



DRUMLANRIG CASTLE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. RIVER FISHING

River Nith

- Salmon: 25 February to 30 November (excluding Sundays).
- Sea Trout / Brown Trout: 1 April to 30 September (excluding Sundays).
- Grayling: 1 December to 31 March including Sundays.

River Scour season

- Fishing on the River Scour opens on 1 April and closes on 30 September (excluding Sundays). No fishing is permitted at any time beyond Glenmanna Bridge. The waters above Arkland Bridge close on 16 August. No Grayling fishing is permitted on the Scour.

In an effort to prevent introduction of the Gyrodactylus Salaris parasite to the river system fishers are required to thoroughly clean and treat tackle, waders and fishing equipment in accordance with the Scottish Executive Guidelines before taking access to the river. An information leaflet can be obtained from:

- SEERAD: 0131 244 6225 | www.scotland.gov.uk
- DEFRA: 08459 335577 | www.defra.gov.uk
- Welsh Assembly Government Agriculture and Fisheries: 02920 823567
www.wales.gov.uk

Terms and conditions for river catches will be varied in line with Government Directives as and when initiated. Any changes will be publicised as far as possible.

2. LOCH FISHING

Loch fishing is available all year round, seven days a week.

3. PRICES / BOOKINGS

The price list is available on the Drumlanrig website. All prices are inclusive of VAT. You can book fishing by phoning the Estate Office, Fishing Desk (01848 600283) during office hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm).

No River Board Licences or other charges are required in Scotland.

All river fishing booked will be liable for a 50% deposit on booking and all loch fishing booked will be liable for a 25% deposit on booking. Deposits are non-refundable.

The balance will be due 6 weeks prior to date of fishing. Any bookings made within 6 weeks of fishing date to be paid in full at time of booking. Payment accepted by cheque, debit/credit card or cash. Cheques to be payable to Buccleuch Estates Ltd.

The Estate cannot accept any responsibility for cancellation of bookings due to bad weather. It is therefore recommended that appropriate cancellation insurance is taken out.

4. PERMITS

Booking confirmation / permits should be carried while fishing and must be shown on request. If the maximum number of Rods on the water is not allocated, Buccleuch Estates reserve the right to assign these Rods. Drumlanrig Castle reserves the right for two Rods to fish at any time. This is exercised only occasionally, and every effort will be made to contact the customer should this intention be known beforehand. Any children fishing must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

5. RETURNS

It is a statutory requirement to record accurate returns of fish caught and so customers are particularly requested to be punctilious in making these returns (including Nil Returns), which should be submitted to the Estate Office. This can be done by entering details on the permit and returning it to the Estate Office, phoning the fishing desk on 01848 600283, emailing fishing@drumlanrigcastle.co.uk. When the office is closed, returns should be deposited in the grey mail box attached to the front wall of the Estate Office. Failure to submit returns will result in future booking requests being declined. Season ticket holders who fail to submit returns each month will have their permits withdrawn.

6. CATCH LIMIT

RIVER:

- Salmon/Grilse: Catch policy will be in accordance with Scottish Government guidelines and subject to change. The current policy and catch limits will be advised at the time of booking.
- Sea Trout: Anglers can retain two Sea Trout of 3lb or below per day, per rod.
- Brown Trout: From 1 October to 31 March all Brown Trout must be returned.
- Grayling: Grayling should be returned.

LOCH: Rods are permitted to keep the first two Rainbow Trout caught with a day fishing permit. Thereafter fishing is on a catch and release basis only. All Brown Trout caught between 1 October and 31 March must be returned.

CHILDREN: In all instances, for a child fishing, the maximum number of fish to be kept is one per permit.

When returning fish this should be done as quickly as possible with the minimum of handling.

7. METHODS OF FISHING

River: Fly fishing is preferred, worm fishing is permitted on Castle beats when the river level is above 2.5 feet at the Drumlanrig Bridge gauge. Spinning is not permitted when the gauge at the Drumlanrig Bridge registers below 1ft (except in the deeper, slower moving pools). Bait can be used for Grayling fishing. Fishers may not use more than two hooks when worm fishing and only then if the hooks are tied in close proximity on a single strand of line. Hooks shall not exceed 13mm in length and 7mm gape. Natural prawns or shrimps may not be used as bait or carried on the water at any time. During the whole season all gravid or stale fish must be returned to the river immediately with as little damage as possible.

Flies, lures, etc: The use of a gaff is prohibited.

Salmon: Red or Orange Ally's Shrimp tied on a double hook in sizes 8, 6 or 4. Other suitable flies are Stoat's Tail, Hairy Mary, Yellow Dog, Blue Charm and Brown Turkey. These should be mostly around size No 6. In high water a 2" Yellow Dog is suggested.

Sea Trout: Peter Ross, Greenwell's Glory, Medium Olive and Black Spider. The usual size being No. 12 and 14 but at night up to size 10 may be required. For spinning, a Devon or Blue Silver Minnow is recommended.

Grayling: Bait can be used.

Lochs: Fly fishing only is with barbless hooks.

8. FISHING ROD HIRE

A limited supply of fishing rods are available for hire and must be pre-booked with the Estate Office.

9. ACCESS

Access and parking facilities are shown on the plans. All gates are to be left as found and roads must be unobstructed. Vehicles may not be driven across agricultural land. Dogs will not be permitted to accompany fishers except by prior arrangement with the Estate Office and only then if they are kept under close control at all times. This is necessary because of the presence of stock in the majority of fields adjoining the river. No fires may be lit. Please do not leave any litter anywhere.

10. FISHING HUTS & BOATS

A fishing hut accessed using a combination lock is available for some river beats and lochs. The code for the lock will be included in the booking confirmation. Goods left in the huts during the course of the day are left at the owner's risk. Please ensure huts are left in a good condition. Any damage to the huts should be reported to the Estate Office. A boat is available on Starburn Loch. At the end of the day, the boat must be returned to the boat house, which must be securely locked and barred, before the Rods leave.

Life jackets are provided and must be worn when fishing from a boat. Boat fishing - no more than three people permitted per boat at any given time. Any defect or damage to the boat or boathouse should be reported immediately so that repairs can be affected.

11. ACCIDENTS

Fishing customers will use the boats, boathouses, stiles, crossing places, access routes, parking spaces, fishing huts and paths at their own risk and no responsibility will be accepted by Buccleuch Estates for any loss, damage, accident or injury which may be sustained and which may be due to the use of the above facilities. If an accident occurs, customers are required to inform the Estate Office and an incident form must be completed.

12. GHILLIE / TUITION

If a fishing customer would like the services of a Ghillie or Tutor please contact the Estate Office in the first instance. Independent Ghillies or Tutors are not permitted without prior permission of the Estate Office which can be contacted on 01848 600283.