



WATERSIDE PARKS

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Your Waterside Parks
and Fisheries guide 2025

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**NORTHUMBRIAN
WATER** *living water*

OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

Rainbow trout fishing opens Saturday 8 March 2025, opening times and closing dates are shown on each fisheries page. Book your permit and boat hire now at www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth.

TROUT FISHING PRICES FOR FONTBURN, DERWENT AND GRASSHOLME

Hury reservoir will be closed for the 2025 season and reopen in 2026. The closure is necessary to carry out essential maintenance on the reservoir throughout the year and will involve heavy engineering and low water levels.

- Full day permit (8 fish)* £30
- Full day permit (5 fish)* £26
- Concession permit (8 fish)* £28
- Under 17's day permit (2 fish) £12
- Catch and release, fly and spinning only (optional 2 fish) £21

TROUT FISHING PERMITS FOR KIELDER WATER

- Full day permit (8 fish)* £28
- Concession permit (8 fish)* £26
- Credit cruncher from 2.00pm (4 fish)* £22
- Under 17's day permit (2 fish) £12
- Catch and release, fly and spinning only (optional 2 fish) £21

BOAT HIRE PRICE FOR KIELDER WATER

Hire	Time from	Prices
Full day, Wednesday	8.30am	£16
Half day, Wednesday 1 May to 30 Sep	8.30am or 2:30pm	£13
Full day, Saturday and Sunday	8.30am	£20

*Anglers can pay an extra £5 to fish with two rods on any of the starred permits. This offer is for an individual angler to use only. This is not available at Hury.

Return time confirmed on booking.

Boats must be pre-booked in advance online. T&Cs apply and can be seen on the booking page. Please see our website for details at www.watersideparksuk.com/fishing.

OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

Coarse fishing and pike fishing is available all year round. Wild brown trout fishing opens 22 March 2024.

COARSE FISHING PRICES FOR FISHERIES SHOWN

- Coarse permit, Fontburn and Derwent £12
- Coarse permit, Whittle Dene, Scaling Dam and Lockwood Beck £9

WILD BROWN TROUT FISHING PRICES AT BALDERHEAD, COW GREEN, BLACKTON AND SSET

- Wild brown trout permit (12 fish) £10
- Wild brown trout concession (12 fish) £8
- Fantastic four season permit £105

PIKE FISHING PERMIT FOR SCALING DAM AND DERWENT

- Pike permit £12

Parking charges are included in all permit prices. For further information visit our website or call **0345 155 0236**, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Day permits are available online at www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth. Online bookings must be made before the day you visit. Permits will still be available from visitor centres on the day.

EA rod licences must be purchased online at www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence or at your local post office before fishing at one of our sites.

Follow us at [f/nwwatersideparksandfishing](https://www.facebook.com/nwwatersideparksandfishing) to stay up to date with fishing news.

KIDS FISH FOR FREE

We offer up to two children under 17 to fish for free when one parent/guardian buys a day trout permit. The catch limit is shared within the group.

START FISHING TODAY

If you are new to angling, we have an excellent range of starter kits, which include all you need to get fishing. In addition, our rangers will be happy to assist you by showing you a basic set up and how to start.

FONTBURN

ANY METHOD FISHING FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND COARSE FISHING FOR ROACH

Open Saturday 22 February 2025, 8.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner.

Permits available online at www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Within easy reach of Tyneside, located off the A696 on the B6342 close to the village of Rothbury, Fontburn offers top class fishing for fly and any method anglers. In addition, for the coarse angler, Fontburn holds good stocks of pristine roach.

FONTBURN HIGHLIGHTS

- You can loose feed and ground bait
- Good numbers of 3lb average fish and specimens to double figures
- On-site fish farm
- Accessible platform on the north shore
- Tagged fish with cash prizes

BEST LOCATIONS TO FISH INCLUDE:

- Dam wall
- South shore near the visitor centre
- North shore

For those anglers who like to wander, the lightly fished middle and western end of the north and south shore can provide some excellent sport when the trout are well spread.

Speak to our rangers who will be very happy to assist in your location choice, method, flies and baits for you to have a fantastic days fishing.

For a Fontburn fishing map visit www.watersideparksuk.com/park/fontburn/fishing.



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KIELDER WATER

ANY METHOD FISHING (BANK AND BOAT) FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND WILD BROWN TROUT

Open Saturday 8 March 2025, everyday from 6.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner. Kielder Waterside shop opens from 6.00am and Tower Knowe Visitor Centre opens Saturday 29 March from 10.00am.

Permits and boat bookings available online at www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Kielder Water, the biggest man-made lake in northern Europe, offers exhilarating fishing for both bank and boat anglers. Located 12 miles west of Bellingham, Kielder is easily accessible from the A69 at Hexham.

KIELDER HIGHLIGHTS

- The largest man made lake in northern Europe
- Fleet of fully equipped motor boats
- Lots of remote wilderness to explore
- Both fly and multi bait tactics work well as fish can be close to the shore
- A well stocked fishery ensuring fish are well spread throughout the water
- Opportunity to drift using loch style methods to catch fish on the top of the water

BEST LOCATIONS TO FISH INCLUDE:

- Stockie Bay
- Hawkhope
- Kielder Waterside

Kielder Waterside offers fun and exciting activities for all the family, from archery in the forest, to paddleboarding on the water. Meet up for lunch at the Forest Bar & Kitchen or indulge in a tasty treat at Tower Knowe Cafe. To see all activities you can book, visit www.bookwhen.com/kielderwatersideactivities.

Spend even longer with us and book a luxury lodge, where you get your day fishing permit for only £15! Visit www.kielderwaterside.com.



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FISHING AT WATERSIDE PARKS

With five premier fisheries located within the north east, from Northumberland to Teesdale, our Waterside Parks are the perfect locations for a great sporting day out.

Our fisheries have built up a well deserved reputation for offering top quality fishing and angling opportunities for all, including bait and fly trout fishing at our premier fisheries, wild brown trout at our Upper Teesdale reservoirs and coarse fishing at Whittle Dene, Scaling Dam and Lockwood Beck.

YOU CAN FIND OUR WATERSIDE PARKS AND FISHERIES AT:

DERWENT - County Durham

FONTBURN, KIELDER WATER, WHITTLE DENE - Northumberland

GRASSHOLME, SELSET, COW GREEN, BALDERHEAD, BLACKTON - Teesdale

SCALING DAM, LOCKWOOD BECK - Redcar and Cleveland



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Members of:



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DERWENT

ANY METHOD FISHING ON ALL BANKS FOR RAINBOW TROUT, WILD BROWN TROUT, PIKE AND COARSE FISH.

Open Saturday 8 March 2025, 8.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner.

Permits available online at
www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Derwent is located just off the A68, four miles west of Castleside and nine miles from the A69, and is our most popular fishery. There is lots of bank space to choose from to pick that perfect location, with any method and coarse and pike fishing available on all banks.

DERWENT HIGHLIGHTS

- You can loose feed and ground bait when any method fishing
- This season we will be stocking a minimum of 22,000 quality rainbow trout.
- Accessible platform on the south side of the dam
- Tagged fish with cash prizes

BEST LOCATIONS TO FISH INCLUDE:

- Bay of plenty
- Cronkley meadow
- Powhill

Speak to our rangers who will be very happy to assist in your location choice, method, flies and baits for you to have a fantastic days fishing.

For a Derwent fishing map visit
www.watersideparksuk.com/park/derwent/fishing



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GRASSHOLME

ANY METHOD FISHING FOR RAINBOW TROUT

Open Saturday 8 March 2025, 8.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner.

Permits available online at
www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Lying in the picturesque rolling pastures of upper Teesdale, near Mickleton and close to Barnard Castle, Grassholme is firmly established as one of the top any method fisheries in the region.

GRASSHOLME HIGHLIGHTS

- You can loose feed and ground bait
- This season we will be stocking a minimum of 15,600 quality rainbow trout this includes the allocation for Hury reservoir.
- Accessible platform close to the visitor centre
- Tagged fish with cash prizes
- Four miles of bank space with many inlets and bays

BEST LOCATIONS TO FISH INCLUDE:

- Dam wall
- Witch's hat
- White post

For those anglers who like to wander, the middle reaches of the reservoir offer some fantastic sport to fly and spinning methods.

Speak to our rangers who will be very happy to assist in your location choice, method, flies and baits for you to have a fantastic days fishing.

For a Grassholme fishing map visit
www.watersideparksuk.com/park/grassholme/fishing



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HURY

Hury reservoir will be closed for the 2025 season and reopen in 2026. The closure is necessary to carry out essential maintenance on the reservoir throughout the year and will involve heavy engineering and low water levels.

Due to the 2025 closure of Hury we anticipate that angling numbers will increase at Grassholme reservoir. As a result we will be allocating the Hury stock into Grassholme for the 2025 season.



SCALING DAM

COARSE AND PIKE FISHING

Open all year round during sunlight hours.

Permits available online only at
www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Scaling Dam sits within the North York Moors National Park, between Guisborough and Whitby on the A171, and is surrounded by beautiful wild heather moorland. The reservoir is relatively shallow making it an excellent choice for both coarse and pike anglers.

There is a lot of bank space to choose from on this stunning water, including from the dam wall, the east end and the south shore. A large car park sits at the east end of the reservoir for accessing the south shore. There are toilet facilities at the western end of the reservoir for all visitors.

For a Scaling Dam fishing map visit
www.watersideparksuk.com/park/scaling-dam/fishing.



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LOCKWOOD BECK

COARSE FISHING

Open all year round during sunlight hours.

Permits available online only at
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Lockwood Beck is located ten minutes north from Scaling Dam on the A171, between Guisborough and Whitby. It includes an excellent natural stock of roach and perch. We have introduced mixed species of coarse fish to supplement the excellent stocks of roach and perch. Species introduced to date are skimmer bream, crucian carp, tench and rudd.

There are plenty of fishing opportunities in this 60 acre of clear water with over a mile of bank space including along the dam wall on the north side. On the south side you can fish from the banks of the spacious moorland, whilst on the east and west banks there is space along the bank of mature mixed woodland.

Lockwood Beck offers a fishing experience of peace, quiet and stunning scenery.

For a Lockwood Beck fishing map visit
www.watersideparksuk.com/park/lockwood-beck/fishing.



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WHITTLE DENE

COARSE FISHING

Open all year round during sunlight hours.

Permits available online only at
www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth

Whittle Dene is the perfect place for a quiet day coarse fishing that includes a variety of species, with excellent stocks of roach, perch and skimmers. Located near Horsley, on the military road (B6318) Harlow Hill, Northumberland, there are three good sized fishing lakes to choose from.

If you don't want to walk far, the roadside banks on the Northern and Lower lakes are easily accessible. For the more adventurous minded the grassy banks are easy to traverse with a trolley if you want to explore further afield.



Sometimes it can pay to fish the far banks of the top two lakes, which often provide bigger fish. If you prefer solitude the 10-15 minute walk to the Great Southern lake is worth the effort too, providing stunning scenery and the potential for some of the best roach fishing you will ever experience!

Whittle Dene is continuing to grow in popularity so don't miss out.

For a Whittle Dene fishing map visit
www.watersideparksuk.com/park/whittle-dene/fishing.

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WILD BROWN TROUT

Open 22 March until 30 September.

Day permits available online at www.bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth or at Grassholme Visitor Centre, during opening hours.

Fantastic four season permit available. This can be purchased at Grassholme Visitor Centre, during opening hours.

Based in Teesdale, close to Barnard Castle, we have four of the very best wild brown trout fisheries in the country. Balderhead, Cow Green, Selset and Blackton are surrounded by the fantastic scenery of the North Pennine grouse moors and they are full of 100% native, fighting fit, truly wild browns.

Descending from the original upland brownies, which lived in the streams before the dams were built, the wild browns are lightning quick and very hard fighting with unique colours and markings. These fish are a joy to catch and provide excellent sport.



We offer a season permit at the great price of £105, which gives you access to fish at all four wild brown trout reservoirs, as often as you like.

VISITOR CENTRES

Available at Derwent, Kielder Water, Grassholme and Fontburn, our visitor centres offer a wide selection of goods for everyone.

For our anglers we offer a comprehensive range of tackle and clothing* for all abilities including:

- Starter kits
- Quality fly and bait fishing rods and reels
- A wide range of flies and baits
- Spinners, hooks, floats and weights
- Newest gadgets on the market
- Waders, jackets and waterproofs

We are proud to stock products from some of the best angling manufacturers such as Greys, Sonik, Shakespeare, Airflo, Wychwood, Leeda, Berkley and Pure Fishing plus many more. Our clothing stock comes from brands including Deerhunter and Prologic.

***Full range only available at certain visitor centres, please see website for details. At Kielder we don't have fishing retail stock compared to the likes of the Derwent.**

Additionally we offer:

- Hot and cold drinks
- Sweets, snacks and ice cream
- Gifts and home goods
- 'Go Fishing' gift vouchers

Our self-serving café at Derwent offers quality tea and coffee, sandwiches, pastries and cakes. Seating is available inside and out, so you can enjoy a light bite whatever the weather.

If you are fishing at Kielder Water, our Kielder Waterside shop offers quality tea and coffee, sandwiches, sweet treats and snacks. If you prefer something more substantial, visit the Forest Bar & Kitchen at Kielder Waterside for a delicious hot dish or try a tasty sandwich, pasty or cake at Tower Knowe Visitor Centres Cafe.

If you have any questions on the day, or would like any advice, our team of rangers are on hand with their years of experience and will happily answer any questions you have, or give you a few tips for your day!

Our visitor centres are open at different times throughout the season, please check our website before your visit.

FISHING COMPETITIONS AND WATER SPORTS

COMPETITIONS

Over the season we run a series of friendly competitions across our reservoirs where you can win fantastic prizes and support local, national and international charities.

For full details on our competition calendar visit www.watersideparksuk.com/news.

WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

There are active sailing clubs you can join offering a wide variety of water sports for all. To learn more about each club visit the following websites.

KIELDER WATER

www.kielderwatersc.org – Kielder Water Sailing Club
www.kielderyachtclub.com – Kielder Yacht Club
www.kielderwaterskiclub.org.uk – Kielder Water Ski Club

DERWENT

www.drsc.co.uk – Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club

GRASSHOLME

www.tdswc.org.uk – Teesdale Sailing and Watersports Club

SCALING DAM

www.scalingdam.org – Scaling Dam Sailing Club



BIOSECURITY INFORMATION

Protecting our Waterside Parks from Invasive Species.

Invasive species can seriously damage the natural environment and have an impact on your fishing experience. They can disrupt food webs, affect water quality and carry diseases that threaten fish's health.

That is why across our Waterside Parks and reservoirs we take biosecurity seriously, to protect the fishing experience of all our users and make sure you can enjoy the natural beauty of our sites for years to come.



Before coming onto and leaving our sites, we strongly recommend you check and clean all fishing gear, to remove any animal and plant fragments. This simple measure helps to prevent introducing any unwanted species into the water.

Allowing all kit to thoroughly dry before re-use is also a great way to prevent spreading diseases.

WATCH OUT FOR



- Mussels
- Shrimp
- Fish diseases
- Plants
- Crayfish

If you accidentally catch any crayfish species while fishing you **MUST** return it to the water. Removal of these species is an illegal activity.

Look out on-site for helpful tips you can take to protect our reservoirs and fisheries
www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry.

SAFETY AND RULES

It is the responsibility of all anglers visiting our Waterside Parks and reservoirs to make themselves aware of the angling rules and important safety information before fishing. These are displayed in the visitor centres, fishing lodges and around our sites.

Our any method trout fisheries allow you to use a variety of fishing techniques with the most popular methods being bait fishing with either float or ledger rigs. You can also spin with a variety of artificial spinners, spoons and lures. For a full copy of our safety information and angling rules visit www.watersideparksuk.com/fishing/safety or request a copy by calling **0345 155 0236**.



WATER SAFETY

Being in and around water is great fun, but water can be very dangerous. We want you to have fun visiting our Waterside Parks, but we also want you to keep safe. Swimming is not allowed at any of our reservoirs, unless with an authorised swimming group.

For our general water safety checklist visit www.watersideparksuk.com/fishing/safety.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Our Waterside Parks are perfect places for spending quality, fun time with friends and family.

Try one of the beautiful walks that showcase the views across the waters and surrounding landscapes, giving you the perfect atmosphere to reconnect with your loved ones, or yourself. Take part in one of the nature trails at certain parks and find the hidden word.

Enjoy a family lunch at one of our picnic areas and relax while the kids run around and let loose in the play parks.

There is an abundance of wildlife for you to see amongst the pretty wild flowers and the things you can discover are forever changing with the seasons, so you can visit time and time again.



Facilities and activities (for all Waterside Parks, unless stated):

- Derwent Café
- The Forest Bar & Kitchen (Kielder Waterside)
- Tower Knowe Visitor Centre Cafe (Kielder Water)
- Grassholme Observatory
- Derwent Fest
- Kielder Waterside Tipi Weddings
- Go Active, fun family activities (Kielder Waterside)
- Revive Gym, Pool and Spa (Kielder Waterside)
- Tipi hire (Kielder Waterside)
- Visitor centre
- Dog running field (Derwent)
- Picnic areas
- Nature trail (Derwent)
- Circular/reservoir walks
- Toilets
- Parking (fees apply for non-anglers)
- Special events calendar, e.g. Kielder Marathon

For further information on the offerings at each of our Waterside Parks, or for updates on our events calendar, visit www.watersideparksuk.com/news or call **0345 155 0236**. For more information on all offerings at Kielder Waterside visit www.kielderwaterside.com.

WATERSIDE PARKS AND FISHERIES IN THE NORTH

KEY

Parking	Accessible
Picnic area	Life belt
Toilet	Information
Emergency Telephone	Playpark
Café	



WOOLER

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AMBLE

ASHINGTON

BEDLINGTON

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

SUNDERLAND

HARTLEPOOL

DURHAM

BISHOP AUCKLAND

NEWTON AYCLIFFE

DARLINGTON

MIDDLESBROUGH

RICHMOND

NORTHALLERTON

FONTBURN
WATERSIDE PARK

Any method fishing
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KIELDER WATERSIDE
RECREATION

Any method fishing
Sat nav: NE48 1BT
Early opening from 6.00am

BELLINGHAM

WHITTLE DENE
RESERVOIR

Coarse fishing
Sat nav: NE15 0QA

DERWENT
WATERSIDE PARK

Any method fishing
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HEXHAM

CONSETT

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GRASSHOLME
RESERVOIR

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• COW GREEN

HURY
RESERVOIR

CLOSED FOR 2025 SEASON

• SELSET

BLACKTON

BALDERHEAD

LOCKWOOD BECK
RESERVOIR

Coarse fishing
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SCALING DAM
RESERVOIR

Coarse and pike fishing
Sat nav: TS13 4TP

