



CASTLE FISHERIES  
RIVER DERWENT FISHING



# INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the new Castle Fisheries Brochure. Based in Cockermouth, in the western Lake District, we offer fishing on the River Derwent, one of the finest salmon and sea trout rivers in the north of England.

The River Derwent rises beneath Scafell Pike, flows through Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake and then passes through the rolling countryside of the Derwent Valley before entering the Irish Sea at Workington. We have ten beats in total, both upstream and downstream of Cockermouth, each with its individual characteristics and features. In the right conditions, the Derwent provides good runs of salmon throughout the summer and autumn. The summer months can also produce some very good sea trout fishing. The river also holds an excellent population of wild trout, producing some very good early sport and some large fish.

Most of our fishing is double-bank, with numerous streams and pools, the majority of which provide easy wading. Fishing huts are provided on most beats. Friendly and experienced ghillies are available to assist, if required. We are pleased to confirm that Armathwaite,

## BEATS

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**Armathwaite** – immediately below Bassenthwaite Lake in a beautiful and secluded setting. This beat is mostly double bank and has only been lightly fished in recent years.

**Howthwaite** – a sheltered, secluded and beautiful setting in which to fish. Good for sea trout in the summer and salmon later in the season particularly in the right conditions

**Stakes Top** – a beat that fishes well in high water and can also produce some good sea trout at times. The lower stretches of the beat are productive in most conditions.

**Marron Foot** – a very good beat located where the River Marron meets the Derwent. Fishes well in most conditions, particularly at the head of the beat.

**Robin Hole** – newly available, this beat has been lightly fished in recent years and can be highly productive in the right conditions. There are three named pools, Robin Hole, La'al Garden and Rough Hole.

**Risefoot** – an attractive and secluded beat which can also produce some good sea trout fishing in early summer

**Codfitz** – a sheltered and secluded beat, which fishes well in most conditions.

**Ribton Stream** – a versatile and productive beat in most conditions which can also be productive for sea trout. This is developing into an excellent beat following improvements to the upper section.

immediately below Bassenthwaite Lake, and Robin Hole, downstream of Cockermouth, are now available for the first time this season, offering further variety and two excellent, but previously lightly fished, salmon beats. We operate a flexible booking system in order to accommodate both syndicate and weekly/day ticket fishing.

If you have fished our water in previous seasons, we hope to welcome you back again this season. If you have not fished with us before and would like to know more, then please do make contact. We will be delighted to discuss your requirements and to show you the beats that we have on offer.

Best wishes and “tight lines”

David Smith  
*Manager*  
*Castle Fisheries*

**Moatstock** – a productive beat when there is a good height of water although parts will fish well at all heights

**Camerton Church** – a very good beat that produces fish at most heights. This is our lowest beat with salmon arriving 2 to 2½ hours after high tide.



## CATCH RETURNS

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The beats have been lightly fished in recent years and have supported average annual catches of between 700 and 800 salmon and 70 sea trout.

## FISHING PRICES

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### Syndicate

Selected day, each week, throughout the whole of the season  
Prices range from £1000 to £3500 for two rods

### Day rods

Prices range from £100 to £180 per single day (£50 to £70 per single day, early season)  
for two rods

All prices exclude VAT

## FISHING REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

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### Season

**1st February to 31st October (Salmon)**

**1st April to 30th September (Sea Trout)**

**16th March to 30th September (Brown Trout)**

- 1 All Environment Agency rules must be adhered to and a rod licence must be obtained
- 2 Normal fishing is between 9am and 5pm or at other times by prior arrangement
- 3 Fly only except when the level at Gote Bridge is above 2'6" when spinning will be permitted
- 4 The use of gaffs is not permitted
- 5 Castle Fisheries permits are non-transferable and can be withdrawn at any time due to non-compliance with by-laws and Environment Agency conditions
- 6 Maximum fish taken per rod: 1 fish per day, 5 fish per season
- 7 It is illegal to sell any fish
- 8 Foul hooked and gravid fish must be returned
- 9 The owners accept no liability for any loss, damage, injury however caused to the angler, his guest or their property
- 10 Payment is to be made at the time of booking, otherwise, we reserve the right to re-let
- 11 No refunds will be made due to adverse weather or water conditions
- 12 Cancellations – no refunds will be made unless we are able to re-let. An administration charge may apply
- 13 Subletting is not permitted
- 14 No fishing tackle is to be used that has been outside UK in the previous 7 days unless thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and dried

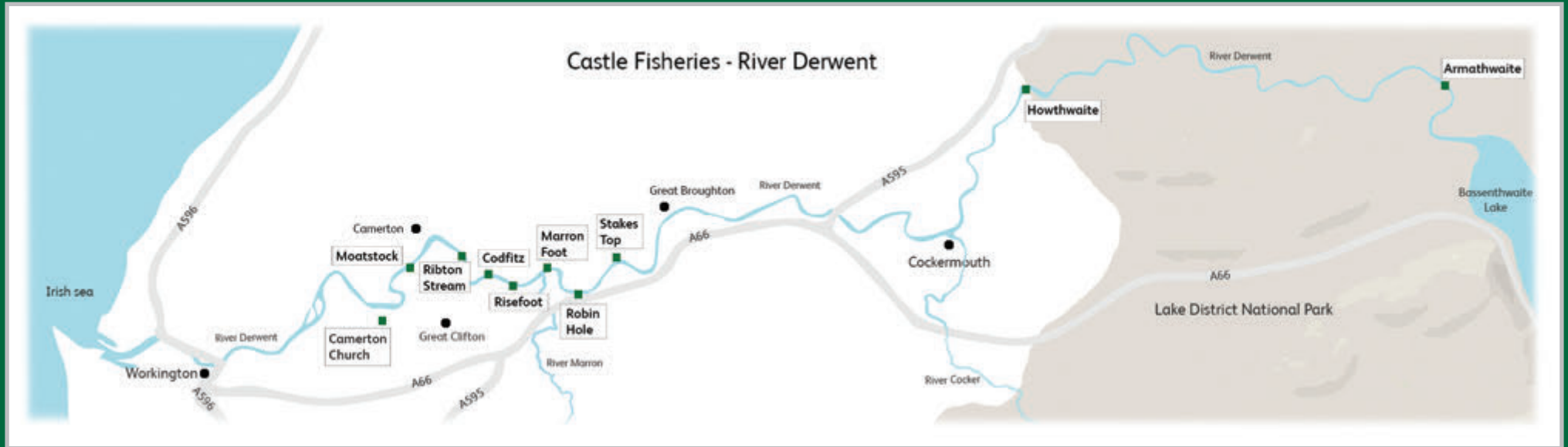
## ENQUIRIES

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