

DISCOVER FISHING IN THE NORTH EAST

Your Waterside Parks and Fisheries guide 2026



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DERWENT

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

Open Saturday 7 March 2026, 8.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner.

Permits available online at bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth.

Derwent is located just off the A68, four miles west of Castleide and nine miles from the A69, and is our most popular fishing venue. It is a beautiful, scenic lake with a wide variety of fish species available on all banks.

DERWENT TROUT HIGHLIGHTS

- You can loose feed and ground bait when any
- 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 (Ask in shop for details)

BEST LOCATIONS TO FISH INCLUDE:

- Above the Sailing Club (live crinkled postings)
- Cronkley Meadow (elder panels relief)
- Pow Hill (symphonic, pusty ahead)

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 watersideparksuk.com/park/derwent/fishing.



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WILD BROWN TROUT

Open 22 March until 30 September.

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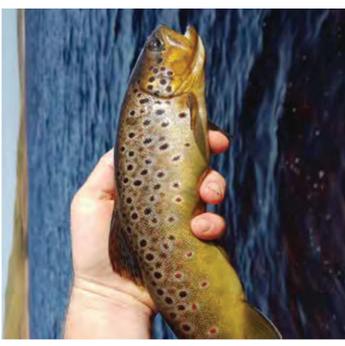
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OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

Rainbow Trout fishing opening dates vary. Opening times and closing dates are shown on each fisheries page. Book your permit and bait here now at bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth.

TROUT FISHING PRICES FOR FONTBURN, DERWENT AND GRASSHOLME

- Full day permit (8 fish)* £21
- Half day permit (5 fish)* £17
- Concession permit (6 fish)* £29
- Under 17s day permit (2 fish) £13
- Catch and release, fly and spinning only (optional 2 fish) £22

TROUT FISHING PERMITS FOR KIELDER WATER

- Full day permit (8 fish)* £29
- Concession permit (6 fish)* £27
- Credit chucker (from 2.00pm, 6 fish)* £23
- Under 17s day permit (2 fish) £13
- Catch and release, fly and spinning only (optional 2 fish) £22

BOAT HIRE PRICES FOR KIELDER WATER

Hire	Time from	Prices
Full day, Wednesday	8.30am	£18
Half day, Wednesday 1 May to 30 Sep	8.30am or 2.30pm	£15
Full day, Saturday and Sunday	8.30am	£22

*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 at the booking page.

Please see our website for details at watersideparksuk.com/fishing.

OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

Coarse fishing and pike fishing is available all year round. Wild brown trout fishing opens 22 March 2026.

COARSE FISHING PRICES FOR FISHERIES SHOWN

- Coarse permit, Fontburn and Derwent £12
- Coarse permit, Whittle Dene, Scalling Dam and Lockwood Beck £5

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

- 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 a full and complete list of our opening times and prices visit bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth.

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 gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence before fishing at one of our sites.

Follow us at www.facebook.com/watersideparksandfishing 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 7 March 2026, 8.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner.

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Within easy reach of Tyne-side, located off the A696 on the B6542 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 praline roach.

FONTBURN HIGHLIGHTS

- You can loose feed and ground bait double figures
- On-site fish farm
- South shore, open 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.

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KIELDER

ANY METHOD FISHING FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND WILD BROWN TROUT

Open Saturday 7 March 2026, everyday from 6.00am to 8.00pm or sunset, whichever is sooner. Kielder Waterside shop opens from 6.00am and Tower Knowes Visitor Centre opens Saturday 28 March 2026 from 10.00am.

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

Kielder Water, the biggest man-made lake in northern Europe, offers exhilarating fishing for both bank and boat anglers. Located 17 miles from Hexham, Kielder is easily accessible from the A69 at Hebburn.

Boats are available on a Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

KIELDER HIGHLIGHTS

- Good numbers of 3lb average fish and specimens to double figures
- The largest man made lake in northern Europe
- Fleet of fully equipped motor boats
- Lots of remote wilderness to explore
- Tagged fish prizes
- Both fly, spinning and multi bait tactics work well as throughout the water
- 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 (announced finger early)
- Hawkhope (resonated underway/keen)
- Kielder Waterside (broadswe grab/couch)

Kielder Waterside offers fun and exciting activities for all ages and abilities. There are a variety of activities on the water. Meet up for lunch at the Forest Bar & Kitchen or indulge in a tasty treat at The View at Tower Knowes. To see all activities you can book, visit bookwhen.com/kielderwatersideactivities.

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

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FISHING AT WATERSIDE PARKS

With premier fisheries located within the north east, from Northumbria 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. From the most challenging to the most relaxing, premier fisheries, wild brown trout, our Upper Teesdale reservoirs and coarse fishing at Whittle Dene, Scalling Dam and Lockwood Beck.

YOU CAN FIND OUR WATERSIDE PARKS AND FISHERIES AT:

DERWENT:

County Durham

Northumbria

FONTBURN, KIELDER WATER, WHITTLE DENE:

Northumbria

GRASSHOLME, SELSET, COW GREEN,

Teesdale

SCALING DAM, LOCKWOOD BECK:

Redcar and Cleveland

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NORTHUMBRIAN WATERWAYS

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LOCKWOOD BECK

COARSE FISHING

Open all year round during sunlight hours.

Permits available online only at bookwhen.com/watersideparksnorth.

Lockwood Beck is located ten minutes north from Rothbury and is a beautiful, scenic lake with a wide variety of fish species available on all banks.

WILLOW TROUT HIGHLIGHTS

- Clear water with over a mile of bank space including 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 watersideparksuk.com/park/lockwood-beck/fishing.



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SCALING DAM

COARSE AND PIKE FISHING

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Scaling Dam sits within the North York Moors National Park and is surrounded by beautiful wild heath moorland. The reservoir is relatively shallow making it an excellent choice for both coarse and pike angling.

There is a lot of bank space to choose from on this venue, with a large car park at the east end and the south shore of the reservoir for accessing the western end of the reservoir for all visitors.

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



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WHITTLE DENE

COARSE FISHING

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Whittle Dene is the perfect place for a quiet day coarse fishing. Located just off the A69, it is a beautiful, scenic lake with a wide variety of fish species available on all banks.

WHITTLE TROUT HIGHLIGHTS

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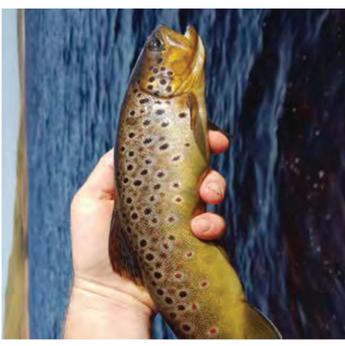
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VISITOR CENTRES

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:

- Quality fly and bait fishing rods and reels
- A wide range of flies and baits
- Waders, jackets and waterproofs
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We are proud to stock products from some of the best angling brands available, such as Greys, Berkeley, Savage, Shimano, Daiwa, Abu Garcia, G. L. Hunt, Crick, G. L. Hunt, Zeman and others. We also stock various outdoor wear from brands like Camel.

*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
- Go Fishing gift vouchers

Our coffee shop 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 our Forest Bar & Kitchen at Kielder Waterside, where you can enjoy a delicious, hearty sandwich, pasty or cake at The View at Tower Knowes.

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 you 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.

WaterAid competition fishing dates at Kielder Water:

- 1st Heat - Saturday 25 April
- 2nd Heat - Saturday 23 May
- 3rd Heat - Sunday 21 June
- Final - Saturday 11 July

To book your place call Kielder Waterside on 0353 321 6315

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

WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

There are active sailing clubs you can join offering a wide range of activities. You can learn more about each club visit the following websites.

KIELDER WATER

kielderwatersailingclub.com - Kielder Water Sailing Club

www.watersideparksuk.com - Kielder Water Ski Club

DERWENT

dfsc.co.uk - Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club

GRASSHOLME

teesvalleygolfclub.com - Teesdale Sailing and Watersports Club

SCALING DAM

scalingdam.org - Scalling Dam Sailing Club



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BIOSURVIVAL INFORMATION

Protecting our Waterside Parks from Invasive Species.

Invasive species can seriously damage the natural environment and the wildlife that lives there.

Quality and carry diseases that threaten fish health.

WATERSIDE PARKS AND FISHERIES IN THE NORTH

KEY

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

