

River Derwent Conditions of Permit (2024)

1. This permit is not transferable and is granted to and accepted by the holder on the distinct understanding that he/she complies with all conditions and that failing such compliance this permit is cancelled and forfeited.
2. The right is reserved to cancel or decline to issue a Permit to anyone who offends against the Fisheries Acts, and to anyone who makes himself/herself in any way obnoxious to anglers, water bailiffs or the governing body.
3. The fee for this permit to be paid by the 31st January.
4. The holder must be a fully paid up member of Cockermouth Angling Association.
5. In the interests of protecting fish, a net must be carried at all times and used to net the fish. All fish should be retained in the water and must be released unharmed without undue delay, using best practice catch and release methodology - guidance is available on the CAA website.
6. Fly fishing only prior to the 16th June. Fly fishing using single or double barbless or de-barbed hooks with a maximum individual hook gape of 13mm, or a treble barbless or de-barbed hooks with a maximum individual hook gape of 7mm shall have preference over all other modes of fishing. Any angler using alternative methods must allow fly fishing to proceed without hindrance or undue delay.
7. Worm fishing for Salmon and Sea Trout is not allowed. The use of natural or artificial Prawn or Shrimp is strictly prohibited.
8. Spinning of natural minnow, spoon and artificial fish like bait is allowed when the height of the river measured by the gauge at Gote Bridge is 2'6" or above. Plug type lures can be fished with up to three separate single barbless or de-barbed hooks with a maximum individual gape of 13mm, all other lures (eg. Flying C's and Toby's) must only have a single barbless or de-barbed hook with a maximum gape of 13mm. Spinning baits are not to exceed 1oz. (25grammes) exclusive of hook and swivel.
9. Barbless or de-barbed Spoon fishing is allowed from a Salmon Fly rod provided the gauge at Gote Bridge is not below 1'6", and the size of the spoon does not exceed 1.5" in length exclusive of hook and swivel.
10. It is illegal to take Brown Trout under 9" in length.
11. It is illegal to use a gaff.
12. Anglers are requested not to wade deeply.
13. Fishing boundaries must be strictly observed.
14. No dogs allowed with anglers.
15. The holder of this permit shall, when requested by a Bailiff or Holder, allow his tackle to be inspected and should such an inspection be refused or the tackle cut on the appearance of a Bailiff or permit Holder, this permit will be forfeited.
16. Permit Holders will be held responsible for any damage caused to trees, fences, crops or stock by leaving gates open or by fishing beyond boundaries.
17. An annual return of Salmon and Migratory Trout must be returned to the Secretary by the 30th November including "nil" returns. Failure to make such returns will result in no permit being issued to the member in the following season.
18. No fish to be sold.
19. (i) The number of anglers fishing the following restricted pools shall be limited at any one time as indicated:
 - Left bank Hewthwaite 4 anglers
 - Right bank Stoddart Pot 3 anglers
 - Both banks Iron Bridge pool and Stream 6 anglers - 3 on either bank(ii) An angler may only fish one restricted pool on any one day and must not fish that particular pool on consecutive days.
(iii) Children of permit holders shall not fish any restricted pool.