

## **Aberdeen and District Angling Association**

### **Access Policy**

The Aberdeen and District Angling Association's membership is open to any angler regardless of their location, race, gender, age or disability. In addition, we offer visitor permits for several of our waters. Our waters are open to all anglers to fish and we place no restrictions upon an angler's access, though it is the responsibility of each angler to assess the river and bank access and weather conditions, to ensure that the current conditions are suitable for that angler to fish safely, given any fitness or ability impairment that they may have.

Where possible the Association may aid our members and visitors who have restricted ability and have piers and casting platforms at our Stillwaters. We also offer dedicate car parking for our members on several our waters. We are continually looking into ways of improving access, for example replacing styles with kissing gates, but are mindful of the continuously changing nature of our river and loch banks. The Association finances, time constraints and local topography mean that all our fishing's may not be accessible to all members and visitors in all conditions.

It is the responsibility of each member and visitor to risk assess the conditions to ensure it is safe and reasonable for them to fish and the Association cannot offer advice or assistance directly to any member or visitor, as we do not have the expertise to do so given the varying interests and abilities of our 700+ members and visitors.

Approved by Management Committee

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