

Fishing in Ireland's North East



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Fishing for Wild Brown Trout, Salmon and Sea Trout in Ireland's North East

Inland Fisheries Ireland welcomes you to Ireland's North East. This area which comprises parts of counties Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan contains many of the undiscovered angling jewels of Ireland. There are a number of well-established angling centres in this area and a host of excellent fishing venues that cater for the needs of trout and salmon anglers. Fishing is available through angling associations and riparian owners and day permits can be purchased in most of the main angling centres. Many angling associations support a policy of catch and release and fishing on association waters must be consistent with the current rules and regulations of the various associations.

Wild brown trout fishing is available on the rivers Dee, Glyde, Fane, and Clarebane. The Ulster and Monaghan Blackwater rivers which are located in County Monaghan contain good stocks of wild and stocked brown trout. The Ulster Blackwater can get a run of Dollaghan trout close to the end of the fishing season.

Anglers more interested in lake fishing will find a number of well managed lakes in the Drumconrath, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney and Emyvale areas. These lakes hold stocks of wild and stocked trout and day permits are available locally in each of these areas.

The rivers Dee, Fane, Glyde, Ballymascanlan and Castletown get runs of salmon and sea trout between June and September. The Fane has the added advantage of staying open until 12th October. Salmon and sea-trout fishing on these rivers fall into three broad categories, (1) open, (2) open for fishing on the basis of catch and release and (3) closed.

The officially designated status of each of the rivers outlined below is set out in the salmon and sea trout angling regulations which also set out the conditions under which salmon and sea trout fishing can be undertaken. These regulations are reviewed annually.

A State licence is required when fishing for salmon and sea trout and where salmon and sea trout may be retained the law now requires all captured salmon and sea trout over 40cm to be tagged. A number of salmon and sea trout conservation by-laws have been enacted and anglers are requested to check on these and the up to date status of all regulations before fishing at www.fishinginireland.info

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GAME ANGLING RIVERS

The River Dee rises near Bailieboro in Co. Cavan and flows in a north-easterly direction for over 48km before entering the Irish Sea at the picturesque village of Annagassan, Co. Louth. This river has good stocks of native wild brown trout and has hatches of mayfly, olives and sedges. Fishing is controlled by Angling Associations and private fishery owners. Before fishing, anglers must obtain the appropriate permission and fishing must be consistent with the current

rules and regulations of the associations. Access to fishing on the Dee can be difficult in some areas. There are angling facilities on the Dee to cater for anglers with special needs including reduced mobility.

The Dee also gets a run of salmon and sea trout from July to the end of September. The best salmon and sea trout fishing is to be found on the Dee fishery between Cappogue Bridge and Willistown. This fishery is under the control of the Dee and Glyde Development Association. There are also a number of private fisheries in this area. All fishing on the River Dee (that part of the river downstream of Cappogue Bridge) is subject to using single barbless hooks only and no worms. Further details on accessing fishing on this river are available on the Dee & Glyde Angling Association website www.deeandglyde.com

The River Glyde has good stocks of wild brown trout and the best of the fishing is from Castlebellingham to Tallanstown. Riparian owners and Angling Associations, some of which have day permits available, control fishing.

The Glyde also gets a small run of salmon and sea trout from July to September and the best of the fishing is from Castlebellingham to the Lynn's weir near Annagassan. Further details on accessing fishing on this river are available on the Dee & Glyde Angling Association website www.deeandglyde.com

The River Fane owes its origins to a series of smaller tributaries, which rise in Counties Monaghan and Armagh. These include the Frankfort and Mullaghduff Rivers which flow into Lough Muckno. Between Lough Muckno and Lough Ross this river is known as the Clarebane River, which is generally deep and slow flowing but has some nice riffles, glides and pools. The River Fane originates from Lough Ross, which straddles the border between counties Monaghan and Armagh. It then flows in a south-easterly direction for 62km before entering the Irish Sea at the sea-side village of Blackrock, Co. Louth. The Fane and its tributaries hold good stocks of wild brown trout, salmon and sea trout.

Brown trout fishing is good in the upper stretches from Knockbridge upstream to the border and beyond. This beautiful river gets hatches of large dark olives, iron blues and various sedges including the grey flag. Black gnats and reed smut are also important. There are angling facilities on the Fane to cater for anglers with special needs including those with reduced mobility. Sea-trout fishing can be good from the end of May and the area around McKenna's Bridge is a favourite stretch.

The main salmon run on the Fane arrives late in the season and although salmon fishing is available from July onwards the best of the salmon fishing takes place in September and October. Fishing is very dependent on water levels. Riparian owners and a number of Angling Associations, some of which have day permits available, control fishing. Anglers must note that where salmon and sea trout may be retained, the law now requires all captured salmon and sea trout over 40cm to be tagged. Salmon fishing on the Fane is regulated by the salmon and sea trout regulations. For further information on salmon fishing on the Fane

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The Bicycle Doctor, Church St, Dundalk and Shamrock Baits, Castletown Road, Dundalk

The Castletown River rises close to Newtownhamilton Co. Armagh and is known as the Creggan River in its upper reaches. Its two main tributaries are the Kilcurry and Falmore rivers, both of which contain small stocks of wild brown trout up to 1lb. Access and fishing can be difficult. The brown trout fishing on the Castletown is from Toberona to the border, with the best of the fishing located downstream of Ballybinaby Bridge. The Castletown River gets a small run of salmon and a very good run of sea trout and fishing is controlled by the Dundalk Brown Trout Angling Association and riparian owners. The best period for fishing is from July to September and day permits are available locally (for permits and contact details for the Dundalk Brown Trout Anglers please see Fane section above).

The Ballymascanlan River rises on Slieve Gullion and Camlough Mountain west of Newry, Co. Down and flows 23km before entering Dundalk Bay north east of Dundalk, Co. Louth. This river contains small stocks of wild brown trout and gets a small run of salmon and sea trout during the summer months. The best period for fishing is from July to September and fishing is best after a flood. Riparian owners and the local Dundalk Brown Trout Angling Association, who have day permits available, control fishing (for permits and contact details for the Dundalk Brown Trout Anglers please see Fane section above).

The Monaghan Blackwater rises near the Bragan Mountains and flows in a south-



easterly direction through Monaghan town, eventually joining with the Ulster Blackwater near Caledon. It has good numbers of wild and stocked brown trout and angling is controlled by the Monaghan Anglers Association who encourage a policy of catch and release. Some of the more popular angling areas are upstream and downstream of Milltown & Rathconnell Bridges and the Silver Stream area close to the confluence with the Ulster Blackwater. Day permits and additional information are available from:

Dick Kiernan, Venture Sports, 71 Glaslough Street, Monaghan Town, Co. Monaghan.

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email: venturesports@monaghan-outdoors.com

The Ulster Blackwater is not extensively fished but has a very good stock of wild brown trout. These trout are small, wild and free rising and generally weigh from 6ozs to 12ozs. Fish to 1lb and over are not uncommon and fish of 2lbs to 2.5lbs are also possible. Fly hatches on this river start with the large dark olive early in the season and there is also a hatch of mayfly in May and June. Blue winged olives are important during the summer and midges and smuts also form part of the trout's diet.

This river also gets a late season run of Dollaghan which are a strain of trout found in Lough Neagh. They are extremely fast growing and migrate to this river to spawn. Dollaghan are not a free rising fish and the angler should employ similar techniques to those used in sea trout fishing, including fly patterns. The best time to fish for Dollaghan is after sunset, right through to the early hours. The Lough More and District and Aughnacloy Angling Associations fish the waters from the area known as Favour Royal to Anaroe Bridge. The Ulster Blackwater is a joint jurisdictional water and anglers should

acquaint themselves with relevant licence and permit requirements in each jurisdiction.

Additional details can be obtained from:

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GAME ANGLING LAKES

Lough Bracken is a stocked trout fishery located south west of the village of Drumconrath, Co. Meath and is controlled by Inland Fisheries Ireland. Stands, stiles, footbridges and a spacious car park have been provided to facilitate anglers. This lake contains stocks of brown and rainbow trout and is stocked regularly. Fishing is fly only and the season runs from 1st May to 30th September. Fishing must be consistent with the rules and regulations for the time being in force. Permits and angling information are available from:

The Post Office, Main Street, Drumconrath, Co. Meath. Tel: +353 41 68 54100

Inland Fisheries Ireland, 15a Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Tel: +353 1 2787022
email: blackrock@fisheriesireland.ie
web: www.fishinginireland.info

Lough Boughagh (Baithe) is located 4.5km southwest of Carrickmacross on the (R111) Kingscourt road. This lake contains stocks of brown and rainbow trout and is stocked annually by the Carrickmacross and District Anglers Club. Day permits are available and fishing must be consistent with the current rules of the Club. Access and parking are difficult at this angling venue. The season stretches from the first Sunday in May to the end of September. Worm, fly and maggot baits are allowed. Bank fishing only!

Lough Na Garnaman is located 8km northwest of Carrickmacross with fishing controlled by the Carrickmacross and District Anglers Club. This lake contains stocks of brown and rainbow trout and is stocked annually by the club. Day permits are available and fishing must be consistent with the current rules of the club. Parking is available with a large roadside car park giving access to the eastern shore while the lane to the pump house leads to the western shore. The season stretches from the first Sunday in May to the end of September. Worm, fly and maggot baits are allowed. Bank fishing only!

Creivy Lake is located 1.5km north of Carrickmacross off the N2 on the left-hand side of the road. This fishery is stocked regularly with rainbow trout. The season normally runs from mid-April to 30th September.

Further information: For details on permits and up to date fishing information on Lough Boughagh, Lough Na Garnaman and Creivy Lake please contact:

Mr. Gordon Sweetnam, Secretary, Carrickmacross and District Angling Association, c/o 57 Main Street, Carrickmacross,

Co. Monaghan, Tel: +353 42 9661319 or John Howell, Tel: +353 42 9661702

Spring Lough lies east of Carrickmacross and can be accessed via the R178. This is a newly developed trout fishery which covers an area of 14 hectares with depths to 8m. The lake has been stocked with rainbow trout in excess of 5lbs. Fishing is controlled by Spring Lake Anglers and fishing is by boat and boats are available at the lake. Fishing is fly fishing only and all legitimate fly fishing methods are allowed. Day permits are available.

Further information: For details on permits and up to date fishing information on Spring Lough please contact

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Milltown Lough is located 3.5km north east of Castleblayney off the R182 Newtownhamilton road. The left-hand turn off the R182 takes you right to the eastern shoreline of the lake. Milltown Lough holds good stocks of stocked trout with a smaller population of wild brown trout. This lake covers approximately 40 hectares with fishing controlled by the local Castleblayney Angling Club. Day permits are available from Lakeside Angling in Castleblayney.

Emy Lough is located 1.6km east of Emyvale, Co. Monaghan and covers an area of 60 hectares. This lake has a stock of wild brown trout which is complemented by regular stockings of brown and rainbow trout. The lake produces a good number of trout in the region

of 3-5lbs each year. The season runs from March 1st to 30th September. Fishing is by fly only and fishing must be consistent with the current rules and regulations of the club. This lake can be fished by rowing boat or from the shore. The lake gets hatches of duck fly, midges, olive, sedges and mayfly. Dry-

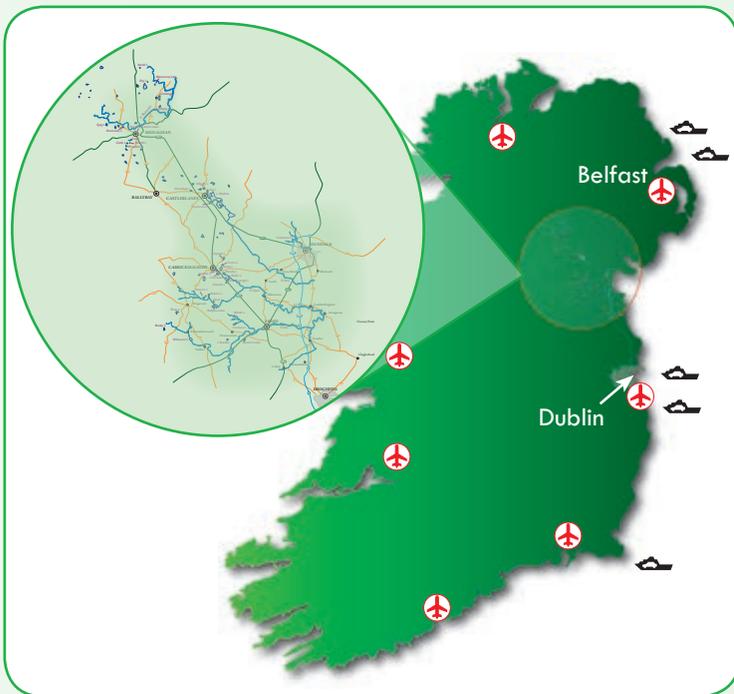
fly, wet-fly, and nymph methods can all be effective. Emy has produced many big fish in recent seasons and the majority of these have been taken close to the bottom using sinking and intermediate lines. Fish can be found around the remnants of the ancient Crannóg at the southern end of the lake. The access is excellent with a walkway all around the lake shore and there is plenty of car parking available. Please contact Membership Officer and Club Secretary Dick Kiernan (+353 86 8351378) for membership information. For boat hire and day tickets please contact Paul Gormley (+353 47 87573 or + 353 87 6128259)

Lough More is located on the Monaghan Tyrone border which runs through the Lough. This lake contains a good stock of wild brown trout including the much sought after Ferox trout. The Lough More and District Anglers Association controls fishing on this water and day permits are available. The season is from May 1st to 30th September but the season is different in Northern Ireland. Anglers should check the opening and closing dates relevant to Northern Ireland. Fishing is by fly only and sedges and midges play an important part in the trout's diet. Fishing from the bank is possible but the use of a boat proves most effective. Access and car park facilities are good.

Lough Bradan is located in the Bragan Mountains on the Monaghan Tyrone border. Together with a number of small lakes which include Lough Meenish, Lough Aportan and Lough Antrawer they are collectively known as the Bragan Lakes. All the lakes contain good stocks of small brown trout. Access is difficult and they can only be reached on foot. Lough More and District Anglers control angling on Lough Bradan and the one permit covers both Bradan and Emy lakes.

Day permits and boat hire on Lough More can be arranged by contacting Sean Treanor, Tel: +353 47 87212





GETTING TO THE NORTH EAST

Roads: The North East can be accessed from Dublin by way of the M1 motorway to Dundalk and the N2 to Ardee, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney and Monaghan Town and is less than a one hour drive from Belfast.

Airports: The airports in closest proximity to this area are Dublin and Belfast. A number of low cost airlines operate between Dublin and Belfast and the UK and Europe.

Ferry Ports: The North East can be easily accessed from Dublin and Dun Laoghaire from the South and Belfast and Larne from the North.

O/S Maps: Anglers will find Ordnance Survey Discovery Series Maps No's 28, 28a, 35 and 36 very beneficial when visiting this area. Maps can be purchased from most newsagents and bookstores.

ADDITIONAL ANGLING INFORMATION

This brochure offers general information on the fisheries of the North East. An additional series of leaflets giving further information on the fisheries referred to in this brochure are available online. Additional information may also be obtained from:

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ACCESS AND COUNTRY CODE

Access to Fisheries: Access does not imply a right of way and anglers should ensure that they have the necessary permission to enter and cross private lands. Where possible, anglers should walk along the river bank or lake shore.

Country Code: Anglers should ensure that gates are closed and that fences are not broken or damaged. Care should be taken with crops and livestock. Litter must not be discarded and no fires are allowed. Vehicles should be parked in designated areas and in such a manner that they do not cause obstruction.

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BIOSECURITY

Invasive species pose a huge threat to the fisheries of Ireland and to the environment. Anglers are urged to take measures to prevent the spread of unwanted plants and animals. The use of live fish as bait is strictly prohibited by law. Always thoroughly clean your boat, trailer, engine, angling equipment and waders when leaving a waterway. Further information is available from Inland Fisheries Ireland.

<http://www.fisheriesireland.ie/Invasive-Species/invasive-species.html>

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Cavan Tourist Office, Farnham Street, Cavan Town, Co. Cavan.
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Coarse and Pike Angling in Ireland's North East

Ireland's north east is home to some of Ireland's premier coarse and pike fisheries and angling centres have developed around many of these fisheries. Whether fishing on the magnificent Lough Muckno in Castleblayney or on one of the many smaller lakes around Carrickmacross or Drumconrath, anglers will find a wide choice and variety of angling opportunities that cannot be rivalled anywhere in Ireland. Inland Fisheries Ireland has undertaken an extensive development programme in this area and many of the lakes now have stands, stiles and footbridges to facilitate angling. A development programme at Lough Muckno has provided 225 permanent angling pegs at White Island, Black/Yellow Island and Concra Wood. Lough Muckno is now capable of hosting national and international coarse fishing events, a number of which have already been hosted at this fantastic venue. Extensive car parking is also provided at all locations around the lake.

There is something to suit every coarse angler fishing in the north east and the main species available include bream, roach, hybrids, tench, rudd and perch. Carp fishing is also available but is limited to a small number of waters in this area. The north east is a haven for pike anglers who will be spoiled for choice because of the number of excellent venues available. There are neither licence nor permit requirements on many of these waters and generally the fishing is free. There are a number of angling laws which regulate coarse and pike fishing methods and catches with which anglers should be familiar before fishing. Full information on these pike and coarse conservation bye laws can be found at www.fishinginireland.info/regulations.htm

COARSE AND PIKE BYE LAWS

A number of coarse and pike angling bye laws have been introduced to help conserve fish stocks and preserve the quality of angling in Irish waters. Anglers should familiarise themselves with the legislative requirements of the bye laws below. The bye laws referred to in the brochure are for reference only. They do not purport to be a legal interpretation of the various bye laws regulating coarse and pike angling but rather provide a layman's guide to this legislation. Anglers should fully familiarize themselves with the full requirements of these bye laws before fishing. Bye laws are subject to change and the most up to date version will always be available at: www.fishinginireland.info/regulations.htm

COARSE FISHING BYE LAWS

- A person shall not take and kill by any means more than 4 coarse fish on any one day.
- A person shall not take or kill by any means any coarse fish greater than 25cm in length.
- It is prohibited for any person, other than in the Louth Area or Merville Area, to sell or offer for sale any coarse fish caught by any means.
- It is prohibited to use/attempt to use live fish as bait when fishing in freshwater.
- It is prohibited to transfer live roach from any waters to any other waters.
- It is prohibited to fish for pike or coarse fish by any means other than by rod and line.
- A person may not attempt to fish for pike or coarse fish in freshwater with more than two rods at any one time.

PIKE FISHING BYE LAWS

- It is prohibited to kill more than 1 pike in any one day.
- It is prohibited to kill any pike greater than 50cm in length.
- It is prohibited for any person to have in their possession more than one whole pike less than 50cm or more than 0.75kg of pike flesh.
- It is prohibited to have in his or her possession more than 12 coarse fish for use as bait in fishing for pike.
- Where a person has more than 4 coarse fish in his or her possession they must have been purchased from a registered bait supplier and a receipt must be retained as proof of purchase.

CASTLEBLAYNEY ANGLING CENTRE



Castleblayney is located on the shores of the magnificent Lough Muckno, in Co. Monaghan. The town is also surrounded by a number of smaller satellite lakes which include the Gas Lake, Smith's Lake, Malone's Lake and Killygola all of which provide coarse and pike anglers with a variety of quality angling opportunities.

Lough Muckno is the largest lake in the locality and covers an area of 325 hectares with depths to 30m. The best fishing locations are located at White Island, Black/Yellow Island, Concra Wood, South Lodge and Toome shore. Anglers fishing from the shore will find the deeper water stretches at Black/Yellow Island, South Lodge and along the Toome shore. Access at Toome is by permission only. This lake holds huge stocks of coarse fish including bream, roach, hybrids and perch. The best of the coarse fishing is from July to October but good bags of fish can be taken all year round. The stretches at White Island and Concra Wood fish best during the summer and autumn. Stretches at Black/Yellow Island, South Lodge and Toome shore can produce good bags all year round. Muckno is a Confederation Internationale de la Pêche Sportive (CIPS) approved venue and hosts a number of top national and international fishing matches and festivals every year. There are 225 permanent, drive to, pegs on Lough Muckno with conveniently located lakeside parking. Pole, float and feeder techniques will all take fish at this venue.

Lough Muckno is also a top class pike fishing venue and many fish over 20lbs are recorded here each year. The best results are achieved from a boat and trolling, spinning, fly and dead bait methods all take fish. Productive periods are from May to June and from September to November. However, pike can be taken all year round at this fantastic venue. Boats can be launched from the slipways at Black Island and South Lodge. There is also a slipway on the Gas Lake

and Muckno can be accessed through the short channel located to the right of the slip. Boats are available for hire locally.

The Gas Lake can be accessed from Mindszenty Park in Castleblayney and at Black Island. It is linked to Lough Muckno by a short channel and has specially constructed angling stands which can cater for anglers with reduced mobility. The lake contains good stocks of roach, bream, hybrids and perch. Pole, float and feeder methods all produce excellent results. This lake also holds a good head of small to medium sized pike and fish in excess of 20lbs are a distinct possibility. Boats can be launched from the slipway in Mindszenty Park where ample car parking is also provided.

Smith's Lake or Drumcrew Lough covers an area of 2 hectares with depths to 2m. This lake has soft margins and it gets a growth of lilies during the summer period, indicating the shallow nature of the water. Parking is difficult and swims are located on the eastern shoreline. This is a popular pole fishing venue. This lake contains stocks of bream, roach, tench and perch.

Malone's or Corrinshigo Lake covers an area of 4 hectares with depths to 4m. Four angling stands have been provided for anglers by Inland Fisheries Ireland and parking on the roadside is restricted. Anglers should take care on this busy road. The lake contains stocks of bream, roach, rudd, perch and some small to medium sized pike. Swims are located close to the road and all methods produce results.

Killygola Lake is located approximately 2km north of Castleblayney on the R181 Keady road. Parking is limited on this road and anglers should exercise great caution. The margins of the lake are very soft and treacherous in places and access is limited. The best chance of access is on the eastern shore from the Keady road. This lake holds stocks of bream, roach, tench, perch and pike. It also contains a large stock of rudd to specimen size.

CARRICKMACROSS ANGLING CENTRE



The town of Carrickmacross in Co. Monaghan is surrounded by a host of lakes, which produce excellent catches annually. The most popular venues to the east of the town include Monalty Lake, Lough Na Glack, Lisanisk, Capragh and Lisnashannagh. Descart, Clonturk, Reilly's, Rahan's and Derry Lough are located to the south of the town mid-way between Drumconrath and Carrickmacross.

Lisanisk or the Brothers Lake is located in the town of Carrickmacross and has an area of 5 hectares with a maximum depth of circa 2.5m. It produces some great tench fishing during the summer months and a number of large carp are also taken each season. This lake also holds good stocks of bream, roach, hybrids, perch and some pike. Lisanisk has a very weedy bottom and all float fishing techniques produce results.

Corcrin Lake is a small lake covering circa 3 hectares with depths to 6m. This lake contains tench to specimen size and good stocks of bream, rudd, roach, perch and pike. Parking is difficult on the narrow road. A number of fishing stands have been provided on the northern shoreline and swims are cut at different points around the lake.

Capragh Lake which covers an area of approximately 12 hectares has depths ranging from 3m to 12m. It contains bream to specimen size and good stocks of roach, tench and perch. Pole, whip, float and feeder techniques all produce results at this venue. Good catches can be achieved at short range on pole early in the year. This lake also contains a stock of small to medium sized pike and boats can be launched at this venue. Car parking is available.

Monalty Lake covers an area of 16 hectares with depths to 6m. This lake holds good stocks of roach, bream, hybrids, perch and tench. Bream, hybrids and tench to specimen size are to be found in this water and many specimen bream have been recorded here. Maggots, sweetcorn and bread are all effective baits. Anglers fishing in the early months of March and April and the later months of August, September and October produce the best results. Monalty is a popular pike fishing venue and holds a good stock of small to medium sized pike with many large double figured fish being taken annually. Boats can be launched from the slipway on the eastern shoreline where there are also universally accessible angling stands.

Lough Na Glack is located on the outskirts of Carrickmacross on the Dundalk Road. It covers approximately 12 hectares with depths of circa 7m being located in the north east quadrant of the lake. Depths elsewhere in the lake range from 3m to 5m. Once noted for its catches of specimen bream this lake now produces excellent catches of quality roach to specimen size. The lake also contains bream, hybrids and tench to specimen size. Quality perch can also be taken at this great location. Feeder and pole tactics all work well at this venue and a number of fishing stands have been erected to facilitate angling. This lake is also an excellent pike fishery with fish in excess of 20lbs being recorded annually. Boats can also be launched here.

KINGSCOURT ANGLING CENTRE



Kingscourt, Co. Cavan is surrounded by a number of small lakes that produce some excellent catches annually. The largest of the lakes are Whitewood and Ervey and these are complemented by a number of smaller lakes including the Breakey Lakes. Kingscourt is also close to the Ballyhoe Lakes, Derry Lough, Descart and Rahan's.

Whitewood Lake covers an area of 35 hectares and has depths in excess of 10m along the eastern shoreline. Northern swims are shallower (<2m), and the ideal casting distance is around 15m. It contains excellent stocks of roach as well as bream, hybrids, tench and perch. Whitewood is an excellent pike fishing venue and contains a stock of small to medium sized pike. The lake also contains a small population of larger pike and fish to 20lbs are recorded at this venue annually. Access is best from the western shoreline, where a spacious car park and slipway are provided.

Ervey Lake, straddling the Meath-Cavan border, covers an area of 18 hectares with depths to 6m. The deepest part of the lake is located in the north eastern quadrant. Inland Fisheries Ireland has provided a car park and slipway on this water. Ervey contains a good stock of roach, tench, bream, hybrids and perch. This lake is also an excellent pike fishery and contains good numbers of pike to specimen size. This is a suitable venue for small portable boats and float tubes. The reed fringed shoreline provides opportunities for pike fly anglers.

Breakey Lakes are located 7.5 kms S.W. of Kingscourt. The larger lake covers an area of 10 hectares with depths to 7m. This lake contains excellent stocks of pike, perch and bream. It is also quite easy to launch a boat on this lake. The smaller lake covers an area of about 3 hectares with depths to 5m. It too contains stocks of pike and perch.

DRUMCONRATH ANGLING CENTRE



Drumconrath Village is surrounded by a number of small to medium sized lakes including, Corstown Lake, Ballyhoe Lakes 1 and 2, Mentrim Lakes, Lough Bracken and Balrath Lake.

Mentrim Lakes consist of two small lakes which cover approximately 4.5 hectares with depths to 5m. These lakes hold good stocks of bream, roach, hybrids, tench and perch. Bream and hybrids to specimen size (7.5lbs and 3lbs respectively) have been recorded at this venue. These lakes also hold a stock of small to medium sized pike.

Corstown Lake covers an area of 12 hectares and has been developed to a very high standard with fishing stands provided on the northern, southern, and eastern shorelines. It is an excellent match fishing venue and is a good winter venue for small silverfish. Corstown has depths to 8.5m with the deepest area located in the north eastern part of the lake. The lake holds good stocks of bream, some to specimen size, roach, hybrids and perch. Pike anglers will find a good stock of small to medium sized pike. Car parking is available at the end of the laneway beside the lake.

Rahan's Lake covers an area of 25 hectares with depths ranging from 1m to 6.5m, the deepest area being the central area at the northern end of the lake. It contains excellent stocks of roach, bream, hybrids, tench and perch. This lake has fishing stands in place and there is good car parking available. It is also possible to launch a boat from the slipway on this lake. Pike anglers will find a good stock of small to medium sized pike and good double figure fish are taken regularly at this popular location.

Descart Lake covers an area of 8 hectares with depths to 5m. The deepest area is located in the north east quadrant of the lake. There are some stands on the south east shoreline and a number of swims have also been cut around the lake. Some of the shoreline on this lake is extremely soft. This water contains stocks of roach, rudd, bream, hybrids, tench and perch. Descart also contains a good stock of small to medium sized pike.

Derry Lough covers 1 hectare and has depths to 4.5m. The lake contains tench and bream to specimen size as well as stocks of roach, rudd, perch and pike. Car parking is available and fishing stands have been erected to facilitate angling on this water.

Reilly's Lake is a 1 hectare lake. Fishing stands are in place on this water. It contains rudd to specimen size as well as stocks of roach, bream, hybrids, perch and pike. Access to the lake is difficult.

Clonturk/Duffy's Lake covers an area of 1 hectare with depths to 3m. It contains a good stock of tench as well as roach, bream and pike. Access is by way of a laneway and anglers are requested not to park in this laneway. A number of fishing stands are in place on the western shoreline.

Lisnashannagh covers approximately 2 hectares with depths to 5m. This lake holds stocks of bream, tench and rudd to specimen size as well as roach, perch, pike and carp. Parking is limited around the lake. The margins of this lake are extremely soft and anglers should ensure that they fish from a solid bank. A number of fishing stands have been provided by Inland Fisheries Ireland to facilitate angling on this water.

Balrath Lake is a small lake with an area of about 1 hectare and depths to 3.5m. It holds reasonable stocks of small fish including bream, roach, rudd, hybrids and perch. This lake also contains a good stock of small to medium sized pike and spinner baits can produce good results.

The Ballyhoe Lakes. Ballyhoe 1 covers approximately 11 hectares and has depths to 4m with the deepest area just south of centre. This lake can be weeded in summer so float methods can produce the best results. Feeder methods work well earlier in the season. This lake holds good stocks of bream, roach, rudd, hybrids, perch and tench. Bream, tench and hybrids to specimen size can be expected. This lake holds a good stock of small to medium sized pike and good double figure fish are taken annually.

Ballyhoe 2 covers an area of 16 hectares with depths to 8m. The deepest area is in the north east section with shallower water in the south west corner. This lake also holds a good stock of small to medium sized pike and good double figured fish are taken annually. Fish over 20lbs area also a distinct possibility.

Lough Bracken is controlled by Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) with fishing by permit only and is subject to certain rules and regulations, details of which may be obtained from IFI at [+353 1 2787022](tel:+35312787022). Although primarily a game fishery it holds good stocks of bream, roach, rudd, hybrids and perch. This lake also holds some very big pike and several fish over 30lbs have been recorded at this venue.

MONAGHAN ANGLING CENTRE



Monaghan town and its satellite villages of Emyvale, Scotstown, Ballinode and Tydavnet are surrounded by a host of great angling venues, which contain excellent stocks of coarse fish and pike. Among the more popular venues in the area are Peter's Lake, Drumreask, Quig Lough, Astrish, Killyboley and Monmurry. The Rossmore Park Lakes are located in the Coillte Forest Park south west of Monaghan and consist of a number of lakes including Castle Lake, Priestfield Lake, the Twin Lakes and Barnhill Lake.

Peter's Lake is located right in the centre of Monaghan town. It is less than 1 hectare in size with depths to 3m. This lake holds good stocks of roach, bream and hybrids while tench to over 5lbs have also been taken here. All methods including feeder work at this popular venue but it can favour the pole as the lake gets a growth of lilies in summer. This lake also contains a small population of pike. There are specially constructed angling stands on this water which can cater for anglers with reduced mobility. Parking is available in the surrounding car parks and on street parking. (Pay parking in operation).

Drumreask Lake covers an area of 4 hectares with depths to 4m. The lake is reed fringed with a soft shoreline. The best access is on the southern shoreline from the car park or the stands from the road. Drumreask has excellent stocks of bream, roach, rudd, hybrids and tench to over 6lbs. This lake also contains a good stock of small to medium sized pike. It is a suitable venue for small portable boats and float tubes. The reed fringed shoreline provides opportunities for pike fly anglers.

Quig Lough is a well-developed lake covering an area of 12 hectares with depths to 4.5m. Access is best from the northern end through a large iron gate, which must be kept closed at all times. A number of fishing stands are provided on the eastern shoreline of this reed fringed lake. Quig Lough holds excellent stocks of fish including tench to over 6lbs. Other species available in the lake include roach, rudd, bream, hybrids, perch and pike.

Astrish Lake is a small 2 hectare lake which contains good stocks of tench. This water also contains stocks of rudd, perch and pike.

Killyboley Lake covers an area of 6 hectares and contains excellent stocks of tench, rudd, perch and pike.

Monmurry Lake covers an area of 10 hectares and contains stocks of bream, rudd, perch and pike.

The Rossmore Park lakes are located in the Coillte Forest Park on the R189 3km southwest of Monaghan town. There are a number of lakes in this cluster with the most popular angling venues being the Twin Lakes, Castle Lake, Priestfield Lake and Barnhill Lake. The network of pathways and walkways mean that there is excellent access to the lakes in this park.

The Twin Lakes cover an area of approximately 3.5 and 4.5 hectares respectively with depths to 2.5m. These lakes contain good stocks of roach, rudd, perch and pike.

Castle Lake covers an area of approximately 2 hectares with depths to 2.5m. It contains good stocks of rudd, perch and pike. It has an excellent stock of small tench and carp are also reported to be present.

Priestfield Lake covers an area of 2.5 hectares with depths to 2.5m. This lake contains stocks of pike, perch, tench and rudd. Pole and float techniques produce the best results. Carp are also present in this lake.

Barnhill Lake is a small lake covering an area of circa 1 hectare with depths to 1.5m. This lake has stocks of carp as well as pike, perch, tench and rudd. Pole and float methods work best here.

The Convent Lake covers an area of approximately 3 hectares with depths to 2m. This lake contains a wide variety of species including roach, rudd, hybrids, perch and pike. Some bream and tench are also present. This is an excellent all year round pike fishery.

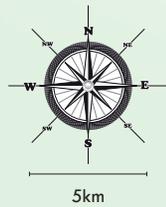
Glaslough is located on the grounds of the Leslie estate in the village of Glaslough. Permission must be obtained from the owners before fishing and details of the relevant charges can be obtained from the castle. This lake contains excellent stocks of coarse fish but is renowned for the quality of its pike fishing. Glaslough covers an area of 37 hectares with depths to 20m. Both boat and gillie services are available at this venue.

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