



CRATHES CASTLE WATER FISHING 2012



DESCRIPTION OF FISHING

Crathes Castle fishings stretch for 2½ miles of the left bank, immediately below Banchory. The fishings are normally let for 4 rods, and are divided into 2 beats each with 4 major pools. There is a maximum of 2 rods on each beat and the rods will change beats at 1.00pm.

All the pools are accessible by car. Each beat has a hut with a fire and toilet. The lower (principal) hut has electricity, a solid fuel stove, microwave and a barbecue. This hut can be used by all guests throughout the day. Fishing can be from the bank or by wading. There is a boat on the lower beat close to the hut.

CONSERVATION CODE 2012

The Dee District Conservation Code states:-

- 100% catch and release for salmon, grilse and sea trout
- Spinning permitted up to April 15th, using only single barbless or crimped hooks to a maximum size 4
- Barbless or crimped fly hooks only, no trebles
- Any fish that have to be killed must be handed in to the Estate
- Continuation of the extension of season until 15th October downstream of Aboyne Bridge will not be decided until the DDSFB meeting in March 2011 following the collection and analysis of information from the monitoring programme

GYRODACTYLUS SALARIS

If guests have fished, canoed or dived in Scandanavia, the Continent or Russia they should take either of the following precautions before fishing or using the Dee and must confirm to either the office or the ghillie that they have done so:-

- Dry equipment and clothing at a minimum temperature of 20°C for at least 2 days
- Heat equipment or clothing at 60°C for at least 1 hour
- Deep freeze equipment or clothing for at least 1 day
- Immerse for 10 minutes or more in either of the following chemicals:
Virkon (1%) Wescodyne (1%) Sodium Chloride (3%) Sodium Hydroxide (0.2%)

THE GHILLIE

Brian Sim, lives at Birkenbaud, which is close to the river at the centre of the beat. His telephone number is 01330 844628 or 07721 895024. He is pleased to provide tuition providing this can be done within the operation of his responsibilities.

RENTAL

Rentals for 2012 will be at the following rates per rod per day, **exclusive of VAT**:

February	£83.00
March & April	£134.00
May	£103.00
June	£78.00
July/August	£67.00
September/October	£88.00

50% of the rental is requested as a deposit on reservation and the balance will be required 30 days before the period of let. If it is less than 30 days before the period of let, then payment in full will be required. If this payment is not made, it is assumed that the fishing is no longer required. The deposit and balance of the rent are non-refundable unless for some reason the fishing is cancelled by the Estate. If guests are unable to take up fishing and therefore wish to cancel, the Estate will endeavour to find replacement tenants, and if successful, an appropriate refund (less costs incurred) will be made to the guest making the cancellation.

Week 1 will be the first full week.

Guests are normally offered the opportunity of returning for the equivalent week (or if they have 2 rods for 2 days or more) each year.

Please note that lunch will not be provided.



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