

Crieff Angling Club - Rules and Guidance for Anglers

Loch Turret

This leaflet has been produced to bring together in one place, for easy reference, all the rules and guidance that apply when fishing for brown trout on Loch Turret. We hope that Club members and visitors will find it useful.

The leaflet can be downloaded from the Club website at www.crieffanglingclub.org.uk, which provides news and a range of useful information for members and visiting anglers, including prices, maps, rules and guidance for fishing other Crieff Angling Club waters.

Please follow the rules and enjoy your fishing!

Permission to fish

- The season for fishing for brown trout on Loch Turret runs from 1st April to 30th September.
- A trout protection order applies to the loch, and it is an offence under that order to fish without legal right or written permission.
- **Visiting anglers** are not allowed to fish unless they are carrying a valid day ticket on their person and are using tackle permitted by the ticket. Day tickets for the Loch are available from the:
Garden Centre, Crieff Visitors' Centre, Muthill Road, Crieff - Tel 01764 652722.
- After fishing, **visiting anglers** must use the ticket to make a catch return (including Nil returns) and put it in the box at the boathouse beside the dam or hand it in at Garden Centre, Crieff Visitors' Centre..
- **Club members** are not allowed to fish unless they are carrying their signed membership card on their person.
- **Country members** must carry their signed membership card and their ID card on their person.
- Anglers using a **Complimentary Membership** are not allowed to fish unless they are carrying the relevant Complimentary card on their person.
- Members who fish Loch Turret must include this in their annual catch return at the end of the season.
- Membership cards, ID cards & tickets must be produced for examination to wardens, bailiffs and Club members on request and without objection.
- Membership cards and day tickets are issued to an individual and are not transferable. Only Complimentary cards may be used by someone other than the person named on the card.

Access and parking

- All cars and other conveyances must be left in the official car park at the reservoir.
- Fishing is permitted from the east and west banks of the loch between the aqueduct discharge points at either end of the dam and the marker posts (positions indicated by ● on map) on each bank approximately one mile northwest of the dam.
- Anglers should leave the reservoir grounds as soon as possible after ceasing fishing.

Fishing tackle and methods

- Fishing is by fly only, with normal fly fishing tackle, from 9 am until sunset.
- Bubble floats, spinners, multiple hooked flies, ground baits etc are prohibited.
- Fish under 9 inches in length must be returned to the water unharmed.
- On safety grounds, fishing from man-made structures and wading are prohibited.
- Anglers under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult
- Tackle that has been used outside the UK must be disinfected before use on Club waters to prevent the spread of the disease *Gyrodactylus salaris*.



Conduct

Normal club rules of conduct apply:

- Anglers are prohibited from taking with them any dog, ferret, gun or instrument for killing game.
- Anglers may not light fires. All litter and rubbish must be taken away.
- Damage must not be caused to fences, trees or any other property.
- Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Members bind themselves to report anyone breaking Club rules.

Additionally, because Scottish Water operates Loch Turret as a reservoir and source of water for domestic consumption, a number of other important rules and conditions are laid down for anglers:

- Anglers must take every precaution to avoid fouling the water or the banks of the loch.
- Solid or liquid burning devices – such as for example barbecues or stoves – must not be taken onto or used on reservoir precincts.
- It is prohibited to interfere in any way with machinery, draws, pipes or any arrangement of the Water Board for or in connection with the water supply nor in any way to pollute or throw any substance into the waters of the reservoir or streams or damage any fences or works belonging to the Board, or leave any rubbish on the land adjoining the reservoir or works, nor trespass on any part reserved by the Board as private.
- All persons entering the reservoir grounds under a permit do so at their own risk. Crieff Angling Club and the Water Board accept no responsibility for any injury or damage suffered by such persons or for any claims or liabilities which may be occasioned by any action or omission on the part of such persons, who will fully indemnify the Board and the Angling Club in respect of all such claims.

Sanctions

- Anglers found breaking Club rules may be required to stop fishing and leave the water immediately.
- Breaking Club rules may lead to forfeiture of day ticket, loss of membership and/or a ban from Club waters.
- Activity which is illegal may lead to confiscation of tackle & prosecution.
- SANA policy for the protection of children and vulnerable groups applies.