

Aberdeen & District Angling Association

Rules & Fishings For Visitors & Exchange Scheme 2024

RULES

- Trout fishing by fly only
- Anglers may only fish Association waters if they have in their possession a valid permit, which must be produced on request by any water bailiff, warden, authorised watcher or fellow member.
- Anglers must comply with any reasonable request from bailiffs, wardens or authorised watchers.
- Current rules should be carried.
- Fly Fishing only between one hour after sunset and sunrise (times as advertised in Local Press and the ADAA diary).
- Hook gape must not exceed 1cm
It is recommended only one hook per lure (treble, double or single), but if an angler wishes to employ two hooks, for example, on a Rapala, both hooks **must** be barbless.
- All salmon and grilse, kelts, coloured fish, ripe fish, salmon parr, smolts, finnock, and any fish under 10 ins must be returned forthwith to the water with the least possible injury.
- Fish hooked behind the head must be returned to the water.
- It is hoped that anglers will fly fish when water conditions are low. Spinning by those who are elderly or infirm excepted.
- Anglers are recommended to wear lifejackets.

Bag Limits (Fish killed)

- It is emphasised bag limits are not targets & anglers should only retain fish they will use.
- Anglers must return all brown trout over 14 inches.
- Anglers must return all sea trout after 30 September.
- The annual bag limit for Sea Trout shall be an overall total of not more than 1 from the River Don and 1 from the River Ythan. It is however recommended that all are returned subject to evidence that stocks are replenishing.
- The annual bag limit for Brown Trout shall be an overall total of not more than 12 across all Association waters.
- The daily bag limit will be an overall total of 6 fish. This figure may include not more than 2 Sea Trout, 2 Brown Trout and 2 Rainbow Trout.
- A weekly limit of 4 fish also applies at the Loch of Loirston.

The following are not permitted

- Fixed rod or set line, boat fishing, ground bait, live or dead natural minnow, prawn, shrimp, maggot, power bait, sniggering, bubble floats, gaffs, tailers, knotted nets. No Shooting.
- Sunday fishing except where permitted for brown and rainbow trout. It is illegal in Scotland to fish for salmon and sea trout on a Sunday.

Etiquette/ Behaviour

- Anglers must behave in a sportsman-like manner and be considerate to fellow anglers and landowners at all times.

Litter

- No litter discarded line or tape to be left on the banks or surrounding areas. Please take your litter home.

Return of catches

- Notification of catch information is obligatory on all anglers and should take place within 48 hours of all catches being made. It is important that all anglers adhere to the catch reporting rule.
- To report catches go to www.adaa.org.uk and log into the catch report under the name - visitor - with ID no 9999. You must also enter a valid email address.

Salmon Fishing Effort

- When fishing for salmon and grilse on Association waters, even just for an hour or so, you must record if you have not caught anything. The existing catch return system is to be used to do this. You are required to enter the species (enter salmon, blanked) the river/beat you fished without success, the method you fished (that is, fly, worm, or spin) and the weight as 0 (zero).

Sale of fish

- It is illegal in Scotland to sell rod caught Salmon or Sea Trout. No fish caught on Association waters can be sold.

Discipline

- Any angler breaching the rules will forfeit the permit issued and may be required to leave the river/loch.

The Fish

Fish retained for food should be promptly and efficiently despatched. All other fish should be released as quickly as possible. Fish should only be handled with wetted hands; they should never be thrown back in to the water but held facing upstream in running water until they swim free. Where "Catch and Release" is practiced de-barbed or barbless hooks are recommended.

It is also recommended that a single de-barbed or barbless hook is used when spinning no larger than a size 10.

Handling and returning fish

Treat fish with care and respect. If they are to be kept, dispatch them immediately with a forceful blow from a suitably hefty instrument. Fish to be returned should be held firmly on a clean, non-abrasive surface and unhooked using forceps. Fish should not be lifted, otherwise unsupported, by the wrist of the tail or damage to the spine may result. Similarly holding up fish by the gill covers may well inflict mortal injury and defeat the purpose of the exercise. The fish should finally be carefully supported in the water, head into the current, any adhering material lightly wiped off and held until it can swim off. This may take a few minutes).

Anglers are encouraged to return hen fish.

Anglers are recommended to carry a suitable knotless mesh landing net.



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FISHINGS

River Ythan

Season 11th February – 31st October

Methlick

From approx. 480yds. above Methlick Road Bridge upstream for 3800 yds. to edge of Badiebath Wood. North bank only.

Schivas

Tangland to Ythanbank. North bank only.

River Don

Season 11th. Feb – 31st. October for salmon and Sea trout.
15 March – 6th October for Brown trout.
Fly fishing for Brown trout permitted on Sundays.
No worming before 1st May.

Lower Parkhill

North bank from Parkhill Road Bridge downstream to the marker post. Strictly no dogs allowed.
Access from Parkhill Road Bridge only to north bank fishings.
South bank from Parkhill Road Bridge downstream to the Farburn.
Car-parking: - near Asda and lay-by at Parkhill Bridge.
No worming at any time.

Upper Parkhill

North bank from Parkhill bridge upstream to Head of Cockers pool.
South bank from Parkhill Road Bridge upstream to the weir above cemetery car park.
Car-parking: - Lay-by at Road Bridge, Cockers and Cemetery car parks.
Anglers vehicles must not be parked anywhere on the road to Mill O'Dyce farm.

Lower Fintray

North bank from Logie Farm downstream to the walled garden halfway down Glebe pool.
Car-parking: Manse Pool Car park off Cothal Lane

Rules for the Manse Pool

Only 8 rods on Manse pool are allowed. Pool is marked off in sections. Anglers must commence fishing at a marker and then proceed downstream to the bottom section of the pool taking a full 3ft step per cast.

New arrivals can commence fishing at any vacant section but if taking a section below one already being fished must start at a point equivalent to that reached by the angler on the upstream section.

No doubling back to an upstream section until the pool has been fished down to the end of the bottom section unless **the pool is being lightly fished and all anglers fishing agree to an alternative arrangement.**

Only one angler per section. No angler to proceed into next section until it is vacant.

No worming June, July and August.

Upper Fintray

North bank from Newmill Burn downstream for 2900 yds. to marker post.
Pedestrian access at Hatton of Fintray Road Bridge. Car parking behind Boat of Hatton farm as signposted.

Kemnay

South bank from Kemnay Bridge downstream for approximately 1.5 miles.
No worming at any time.
Consideration to be given to those fishing the other bank.

Upper Stoneywood

South bank, from the bottom mark of the Lower Parkhill South beat at the Farburn, for ¾ mile, ending at the upstream side of Stoneywood Mill Dyke

Maximum of 2 rods per pool permitted.

Lower Stoneywood

South bank from pipe that crosses river above Persley Bridge downstream to start of Cruives beat. Access from Persley Walled Garden Car Park.

Pitcaple

North bank from Kemnay Bridge upstream to marker.
No worming at any time.
Consideration to be given to those fishing the other bank.

Loch of Loirston

Season – Rainbow Trout - all year.
15 March – 6th October for Brown trout.
Maximum of 2 fish per day with an overall limit of 4 fish per week.

Any or all of the first 2 fish caught can be kept, thereafter mandatory catch and release using barbless or de-barbed hooks.

Fly only except for juniors or Disabled anglers with written authorisation from the Secretary, who may worm (barbless. or de-barbed hook (s) only (pennel tackle permitted).

For the period 1st Nov. to 1st March, worming permitted for all anglers (barbless. or de-barbed hook (s) only (pennel tackle permitted).

Sunday fishing permitted.

Car-parking - Lay-by at roadside (but consider parking on old section of road on east side of main road) and at Lochinch Farm.

Float tubing and kayaks are allowed at the loch subject to the following conditions:

- The Loch Convenor has the authority to stop their use at any time.
- Float tube anglers must supply and wear an approved life jacket.
- Any anglers using float tubes or kayaks do so at their own risk.
- Float tube and kayak anglers must keep themselves a minimum of 60 yards from any bank.
- Float tube and kayak anglers should be mindful of bank anglers when entering and leaving the water.
- No more than six float tube and kayak anglers allowed on the loch at any one time.
- No float tubes or kayaks allowed during competitions.

