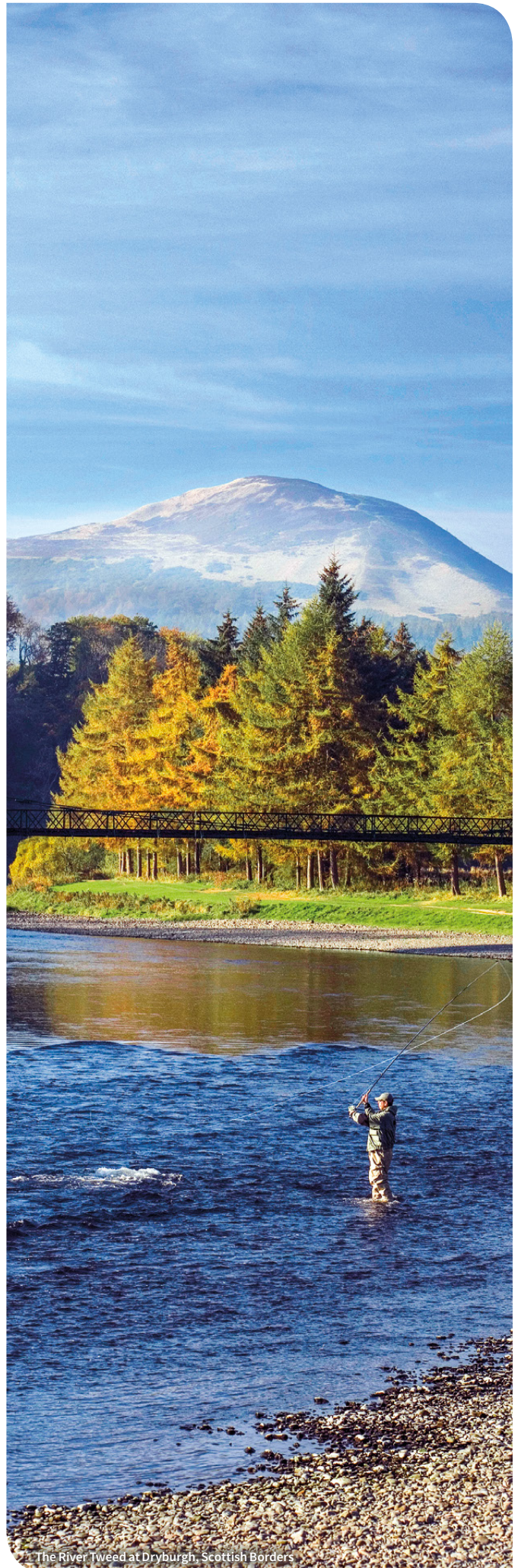
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Catch & release

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In Scotland, fish conservation is taken extremely seriously and catch and release is widely practised and actively encouraged. The vast majority of anglers fully support this as they know that if wild fish can't spawn in sufficient numbers their fishing will dwindle away. This is especially so with game and sea fishing as coarse anglers have always had a tradition of returning fish.

On some salmon rivers catch and release is obligatory for all or part of the season. Spring salmon are given special protection and in Scotland it's an offence to kill any before 1 April. As female (hen) salmon are seen as being particularly important, there is a strong emphasis on these being safely returned. Coloured salmon (one that's not silver) should always be returned. These fish are getting ready to spawn and, apart from anything else, are not good to eat.

When salmon fishing, your permit or permit provider will explain what you can or cannot kill and other rules applying to your fishing. On beats with ghillies they will keep you right. The ghillie always has the final say and if he says it goes back, it goes back!

Wild brown trout are an extremely valuable Scottish resource and most anglers now practise catch and release, even if it's not compulsory. Of course, you may retain a few where that is permitted and sustainable, but the sight of large baskets of trout being killed is nowadays strongly frowned upon.

The days of thinking the sea will provide endless fish are long gone and nearly all local anglers only take what they can eat and carefully return everything else. This covers all species and with skate, shark, tope etc. catch and release is always expected. If you're on a charter boat the skipper will fully explain what is required.

On nearly all rainbow trout waters catch and release is actively encouraged, with cheaper, purely catch and release permits often being sold.

When releasing any fish common sense says that they should be handled as little as possible before being returned to the water. When handling fish always make sure you've wet your hands first as this will save damaging the fish. Use two hands to

support a salmon and never lift it by its tail as this will damage its back. Always place a fish gently into the water and make sure that it's fully recovered and can swim off under its own steam before letting go. If at all possible, don't remove fish from the water when unhooking them. The longer a fish is out of the water the greater the chance of it dying - even if it seems to swim off safely.

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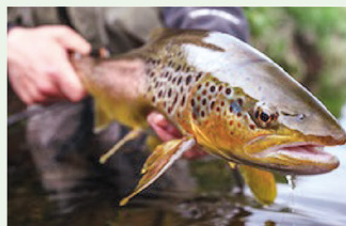
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Safety considerations

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- Whether you can swim or not, a properly fitting life jacket or buoyancy aid should be worn whilst in any small boat.
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The angler and the environment

Anglers are the great watchdogs of the water and its environment. If you see any signs of pollution, distressed fish, or other wildlife, then you should report this to the fishery

manager or appropriate authority. Your prompt action could stop a minor incident turning into a major disaster. Reports should include 'what' has been noted, 'where' the occurrence was seen, 'when' the event was noticed and 'the extent' of any pollution or other problem.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) emergency hotline for reporting pollution and fish in distress: **0800 80 70 60**.

For birds or other animals in distress then telephone the Scottish SPCA hotline: **03000 999 999**.

Fishing Law in Scotland

Here is a quick guide to some of the main laws that can affect anglers in Scotland, at the time of writing. Please remember that this cannot be taken as a fully comprehensive list. Always make sure that you have the appropriate permission and permit before starting to fish.

Salmon and sea trout

It is a criminal offence for any person to fish for, or take, salmon or sea trout without written permission or legal right. This includes any part of the sea within 1.5 km of the mean low tide mark. No Sunday fishing is allowed. The killing of any salmon before 1 April is an offence. All salmon rivers are now graded on their conservation levels. This means that, by law, some rivers are fully catch and release. Rivers will also have their own local regulations and these should be clearly laid out on your permit.

Brown trout and other freshwater fish

It is a criminal offence to fish for, or take, these species in areas covered by Protection Orders without written permission or legal right. Protection Orders are local regulations and cover some fisheries in Scotland. For more information on these, go to www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Salmon-Trout-Coarse/coarse/protectionorders

Loch fishing

It is a criminal offence to fish in any freshwater loch or reservoir that is in single ownership without permission. It does not matter what species of fish you are trying to catch. It is the act of fishing that is the offence and therefore you do not have to actually catch anything.

Close season

The close season for brown trout is from 7 October to 14 March, inclusive. There is no legal close season for coarse fish or rainbow trout. The salmon and sea trout close season varies from river to river. It is not a criminal offence to fish for brown trout on a Sunday but local regulations may prohibit this.

Permits

Your fishing permit will tell you what restrictions there are on the number of rods, methods etc. that you can use. It will also list close seasons and times.

Rod licence

There is no government rod licence in Scotland, with the exception of the Border Esk where you need an English Environment Agency rod licence.

Sea angling

There is a general public right to fish in the sea and in some tidal reaches of rivers. However this does not cover fishing for salmon or sea trout.

Livebaiting

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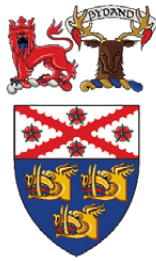
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- A link to the FishPal website – get up-to-date information on Scotland's fishing river levels, catches and local services.
- Search facilities for Scottish fisheries.
- Quality assured fishing – link to Association of Scottish Stillwater Fisheries (ASSF) website.
- For those new to fishing – read about first-time experiences on salmon fishing on the River Tweed in the Scottish Borders.
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