

River Derwent Conditions of Permit

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. Fly fishing shall have preference over all other modes of fishing, and any angler using alternative methods must allow fly fishing to proceed without hindrance or undue delay.
6. Fly fishing only prior to the 16th June.
7. Worm fishing is only allowed on the River Derwent at 4' and above from 1st July to 30th September. Circle hooks must be used at all times as they have proved to be less damaging to fish when employing catch and release.
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. Spinning baits are not to exceed 1oz. (25grammes) exclusive of hook and swivel. When using "flying c's" in October they must be fitted with a single hook with a gape not exceeding 3/8ths on an inch. The use of natural or artificial Prawn or Shrimp is strictly prohibited.
9. 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 fish for or take Brown Trout under 9" in length or immature Salmon and Sea-Trout.
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. A return of all Salmon and Migratory Trout caught and the number of sessions fished up to the end of June must be returned to Castle Fisheries via the Chairman. Thereafter, a similar return must be made at the end of each month. 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. Until further notice, a 100% Catch and Release policy will apply to ALL Salmon and Sea Trout caught. It is therefore important that all are returned unharmed as quickly as possible to the water.
19. No fish to be sold.
20. (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) If any restricted pool is fished by an angler before 1pm, or between 1pm and 5pm it must not be fished by that angler again that day or the day following.
(iv) Children of permit holders shall not fish any restricted pool.