## Short Guide to Fisheries in the Public Angling Estate of Northern Ireland





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# Short Guide to Game and Coarse Fisheries in the Public Angling Estate

This Compact Guide provides anglers with essential information on all fisheries provided by the Department of Agriculture Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) in the Public Angling Estate including species, season and legal methods of angling for each fishery. It also provides directions to the location of the fishery.

The Guide has been compiled with both local anglers and visitors in mind and it is hoped it will encourage more anglers to enjoy the wide variety of angling available.

Today there are some 63 game and coarse fisheries developed for public use.

The game fisheries include 44 still water fisheries, 14 stretches of fishing rivers, 4 canals and Upper and Lower Lough Erne, providing a further 15,303 hectares of mixed game and coarse fishing.

The Department also provides a guide for all Public Angling Estate fisheries accessible to anglers with disabilities.



The Public Angling Estate waters are open to everyone and it is important people using them set a good example in standards of sportsmanship, care for fish stocks, environment, wildlife and fellow anglers. The purpose of this code is to encourage such standards and discourage behaviour which may interfere with the enjoyment of all those using the water.

#### 1) Rules and Regulations

Anglers must ensure they have the appropriate licence and permit for the particular water. These should be carried on your person and shown to an authorised Fishery Protection Officer when requested. All anglers should obey the rules as outlined in this guide, on the Department's website (<u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>) and on signs at each of the fisheries. You should also refer to the back of your licence and permit.

DAERA authorised Fisheries Protection Officers carry a warrant card which can be shown on request.

#### 2) Conduct at the Waterside

Show consideration for other anglers and water users at all times and respect their right to enjoy the peace and quiet of the fishery.

#### 3) Safety

Be safe particularly when fishing near deep, fast flowing water or fishing from a slippery bank. Anglers are advised to wear the appropriate safety gear. Be aware of all overhead power lines. Notify someone of where you intend to fish and what time you are expected to return. Be aware of changing weather conditions, which may affect the water you are fishing in. Always wear a life jacket when fishing from a boat and never walk on ice-covered water. Anglers should also be aware of the dangers of contracting diseases like **Weil's disease** (an acute form of leptospirosis) which is commonly transmitted through contact with rat's urine in the water or on the bank side.

#### 4) Handling Fish

Fish to be returned should be handled as little as possible and placed gently back in the water. Fish to be retained should be promptly and efficiently dispatched, with a single accurate blow to the head using an appropriate priest/cosh.

#### 5) Care for the Environment

Follow the countryside code at all times. Leave no litter; Do not damage fences, hedges, walls or leave gates open; Avoid fire risk; Drive carefully on country roads and always park your vehicle considerately and safely; Do not pollute waterways or reservoirs.

As an angler you should be aware that fish diseases such as the salmon parasite **Gyrodactylus salaris** or invasive species such as **Zebra mussels** can be spread inadvertently through fishing equipment which has been in contact with infected fish, water or sediment. Clean and disinfect all your fishing equipment regularly and particularly if it has been used overseas.

#### Stocking

A census of usage along with basic environmental and productivity information determines the stocking level of each fishery. Anglers using Department fisheries are therefore encouraged to provide accurate information to our census takers.

Stocking figures are made available by the Department on a monthly basis and can be viewed at <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>.

#### Regulations

Details of all regulations relating to the Public Angling Estate are printed on the back of your permit. There are other general restrictions, which apply to all angling in Northern Ireland. Copies of statutory regulations can be obtained from The Stationery Office by calling 0870 600 5522, or by e-mail, <u>customer.services@tso.co.uk</u>. Anyone who contravenes the regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable to be prosecuted.

#### Methods, Restrictions etc.

Permitted methods of angling, duration of season, etc. are detailed on the relevant page for each fishery. The use of gaffs is illegal. In general a bag limit of 4 brown or rainbow trout may be taken daily per rod from the stocked fisheries. The minimum size of fish that may be retained from stocked fisheries is 25.4cm. Other specific bag limits are shown against wild fisheries.

#### Dead baiting for pike in trout fisheries

Dead baiting for pike is allowed on White Lough, Lough Money and Craigavon North, which are stocked trout fisheries, with a game licence/game permit using 1 rod only. Byelaws regarding season apply to pike anglers. DAERA and the Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC) are the bodies responsible for the conservation and protection of the salmon and inland fisheries of Northern Ireland.

#### Licences

To fish anywhere in Northern Ireland the relevant licence and permit is required. Both DAERA and FCILC issue angling licences in their respective jurisdictions (see map on pages 15 & 55). On payment of a small supplement, licence holders are allowed to fish in the other's jurisdiction.

A rod licence is required by law for each fishing rod used by anyone aged 12 years and over in the DAERA area and for all ages in the FCILC area to fish anywhere in Northern Ireland.

A licence is not required when sea fishing except when fishing for salmon or sea trout.

#### Permits

A permit or day ticket is a document issued by the fishery owner (person who holds the fishing rights) which allows the right to fish in that fishery.

A DAERA permit gives the angler permission to fish on the Public Angling Estate.

#### **Rules for Licences and Permits**

A DAERA Game fishing licence and permit entitles the holder to fish for either game or coarse fish using only one rod at any one time.

A DAERA Coarse fishing licence and permit entitles the holder to fish for coarse fish ONLY using two rods at any one time.

A separate licence and permit is required for each additional rod used.

A juvenile using more than one rod requires a full adult licence and permit for his second and every subsequent rod.

Details of the licences and permits required to fish Departmental waters are listed on the relevant page for each fishery.

There are a number of different types of DAERA Licences, Permits and River Bush Day tickets available which can be purchased online at <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u> or from one of the authorised distributors throughout Northern Ireland. For more information contact the Department or visit the above website.

#### **Local Permit**

The Department provides Local Game Fishing Permits for anglers who wish to confine their sport to one local area. These are annual permits which cover named game fisheries in the area for which the permit is valid. **However, in addition to these fisheries, holders may fish on all the Public Angling Estate coarse fisheries.** The following list shows the fisheries which are available under each local permit:-

The key to the abbreviations is

- B Only Brown trout are stocked;
- R Only Rainbow trout are stocked;
- M Mixed Brown and Rainbow trout are stocked;
- W Denotes a wild game fishery.

Local Permit for North/East Antrim- Fisheries Included		
Altnahinch Reservoir	(M)	
Ballymoney River	(W)	
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir	(W)	
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir	(M)	
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir	(M)	
North Woodburn Reservoir	(R)	
Lough Mourne	(B)	
Copeland (Marshallstown) Reservoir	(M)	
Killylane Reservoir	(B)	
Dungonnell Lough	(W)	
River Bush	(W)	
Ballycastle Rivers (Margy, Carey and Glenshesk)	(W)	
River Maine	(W)	
Lough Na Cranagh and Lough Doo		

### **Licences and Permits**

Local Permit for South Antrim/North Down- Fisheries Included	
Stoneyford Reservoir	(M)
Portavoe Reservoir	(R)
Hillsborough Lake	(R)
Ballykeel Lougherne	(B)
North Woodburn Reservoir	(R)
Upper South Woodburn Reservoir	(W)
Middle South Woodburn Reservoir	(M)
Lower South Woodburn Reservoir	(M)
Copeland (Marshallstown) Reservoir	(M)
Lough Mourne	(B)
Lough Money	(R)
River Lagan (Iveagh)	(W)
Lough Cowey	(B)
River Lagan (Shaw's Bridge)	(W)

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Local Permit for South Down/Armagh- Fisheries Included	
Loughbrickland	(M)
Castlewellan Lake	(M)
Spelga Reservoir	(W)
Ballynahinch, Annacloy and Quoile Rivers	(W)
Shimna River	(W)
Hillsborough Lake	(R)
Ballykeel Lougherne	(M)
River Blackwater	(W)
Craigavon North Lake	(R)
Lough Money	(R)
Lough Cowey	(B)

Local Permit for Londonderry/Tyrone- Fisheries Included	
River Roe	(W)
Binevenagh Reservoir	(R)
Lough Ash	(B)
Moor Lough	(M)
Lough Bradan	(B)
Lough Lee	(W)
Brantry Lough	(B)
White Lough	(R)

Local Permit for Fermanagh-	
Fisheries Included	
Upper and Lower Lough Erne	(W)
Corranny Lough	(R)
Corry Lough	(B)
Mill Lough (Bellanaleck)	(M)
Colebrooke River	(W)
Ballinamallard River	(W)
Keenaghan Lough	(B)
Glencreawan Lough	(M)
Achork Lough	(B)
Meenameen Lough	(B)

River Lagan (Iveagh)

Creevy Lough

(W)

(R)

### Licences and Permits

### Contact Information for the DAERA Area

# Concessionary Licences and Permits for disabled and persons aged 60 and over

The Department provides a special fishing licence and permit for disabled anglers who are in receipt of one of the following allowances:

- Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance Allowance
- War Disablement Pension
- Severe Disablement Allowance

These licences and permits are only available from the Department or online at <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>

The permit is valid for all Department fisheries, including coarse fisheries.

The Department also provides a special licence and permit for persons aged 60 and over, which is available from authorised distributors.

Anglers are only entitled to one concessionary licence and permit. Any additional licences or permits required must be purchased at full price.

#### For General Fisheries Information, Enquiries or to report illegal fishing activity (poaching), please contact

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Inland Fisheries Branch Causeway Exchange 1-7 Bedford St Belfast BT2 7EG **Telephone:** 0300 200 7860 **Telephone (outside Northern Ireland)**: ++44 28 9151 3101 **Email:** anglingcorrespondence@daera-ni.gov.uk Website: www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling **Outside office hours or in the case of an emergency:** please

**Outside office hours or in the case of an emergency:** please contact the hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

#### Contact information for the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission (FCILC) Area:

Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission 22 Victoria Road, Londonderry, BT47 2PT **Telephone:** 028 7134 2100 **Website:** www.loughs-agency.org

#### Reporting a Pollution incident or fish kill

In the event of a pollution incident, and/or a fish kill you should contact the NIEA pollution hotline 0800 80 70 60.

### **Bag Limits and Opening Times**

### **Key Symbols**

#### **Stocked Fisheries**

- The bag limit for stocked fisheries is 4 trout per rod per day.
- Minimum size 25.4 cm

#### Wild Fisheries

#### DAERA Area -

- With the introduction of the Fisheries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, all fisheries within the Public Angling Estate are mandatory Catch and Release for all Salmon and Sea Trout. This is a condition of sale for angling licences and permits.
- From 2014 Angling season DAERA will not issue any salmon carcass tags to Game licence holders.

#### FCILC/Loughs Agency Area

• For the 2015 Angling Season FCILC will issue two salmon tags until 31st May 2015. From 1st June 2015 eight tags will be issued with a Season Game Licence or 14 Day Licence and two tags with a 3 Day Game Licence. Further information on FCILC Salmon Conservation Policy can be found on their website <u>www.loughs-agency.org</u>

#### **Coarse Fisheries**

- A daily bag limit of four coarse fish applies.
- A minimum size of 25cm applies (measured from the tip of its snout to the fork or cleft of its tail).
- All pike weighing 4kg or more must be returned alive unharmed to the water and no more than one pike per day may be retained.

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Boats Permitted	
Hire Boats Available	
Type of licence Required	FCILC
Type of licence Required	DAERA

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CLOSURE OF WATERS**

DAERA has been notified that some Northern Ireland Water reservoirs used as fisheries may have to close for essential refurbishment work. Anglers should be aware of these possible closures prior to purchasing a DAERA Permit.

DAERA will endeavour to minimise, as far as is practicable, stress to fish as water levels are lowered and will monitor the situation closely during periods of low water levels.

Information on proposed reservoir closures will be regularly updated on the DAERA Angling Website -<u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>

# Location of DAERA Game Fisheries in Northern Ireland

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#### **DAERA Game Fisheries**

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You require a DAERA Game Licence and Permit to fish on the above waters.

### **County Antrim**

#### Altnahinch: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout
Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning
Daily Bag limit: 4 trout per rod
Area: 17.8 hectares
Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Ballymoney

#### How to get there: From Ballymena

take the A43 (Glenarriff Road) to Martinstown from Ballymena. Turn left at crossroads then right after 1.5 km to Newtown Crommelin. Turn right then left at staggered crossroads and continue for 4 km. Turn left onto Altnahinch Road. Sign 3.2 km on right.

**From Ballymoney** take the B16 through Kilraughts. At the end of the road turn left onto the A44. Take the third right into the Fivey Road and continue to the T junction at Magherahoney. Turn right onto the Coolkeeran Rd and then turn left into Glenbush Rd. Turn right onto Altnahinch Rd, where the reservoir carpark is on the left, 5.6 km from the junction.

#### **Ballymoney River: Wild Fishery**

**Species:** Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown Trout

Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag limit: 4 trout per rod. For salmon see page 12.

Length: 5 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Ballymoney



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**How to get there:** From the A54 Kilrea to Coleraine Road turn right for Ballymoney taking the B66. After crossing the Agivey Bann Bridge the river can be reached by taking any left turn before the town.

#### River Bush: Wild Fishery Day Ticket Stretches

Species: Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout

**Daily Bag limit:** Please see page 12 for information on Salmon fishing. No bag limit for trout.

**Season:** 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October

Nearest Town: Bushmills



(1) New Stretch: Length: 457 metres from the downstream road bridge in Bushmills. Three rods available per day.

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Shrimp with Spinning under certain conditions.\*

**(2) Town Beat: Length:** 300 metres between the Road bridges in Bushmills Village. Three rods available per day.

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Shrimp with Spinning under certain conditions\*

\*Spinning is allowed on the New and Town stretches when the water level is in the green on the marker post situated on the arch of the upstream road bridge in Bushmills.

(3) Leap Stretch: Length: 560 metres upstream of the Salmon Station to the Salmon Leap falls. Six rods available per day.

**Methods:** Fly and Worm only with Spinning when the water level is in the green at the marker post situated on the west bank immediately downstream of the salmon leap falls.

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**Information:** Angling only permitted between 08:00-22:00 or 1 hour after sunset (whichever is the earlier). Day Tickets can be purchased at the River Bush Salmon Station, 21 Church Street, Bushmills BT57 8QJ, telephone: 0300 200 7860 or online at www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling

**Disabled Facilities:** Access for wheelchairs has been provided from the car park to the Bridge Pool on the town stretch. A car park and wheelchair access is being constructed at the wastewater treatment plant on the Dundarave stretch.

#### River Bush: Wild Fishery Unrestricted Stretch

Species: Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning, but worm<sup>\*</sup> and fly fishing only from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Spinning is only allowed on two sections (a) From Walkmills to Belisle bridge (b) On the Strancam tributary until it reaches Dervock.

\*Contact Department for worming hook regulations.

**Daily Bag limit:** Please see page 12 for information on Salmon fishing. 4 trout per rod.

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Length: 38.5 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October

Nearest Town: Bushmills, Dervock, Armoy

**How to get there:** Access is easily gained by road bridges or car parks, all of which are well sign posted.

#### Copeland (Marshallstown): Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 9.7 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Nearest Town:** Carrickfergus



**How to get there:** From Belfast approach by the M5 and A2 towards Carrickfergus. Just before entering Carrickfergus take the B58 Woodburn Rd, which leads on to Prospect Rd. Turn right at T junction and travel along Middle Rd leading onto Marshallstown Rd for 3km until another T junction. Turn left at Beltay Rd. The reservoir is 750m up the hill on the left hand side.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00-22:00 hours.

**Disabled Facilities:** This reservoir has wheelchair accessible fishing stands, though these cannot be fished at low water levels.

### **County Antrim**

## Lough Na Cranagh and Lough Doo

Species: Brown Trout

**Methods:** Fly fishing with flies less than 3/4 inches long only.

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Area: Lough Na Cranagh (88.7 hectares) Lough Doo (33.8 hectares)

Season: 1st March to 31st October

#### Nearest Town: Ballycastle

#### How to get there:

Take the A2 Cushendall road from Ballycastle. At Ballyvoy take a left onto the Torr Road. Take the next road on the left signposted the Fairhead Road and follow it to the very end where there is a small car park. The Cranagh lake is visible from the road and Lough Doo is over the hill. Both two lakes are accessed by foot through the gateway.

**Information:** Fairhead Fishing Club manage both Loughs on behalf of DAERA and seven day tickets are available to DAERA season permit holders. Tickets are available from

D McAuley's, 23 Ann Street, Ballycastle, Tel: 028 2076 9521.



#### Dungonnell Lough: Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 2 brown trout per rod Area: 28 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Ballymena



**How to get there:** Take the A43 (Waterfoot/Cushendall) from Ballymena. Turn right at the crossroads as you approach Cargin, 16 km from Ballymena. The signpost for the lough is 0.8 km from Cargin.

#### Killylane Reservoir: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 brown trout per rod Area: 20 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Larne



**How to get there: From Ballymena or Larne** the entrance is by the main reservoir gates on the South side of the A36, 20 km from Ballymena and 11.25 km from Larne. **Alternative access** turn south at Glenvale crossroads then left over Pigtail Bridge onto Ardymagh Road.

**Information:** The main gates are closed from 22.00 - 08.30 hours in summer or the hours of darkness in winter.

**Disabled Facilities:** Not wheelchair accessible. Some access from the car park for those with walking difficulties but margins may be soft in wet weather.

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#### River Lagan (Shaw's Bridge Stretch): Wild Fishery

Species: Salmon and Brown TroutMethods: Fly, Worm and SpinningDaily Bag Limit: 4 brown trout per rod.For Salmon, see page 12.Length: 1 km (From 150m upstream)

of Red Bridge to Shaw's Bridge)

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Belfast

#### How to get there:

Shaw's Bridge is on the Belfast Ring Road between Newtownbreda (Forestside Shopping Centre) and the Malone Road. The Red Bridge is a short distance downstream. This wild brown trout fishery extends from Shaw's Bridge downstream to 150m below the Red Bridge.



River Maine: Wild Fishery

**Species:** Salmon, Brown Trout, and Dollaghan late in the season. **Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning

(No Spinning April-June) **Daily Bag Limit:** 4 brown trout per rod, minimum size 23 cm. For Salmon, see page 12.

Length: 6.5 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Cullybackey

#### How to get there:

Cullybackey is on the B62 Ballymena to Kilrea Road, 4.8 km from Ballymena.

**Information:** Under an agreement with the Maine Angling Club, 10 half price day tickets are available to DAERA game season permit holders (except Sunday) from the Bridge Garage, 4 Dreen Road, Cullybackey, Tel: 028 2588 0278.



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#### River Margy Carey & Glenshesk: Wild Fishery

**Species:** Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout **Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning (certain restrictions apply - see permit or website)



**Daily Bag Limit:** No bag limit for trout. For Salmon see page 12.

Length: Margy - 0.8 km, Carey - 3.6 km, Glenshesk - 5 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Ballycastle

#### How to get there:

The Margy runs into the sea at Ballycastle which is on the A2 between Cushendall and Bushmills.

**Information:** Ballycastle Angling Club manage these fisheries on behalf of DAERA and fifteen free day tickets are available to DAERA Season Game permit holders. Three of these are available for the stretch from the mouth of the river to its confluence with the Carey and Glenshesk Rivers. There are six available for the Carey River and six for the Glenshesk River from their confluences upstream. During September & October there will be 3 identified beats on the Carey & Glenshesk Rivers and 1 day ticket per beat will be available. There will also be 2 day tickets available for the Margy stretch during this period. Tickets are available from Moyle Outdoor Angling and Leisure Centre, 17 Castle Street, Ballycastle, Tel: 028 2076 9521, or the Ballycastle Angling Club Bailiffs on a Sunday.

#### Lough Mourne: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 51 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Carrickfergus





Take the B58 at Carrickfergus towards Ballynure for 2.4 km. At the first crossroads turn right onto the B90 for 1.6 km to the next crossroads. Take a left for 2.4 km to the next crossroads. Turn right onto the Lough road and the Lough is 0.8 km along this road on the left.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.

#### Stoneyford: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 65 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Lisburn

#### How to get there:

Located close to Stoneyford village the fishery is easily reached via the B38 or A501 Belfast to Glenavy Road.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.



### **County Antrim**

#### North Woodburn: **Stocked Fisherv**

Species: Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 7 hectares **Season:** 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December Nearest Town: Carrickfergus



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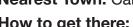
How to get there:

Take the B58 at Carrickfergus towards Ballynure. The reservoir is on the left of the road after 6.5 km.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.

#### Lower South Woodburn: **Stocked Fishery**

**Species:** Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 9 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Carrickfergus



#### How to get there:

Take the B58 at Carrickfergus towards Ballynure. About 1.6 km (at Brown Cow Inn sign) take a left for 0.4 km to cross the B90 at Woodburn village. Travel on 1.8 km over the humpback bridge to the car park beside Woodburn Church.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.

#### Middle South Woodburn: **Stocked Fishery**

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout **Methods:** Fly fishing only, except that Disabled permit holders may also spin and worm fish

Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 25.9 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Nearest Town:** Carrickfergus

#### How to get there:

Take the B58 at Carrickfergus towards Ballynure. About 1.6 km (at Brown Cow Inn sign) take a left for 0.4 km to cross the B90 at Woodburn village. Travel on over the humpback bridge to the car park beside Woodburn church.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.





### County Armagh

#### **Upper South Woodburn:** Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag limit: 2 brown trout per rod Area: 26.5 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Carrickfergus

#### How to get there:

Take the B58 at Carrickfergus towards Ballynure. About 1.6 km (at Brown Cow Inn sign) take a left for 0.4 km to cross the B90 at Woodburn village. Travel on over the humpback bridge to the car park beside Woodburn church.

Information: Angling only permitted between 08:00 - 22:00 hours.



Species: Salmon, Brown Trout (Dollaghan in season) Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag limit: 4 brown trout per rod. For Salmon see page 12.

Length: 2.5 km

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Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Blackwatertown

#### How to get there:

From Belfast: Take the M1 motorway. Turn off at junction 15 take the A29 through Moy towards Armagh turning right for Blackwatertown (signposted) at the edge of Charlemont village. Access is on the right bank for 2 km just upstream of Blackwatertown Bridge.

From Armagh take the A29 towards Moy, turn left onto the B128 at McCready's Corner, 4.8 km from Armagh.





### **County Armagh**

### **County Down**

#### Craigavon City Park Lake -North: Stocked Fishery

**Species:** Rainbow Trout and Pike (DAERA Game licence and Game permit required)

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning. From Boats Fly Fishing only. Bait fishingfor pike with barbless hooks or hookswith flattened barbs only and hook size4 or greater. Dead baiting for



pike is permitted using 1 rod only and shall be a minimum size of 100mm.

**Daily Bag limit:** 4 brown trout per rod/1 pike per rod.

Area: 25 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

#### Nearest Town: Craigavon

**How to get there: From Belfast** by the M1 to the A76 spur to Lurgan, Craigavon. Turn towards Lurgan for 0.8 km and take a right turn by the A3 for 1.2 km to the Tannaghmore Gardens roundabout to the North lake.

Information: Car parks and tarmac roads are provided.

**Disabled Facilities:** Car parks at south lake. Tarmac roads are provided. There is a slipway beside the Watersports Centre for launching non-mechanical boats. Anglers should check opening and closing times with the centre on Tel: 028 3834 2669.

#### Ballykeel Lougherne: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Bag Limit: 4 brown trout per rod Area: 21.4 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Ballynahinch



**How to get there: From Belfast** take the M1. Turn off at Lisburn/ Saintfield intersection and take the A49 towards Ballynahinch for 6.8 km to Ballies Mill. Turn right at the crossroads and left at the T junction at the end of the road. The entrance is 2.4 km on the right. **From Ballynahinch** take the A49 and B177 towards Hillsborough, branching right 2km out at the staggered crossroads. The entrance is 3.6km on the left.

#### Ballynahinch / Annacloy / Quoile River: Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Sea Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Length: 11.25 km Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Downpatrick



**How to get there: From Belfast** take the A24 and A7 through Saintfield towards Downpatrick turning right on the B52 Ballynahinch to Annacloy Road. Fishing is between here and Kilmore which is the upstream limit of the fishery. Kilmore is on the minor road which runs south out of Crossgar. Annacloy is on the B2 which forks left off the A7, 2.4km from Downpatrick.

### **County Down**

#### Loughbrickland: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 25 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October



Nearest Town: Banbridge

How to get there: From Belfast take the M1 from Lisburn then the A1 towards Newry for 45 km. The lough is on the left. From Armagh take the A51 to Tandragee, the A27 to Scarva and B3 to Loughbrickland, joining the A1 in Loughbrickland village. From Newry take the A1 north to Banbridge for 16 km.

#### Castlewellan Lake: Stocked Fishery

lake.

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout
Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning.
From Boats Fly Fishing only.
Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod
Area: 41.6 hectares
Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October
Nearest Town: Castlewellan

From Newcastle, take the A50 northwards.



#### Lough Cowey: Stocked Fishery

**Species:** Brown Trout and Pike (DAERA Game Licence and Game Permit required at all times)

**Methods:** Fly fishing only for trout. Worm and Spinning from the carpark bank. Dead baiting from car park bank only using barbless hooks with flattened barbs and hook size 4 or greater.



Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout. 1 pike per rod per day up to 4 kilos.

Area: 18.2 hectares

**Season:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mar- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct for Brown Trout. All year round for Pike.

Nearest Town: Portaferry

**How to get there: From Belfast** travel east on the A20 to Newtownards and on to Greyabbey and Kircubbin. The lough is on the right near the main road, 4 km before you reach Portaferry.

provided near the lake, and there is good access around this scenic

**From Banbridge** take the A50 in a south easterly direction. **Disabled Facilities:** A disabled anglers' car-park has been

**How to get there:** Castlewellan lies on the main Downpatrick to Newry road (A25). The entrance to the Forest park is signposted.

### **County Down**

#### **Creevy Lough**

Species: Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag limit: 3 Rainbow trout per rod

Area: 8.5 hectares

**Season**: 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Nearest Town:** Ballynahinch or Saintfield

#### How to get there:

Take the Ballynahinch Road from Belfast. Approx 2 miles from Ballynahinch take the Saintfield Road, take the third road on the right. Creevy Lough is at the end of that short road.

**Information:** Under an agreement with Dundonald Angling Club 6 daily permits per week are available free of charge to DAERA game season permit holders. In addition one boat is available to day permit holders at a cost of £15. Daily permits are available from The Chestnut Inn, 65 Carrickmannon Road, Ballygowan, BT23 6JH, Tel: 028 9752 8225.

Restrictions: Sunday fishing is not permitted.



#### Hillsborough Lake: Stocked Fishery

Species: Rainbow Trout

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning. Fly Fishing prohibited from the dam, adjacent shore or near the footbridge.

Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod

Area: 16.2 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Hillsborough

#### How to get there:

**From Belfast** take the M1 to Lisburn (Sprucefield) intersection then travel on the A1 to Hillsborough, turning left onto the B177 to go through the town. The entrance is signposted on the Dromore Road as you exit the town.

**From Ballynahinch** take the B177 to Hillsborough and go through the town as above.

**Disabled Facilities:** Access to the fishery from the perimeter path is good.



### **County Down**

#### River Lagan (Iveagh): Wild Fishery

Species: Salmon, Brown Trout

**Methods:** Fly fishing only except on the stretch of river from Steps Bridge to Spencers Bridge, where from 1st June Fly fishing, Spinning and Worm fishing is permitted.



**Daily Bag Limit:** 4 brown trout per rod less than 11 inches long. For Salmon, see page 12.

**Length:** 11.3 km - Department's area between Thorneyford Bridge and Spencer's Bridge.

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> September

Nearest Town: Moira, Dromore, Magheralin, Lurgan

#### How to get there:

Dromore is just off the A1 between Lisburn and Banbridge, where it meets the B2 from Ballynahinch. Moira is at junction 9 of the M1. Magheralin is on the A3 Moira to Lurgan Road where it meets the B9 from Donaghcloney and Banbridge.

**Information:** Under an agreement with Department Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Iveagh Angling Club exercise the fishing rights on this section of the river. Ten day tickets are available free of charge to DAERA Game Season permit holders. These Club Day Tickets must be endorsed with the DAERA Permit Number and are available from Islandderry Fishery, Lough Road, Dromore, BT25 1JE. In addition there is an unlimited number of day tickets available to all anglers.

#### Lough Money: Stocked Fishery

**Species:** Rainbow Trout, Pike and Perch (DAERA Game licence and Game permit required).

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning only for trout. Bait fishing for Pike with barbless hooks or hooks with



flattened barbs only and hook size 4 or greater. Dead baiting for pike is permitted using 1 rod only and should be a minimum size of 100mm.

Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod, 1 pike, 4 coarse fish per day

Area: 21.4 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Downpatrick

#### How to get there:

**From Downpatrick** take the B1 towards Ardglass, keeping left at the Downshire hospital just outside the town towards Ballyalton and Ballyhornan. Just past Ballyalton fork left off the Ballyhornan road for 0.8 km to the lough.

**Disabled Facilities:** Three wheelchair accessible disabled fishing stands are available near the car park.

### **County Down**

#### Portavoe Reservoir: Stocked Fishery

Species: Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 12.5 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Donaghadee, Bangor

#### How to get there:

**From Belfast** take the A2 towards Bangor. Join the Bangor Ring Road turning right towards Donaghadee. Continue on the Ring Road as far as Groomsport roundabout. Turn right towards Donaghadee on the A2. The reservoir entrance is just before the water tower about 4km along this road on the right. Car-parking is available for disabled anglers only.

**Disabled Facilities:** There are six disabled fishing stands. There is a Disabled carpark at the north-east end. A key is required for access. Please contact the Department on 0300 200 7860 or visit www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling.



#### Shimna River: Wild Fishery

**Species:** Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown Trout

Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning

**Daily Bag Limit:** 4 Brown trout per rod. For Salmon and Sea trout see page 12. **Length:** 4 km



**Season:** 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October for DAERA Stretch. 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> October on club waters.

Nearest Town: Newcastle

#### How to get there:

Newcastle is on the main A2 Road from Belfast. The Tollymore forest park is signposted and the river is accessed via the forest park.

**Information:** Under a management agreement with Shimna Angling Club, six daily tickets are available at a reduced rate to all DAERA Game Season Permit Holders to fish the DAERA Stretch. Eight daily tickets are available at a reduced rate to all DAERA Game Season Permit Holders to fish the club stretch (Two of these tickets are specifically for disabled anglers). A further four weekly tickets are available at a reduced rate to all DAERA Game Season Permit Holders for either the DAERA or Club stretch. These weekly tickets cannot be purchased until two days before the first day of fishing. **Restrictions:** Sunday fishing is not permitted.

### County Fermanagh

#### Spelga Reservoir: Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: None Area: 60 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Nearest Town: Hilltown

#### How to get there:

From Newry by the A25 and B8 to Hilltown.

**From Belfast** by the A24 through Ballynahinch to Clough turning right on to the A25 through Castlewellan and 8 km beyond this fork left for Hilltown (B8) turning left for Kilkeel (B27) before entering the town.

**From Rathfriland** head south on the B25 to Hilltown, then take the B8 and B27 towards Newcastle, forking right after 2.4 km towards Kilkeel for 4 km until reaching the head of the valley.



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#### Ballinamallard River: Wild Fishery

Species: Salmon, Brown TroutMethods: Fly, Worm and SpinningDaily Bag limit: 4 brown trout per rodFor Salmon see page 12.

Length: 1.6 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> September

Nearest Towns: Ballinamallard

#### How to get there:



The entrance is off the A35 Enniskillen to Irvinestown Road at Kilgortnaleague Bridge. The fishery is on both banks for 1.5 km downstream of Kilgortnaleague Bridge. There is a small layby at the entrance to the side road adjacent to Kilgortnaleague Bridge.

#### Colebrooke River (Upper): Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, SalmonMethods: Fly, Worm and SpinningDaily Bag limit: 4 brown trout per rod.For Salmon, see page 12.

Length: 3.2 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> September

Nearest Town: Lisnaskea

#### How to get there:

**From Lisnaskea** proceed for 0.8 km on the A34 towards Maguiresbridge. Turn left along the B514 to Target Deliveries Ltd, where there is access.



### County Fermanagh

### Corranny Lough: Stocked Fishery

Species: Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 4.6 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Rosslea



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#### How to get there:

**From Lisnaskea,** south east by the A34 to Moorlough Cross, turning left by the B36 towards Rosslea. Turn left at Dernawilt crossroads and Corranny is 1.6 km. **From Belfast** take the M1 and A4 to Fivemiletown, where you take the second road on the left towards Cooneen and Carnmore. Corranny is 3.2km on the right.

#### **Corry Lough: Stocked Fishery**

Species: Brown Trout
Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning. (From Boats Fly Fishing Only)
Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod
Area: 6.5 hectares
Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October
Nearest Town: Rosslea



#### How To Get There:

**From Lisnaskea** south east by the A34 to Moorlough Cross turning left by the B36 towards Rosslea. Turn left at Dernawilt crossroads and proceed for 4.8 km to Lough Corry. **From Belfast** take the M1 and A4 to Fivemiletown, take the second road on the left towards Cooneen and Carnmore.

Disabled Facilities: Wheelchair fishing area accessible from the car park.

#### Lower and Upper Lough Erne: Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Salmon

**Methods:** All legal methods, although the use of ground bait and maggots is prohibited in that part of Lower Lough Erne west of an imaginary line from the nearest point of Pollaginnive on the east shore of Boa Island to Hare Island and from that point on the west shore of Hare Island to the most easterly part of Tully Point.

**Daily Bag Limit:** 6 brown trout, min. size 30cm. For Salmon, see page 12.

Area: 15,303 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> September

Nearest Town: Enniskillen

#### How to get there:

Detailed maps of areas to fish are available from the Department by contacting telephone no: 0300 200 7860 or visiting <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>. Information is also available from the Tourist Information Office, Wellington Road, Enniskillen, Tel: 028 6632 3110.

**Upper Lough Erne:** There is good access all around the lough at Broadmeadow and Cleenish Island. A disabled stand has been erected at Corradillar.

A key to the gate is available at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea Tel: 028 6772 2122.

**Lower Lough Erne:** There is good access at Stewarts Shore and limited access at Ely Lodge, Boa Island, Muckross and Trory.



### County Fermanagh

#### Navar Lakes- Achork: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 4 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Derrygonnelly



#### How to get there:

From Enniskillen by the A46 and B81 through Derrygonnelly14.5 km following the forestry signposts (scenic drive).From Belleek follow the forest drive signs from the village.

#### Navar Lakes- Glencreawan: Stocked Fishery

Species: Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 19 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Derrygonnelly



#### How to get there:

**From Enniskillen** by the A46 and B81 through Derrygonnelly 14.5 km following the forestry signposts (scenic drive).

From Belleek follow the forest drive signs from the Village.

#### Navar Lakes- Meenameen: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning. (From Boats Fly Fishing only) Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 18.6 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Derrygonnelly How to get there:



**From Enniskillen** by the A46 and B81 through Derrygonnelly 14.5 km following the forestry signposts (scenic drive). **From Belleek** follow the forest drive signs from the village.

#### Lough Keenaghan: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 15.3 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Belleek



#### How to get there:

Lough Keenaghan is approximately 2.4 km from Belleek village and lies on the main Kesh to Belleek Road (A47).

**Disabled Facilities:** For the disabled angler there is some suitable access from the car park and a pathway down one side of the Lough.

### **County Londonderry**

#### Mill Lough (Bellanaleck): **Stocked Fishery**

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout **Methods:** Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 40 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Enniskillen

#### How to get there:

Take the A4 through Enniskillen towards Belcoo to the junction with the A509. 3.2 km out of Enniskillen. Turn left for 4.8 km. continue through Bellanaleck village, and turn left on the edge at the side of the road to the lake (signposted).

**Disabled Facilites:** There is a disabled fishing stand and car park beside the slipway, from which a guarry path runs along most of the northern shore.

#### **Binevenagh Lake: Stocked Fishery**

Species: Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 3.2 hectares **Season:** 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

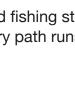
**Nearest Town:** Limavady

#### How to get there:

From Limavady take the A2 coast road for 3.2 km, fork right onto the B201 at Artkilly and then left at the fork 1.6 km further on. Continue straight for a further 5.4 km, turn left at the end of the forest and take the second forest entrance on the left.

From Coleraine take the A2 to Downhill, turn left onto Bishop's Road and continue for 8 km. Turn right at the start of the forest and take the 2nd forest entrance on the left.

Disabled Facilities: Wheelchair access is possible from the car park.



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### **County Londonderry**

### **County Tyrone**

#### River Roe: Wild Fishery

**Species:** Salmon, Sea Trout and Brown Trout

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning **Daily Bag limit:** 1 Salmonid per day from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May and 2 Salmonid thereafter until the end of season.



Length: 2 km

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> April - 20<sup>th</sup> October

Nearest Towns: Limavady

#### How to get there:

The DAERA fishery stretch is within the Roe Valley Country Park, which is well signposted.

**Disabled Facilities:** There is a car-park and access for wheelchairs to the right bank.

#### Lough Ash: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 15.3 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October Nearest Town: Dunamanagh

#### How to get there:

From Belfast to Dungiven, taking the B49 through Claudy and Dunamanagh. Turn left on the B48 Plumbridge Road. The signposted entrance to the car-park is on the left 4.8 km from Dunamanagh.



### **County Tyrone**

#### Moor Lough: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 16.2 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October Nearest Town: Dunamanagh



**How to get there: From Strabane** travel north by the A5 towards Londonderry, turning right 3.2 km out of Strabane towards Dunamanagh B49. Turn right again in Artigarvan village for 6.4 km through Glenmornan, then right for 450m and left by the road to the lake. **From Belfast**. After taking the A6 to Dungiven, take the B49 through Claudy to Dunamanagh. Head south towards Plumbridge, turn right to Altishane. After crossing the Silverbrook Bridge, turn left and then right at Devine's Pub. Continue for 2 km over the moor, then left for 450m and left again by the gravel road to the lake.

#### Information:

A surrounding gravel road gives easy vehicular access to all the shoreline on weekdays. At weekends anglers must walk from the car park as the road is closed. Closed to boats at weekends.

**Disabled facilities:** The water is accessible to wheelchairs at some locations.

#### Brantry Lough: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly fishing only Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 24.3 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> October Nearest Town: Benburb





**From Belfast** to the end of the M1 continuing on the Dungannon bypass for 0.4 km past the service area. Turn left onto the B45 to Caledon travelling through Eglish, turning right at the crossroads just over the Oona Bridge from where the lake is signposted. **From Aughnacloy** take the B128 Benburb road for 7.2 km. Turn left at Holland's Cross road where the lake is indicated by a signpost.

**Disabled Facilities:** Three disabled fishing stands are accessible from the car park.

### **County Tyrone**

#### Lough Bradan: Stocked Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod Area: 24.3 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October Nearest Town: Drumquin





**How to get there:** - **From A5 (Omagh - Londonderry)** take the B50, 1.6 km north of Omagh, travelling west for 11.2 km, turn south by B84 for 0.8 km, turning right (signposted) westwards 6.4 km.

#### Lough Lee: Wild Fishery

Species: Brown Trout Methods: Fly, Worm and Spinning Daily Bag limit: 4 brown trout per rod Area: 15 hectares Season: 1<sup>st</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> October



Nearest Towns: Drumquin

How to get there: From the B50 (Omagh to Castlederg via Drumquin) turn west at the signpost 8 km north of Drumquin 4.8 km south of Castlederg and continue for 2.8 km to the sign at Clare Lodge. Turn south for 2.4 km to the limit of the surfaced country road. Follow the marker posts across the moor to the Lough 1.6 km. From the B72 (Ederney to Castlederg) travel east as signposted to Clare Lodge, turn south to the end of the country road after 6.4 km.

#### White Lough: Stocked Fishery

**Species:** Rainbow Trout and Pike (DAERA Game Rod Licence and Game permit required)

**Methods:** Fly, Worm and Spinning. (From Boats Fly Fishing Only). Bait fishing for pike with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs only and hook size 4 or greater. Dead bait for pike is permitted using 1 rod only and a minimum size of 100mm.



Daily Bag Limit: 4 trout per rod/1 pike per day

Area: 9.3 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Aughnacloy

#### How to get there:

From Aughnacloy via the main road to Caledon A28 to Crilly (3.2 km from Aughnacloy) turn left, then fork right after 0.4 km at McClure's shop.

**Disabled Facilities:** There is access from the car-park to wheelchair accessible stands.

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\* These fisheries are provided by the Department but not actively managed. **Only a DAERA Rod Licence is required for these waters.** Anglers must be aware that they use these fisheries and any fishing stands based at these waters at their own risk.



**DAERA** Coarse Fisheries

### **County Antrim**

#### **Broadwater Canal**

Species: Pike, Perch, Bream, Roach and HybridsMethods: All legal methodsDaily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 coarse fishLength: 1.5km

Season: All year round.

#### Nearest Town: Aghalee, Moira

**How to get there:** From the M1 junction 9 (Moira roundabout) follow the A26 for 1.5km. Turn left for Soldierstown Road then follow the B105 out of the village for 0.5km. The car park is on the left after the humpback bridge.

#### **Movanagher Canal**

**Species:** Pike, Roach, Perch, Bream and Hybrids. **Methods:** All legal methods

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish

Length: 1km

Season: All year round.

Nearest Town: Kilrea

#### How to get there:

**From Kilrea** take the B64 signposted towards Ballymoney for 2.4km over the Bann bridge to McLaughlin's corner. Turn left then immediately left again and travel for 3.6km and take the lane on the left to Movanagher fish farm.

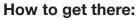


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#### Portna Canal

Species: Pike, Roach, Perch, Bream and Hybrids.
Methods: All legal methods
Length: 0.4km
Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish
Season: All year round.
Nearest Town: Kilrea



Off the A54 Kilrea - Portglenone road 0.4km out of Kilrea, turn left to Portna road and then left again to canal.

#### **Toome Canal**

**Species:** Pike, Roach, Perch, Bream and Hybrids.

Methods: All legal methods

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish **Length:** 0.8km

Season: All year round.

Nearest Town: Toomebridge

#### How to get there:

**From Randalstown or Belfast** on the A6 towards Londonderry, at the roundabout take the first exit onto Moneynick Road, into Toome village.







### **County Armagh**

#### River Lagan (Stranmillis Stretch)

**Species:** Pike, Roach, Perch, Bream, Gudgeon

Methods: All legal methods

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/4 coarse fish **Length:** 8km (From 150m downstream of Red Bridge to Stranmillis Weir).

Season: All year.

Nearest Town: Belfast

#### How to get there:

Fishing Points are available along the towpath which is found on the west bank from 150m downstream of Red Bridge (near Shaw's Bridge) to Stranmillis Weir and beyond. The Stranmillis Weir is reached by Lockview or Sharman Road, off Stranmillis Road.

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**Disabled Facilities:** Disabled fishing stands are accessible from the towpath. Depending on the nature of the disability it may also be possible to fish at other points along the towpath.



**Species:** Pike, Roach, Perch and Bream

Methods: All legal methods

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/4 coarse fish **Length:** 16 km

**Season:** All year round. No Sunday fishing in Hoy's Meadow

Nearest Town: Portadown

How to get there:



**Access to town areas: Boulevard**-From Craigavon A3 onto Bridge St, first left on Bridge St South, car park 275m on left.

**Hoy's Meadow**-Exit Portadown via Bridge St towards Craigavon (A3), cross Bann Bridge, take second road on left (Watson St).

**Portadown Park**-Exit Portadown by Bridge St, head towards Dungannon (A4), turn right down Woodside Green, leading to open ground and playing fields by the river. There is a car park area in Churchill Park reached via Woodside Green.

Access to Country Areas (signposted Lough Neagh):

**Irwin's Quay** off the B2 on the left, 180m past the flyover across the M1.

**Milk Quay** off the B2 by a lane to the left 4 km past the flyover across M1 directly opposite Bailiff's Road.

### **County Armagh**

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#### **Clay Lake**

**Species:** Pike, Rudd and Perch. **Methods:** All legal methods, no groundbait/maggots.

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish **Area:** 48.6 hectares

Season: All year.



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#### Nearest Town: Keady

**How to get there: From Armagh** go south on A29 to Keady 13km, continuing towards Castleblaney on B3 for 2 km. Lake is on the left. **From Newry** travel north on the A25 to Newtownhamilton, continue on the A29 to Keady and turn left onto the B3 for 2km. Clay Lake is on the left.

#### Craigavon City Park Lake South

Species: Pike, Perch, Roach, Bream, and Hybrids
Methods: All legal methods.
Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 coarse fish
Area: 39 hectares

Season: All year

Nearest Town: Craigavon

**How to get there: From Belfast** take M1 and then A76 through Lurgan to Craigavon. Turn towards Lurgan for 0.8 km, right on to A3 for 1.2 km to Tannaghmore Gardens Roundabout. Take the Portadown Road and turn off at roundabout No.3 on the Lurgan-Portadown Road for the carpark.

**Information:** Game fish must be returned to the water unless a DAERA Game licence and permit is held by the angler.

#### Craigavon City Park Lake -North: Stocked Trout Fishery with Pike

**Species:** Pike and Rainbow Trout (DAERA Game Rod Licence & Game Permit Required- even if fishing for Pike)

**Methods:** All legal methods for Pike fishing. Flyfishing, spinning and worm fishing only for Trout. Bait fishing for



Pike with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs only and hook size 4 or greater. Dead bait for Pike is permitted using 1 rod only and should be a minimum size of 100mm. Fly fishing only from boats.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 trout per day/4 coarse fish

Area: 25 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Craigavon

#### How to get there:

**From Belfast** by the M1 to the A76 towards Lurgan for 0.8km and turn right by the A3 for 1.2km to the T junction. Turn right on the B2 for 0.8km to the roundabout and follow the road towards Portadown for 0.6km to next roundabout, where the Lakes are signposted.

Information: Car parks and tarmac roads are provided.

### **County Armagh**

### **County Down**

#### Loughgall Lake

Species: Bream, Roach, Tench, Pike, Perch and CarpMethods: All legal methods

Daily Bag Limit: Catch and release only

Area: 12.4 hectares

Season: All year round

Nearest Town: Loughgall

#### How to get there:

Travelling from Armagh, Loughgall Country Park is on the right hand side as you enter the Loughgall Village.

**Information:** Armagh City and District Council manage the lake on behalf of DAERA and three free day tickets are

available to DAERA season permit holders. Tickets are available from Loughgall Country Park, 11-14 Main Street, Loughgall, BT61 8HZ, Tel: 028 3889 2900



#### **Quoile Basin**

**Species:** Pike, Perch and Rudd **Methods:** All legal methods, including ground bait and maggots for rudd and perch.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish

Area: 40 hectares

Season: All year round.

Nearest Town: Downpatrick

#### How to get there:



From Belfast, proceed in a southerly direction by the A24 and A7 through Saintfield to Downpatrick. Turn left at the roundabout on the A22 then right just before the bridge after 1.2 km. From here follow the road along the river to the various locations and the countryside centre is about 1.5 km (signposted).

### County Fermanagh

#### Lough Money: Stocked Trout Fishery with Pike

**Species:** Pike, Perch and Rainbow Trout (DAERA Game Rod licence & Game permit required).

**Methods:** All legal methods. Flyfishing, spinning and worm fishing only for trout. Bait fishing for pike with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs only





and hook size 4 or greater. Dead bait for Pike is permitted using 1 rod only and should be a minimum size of 100mm.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 coarse fish/4 trout per rod

Area: 21.4 hectares

Season: 1<sup>st</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> December

Nearest Town: Downpatrick

#### How to get there:

**From Downpatrick** take the B1 towards Ardglass, keeping left at the Downshire Hospital just outside the town towards Ballyalton and Ballyhornan. Just past Ballyalton fork left off the Ballyhornan road for 0.8 km to the lough.

**Information:** Three wheelchair accessible disabled fishing stands are available near the car park.

#### Lower Colebrooke River (below Ballindarragh bridge)

**Species:** Roach, Bream, Perch, Rudd and occasional Pike **Methods:** All legal methods.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 coarse fish

Length: 3.2 km

Season: All year

Nearest Town: Lisnaskea

#### How to get there:

**From Lisnaskea** proceed for 0.8 km along the A34 towards Maguiresbridge, turn left along the B514 to Target Deliveries Ltd, where there is access.



### County Fermanagh

#### Upper and Lower Lough Erne

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Bream, Rudd and Roach.

**Methods:** All legal methods, although the use of ground bait and maggots is prohibited in that part of Lower Lough Erne west of an imaginary line from the nearest point of Pollaginnive on the east shore of Boa Island to Hare Island and from that point on the west



shore of Hare Island to the most easterly part of Tully Point.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish

Area: 15,303 hectares.

Season: All year round for coarse fishing.

#### Nearest town: Enniskillen

**How to get there:** Detailed maps of areas to fish are available from the Department by contacting telephone no: 0300 200 7860 or visiting <u>www.nidirect.gov.uk/angling</u>. Information is also available from the Tourist Information Office, Wellington Road, Enniskillen, Tel: 028 6632 3110.

**Upper Lough Erne** - There is good access all around the lough and at Broadmeadow and Cleenish Island. A disabled stand has been erected at Corradilar. A key to the gate is available at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea, Tel: 028 6772 2122.

Lower Lough Erne - There is good access at Stewarts Shore and limited access at Ely Lodge, Boa Island, Muckross and Trory.Information: Game fish must be returned to the water unless a DAERA Game Licence and permit is held by the angler.

### Killyfole (Mill Lough)

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Roach, Bream and Tench

Methods: All legal methods

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish **Area:** 22.6 hectares.

Season: Open all year.

Nearest Town: Rosslea

#### How to get there:



**From Lisnaskea** proceed south-east by the A34 to Moorlough Cross turning left on to the B36 towards Rosslea. Killyfole is 6.4 km along the road on the right.

**From Belfast** take the M1 and the A4 to Fivemiletown, then take the second road on the left towards Cooneen and Carnmoe. Continue to Dernawilt crossroads, turn right and the lake is about 1.6 km on the left.

#### Lough Scolban

Species: Pike, Perch, Roach, Bream and Rudd. Methods: All legal methods. Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/4 coarse fish Area: 69 hectares Season: All year. Nearest Town: Belleek How to get there:



The lough is signposted on the main A47 Kesh to Belleek Road.

### **County Tyrone**

### **Creeve Lough**

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Bream and Roach.

Methods: All legal methods

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish

Area: 18 hectares

Season: All year

Nearest Town: Benburb

#### How to get there:

Turn left for Minterburn off the B45 a short distance from Caledon. Right at Minterburn towards Lough Creeve.

**From Aughnacloy** take B128 Benburb Road for 7.2km, right at Holland's crossroads and follow signs.

#### **Enagh Lough**

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Bream, Tench and Roach.

Methods: All legal methods.

Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish

Area: 5.3 hectares.

Season: All year.

#### Nearest Town: Caledon

#### How to get there:

**From Caledon** take the B45 Dungannon Road for approximately 1.6 km and the lough is on the right.

From Dungannon travel towards Caledon on the B45 for about

17.7 km and the lough is on the left.



#### Lough Macronan

Species: Pike, Perch and Tench. Methods: All legal methods Daily Bag limit: 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish Area: 1 hectare Season: All year Nearest Town: Benburb

#### How to get there:



**From Belfast** to the end of the M1 continuing on the Dungannon bypass for 0.4 km past the service area. Turn left onto the B45 to Caledon travelling through Eglish, turning right at the crossroads just over the Oona bridge. Follow signs for Brantry. Macronan is located in the forested area on the opposite side of the road from Brantry Lough.

**From Aughnacloy** take the B128 Benburb Road for 7.2km. Turn left at Holland's crossroads and follow signs for Brantry Lough. Access is on foot from the south car park at Brantry Lough.

### **Free Fisheries**

#### White Lough: Stocked Trout Fishery with Pike

**Species:** Pike and Rainbow Trout (DAERA Game Rod Licence & Game Permit Required).

**Methods:** All legal methods. Flyfishing, spinning and worm fishing for trout. Flyfishing only from boats. Bait fishing for pike with



barbless hook or hooks with flattened barbs only and hook size 4 or greater. Dead bait for Pike is permitted using 1 rod only and should be a minimum size of 100mm.

Daily Bag limit: 4 trout per rod, 1 pike per rod

Area: 9.3 hectares

Season: 1st February - 31st December

Nearest Town: Aughnacloy

#### How to get there:

**From Aughnacloy** via the main road to Caledon A28 to Crilly (3.2 km from Aughnacloy), turn left then fork right after 0.4 km at Mc Clure's shop.

**Information:** There is access from the car-park to wheelchair accessible stands.

The following fisheries are provided by the Department, but not actively managed. **Only a DAERA rod licence is required for these waters.** 

Anglers must be aware that they use these fisheries and any fishing stands based at these waters at their own risk.

### **County Fermanagh**

#### Upper Lough MacNean

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Bream, Roach, Hybrids and Brown Trout.

Methods: All legal methods.

**Daily Bag limit:** 1 pike/ 4 coarse fish/ 4 trout per rod

Area: 983 hectares

Season: All year

Nearest Town: Belcoo

#### How to get there: From Enniskillen

take the A4 road to Belcoo. At Belcoo turn right on to the B52 road to Garrison. Upper Lough MacNean is on the left.

**Information:** If you do not hold a DAERA Game Rod Licence any trout taken must be returned gently to the water.



### **Carrick Lough**

**Species:** - Pike, Perch, Bream and Roach.

Methods: All legal methods

Area: 3.7 hectares

Season: All year round.

Nearest Town: Aughnacloy



**How to get there:** Travel to Carnteel on the B35 Dungannon -Aughnacloy Road. **From Carnteel** follow Main Road west for 1.9 km until reaching cross roads. Turn right along Carricklongford Road and proceed on for 1.5 km. Carrick Lough is on the left.

#### **Tullygiven Lough**

**Species:** Pike, Perch, Bream and Roach.

Methods: All legal methods

Area: 5.7 hectares

Season: All year

Nearest Town: Benburb

How to get there: From Caledon

take the B45 Dungannon Road for

approximately 1.6 km and the lough is on the right.

From Dungannon travel towards Eglish on B45.

The Lough is 4 km on the left from Eglish on the Caledon Road.





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