

Welcome

LOCH INSCH FISHERY

Rules & Etiquette

Welcome to Loch Inch Fishery, set within a pristine 30-acre Aberdeenshire Landscape. Our lochs are carefully managed to provide a rewarding and enjoyable angling experience while supporting a wildlife and nature focussed environment. These guidelines are in place to protect the welfare of our fish, wildlife, and surrounding habitat.

Arrival & Permits

- Fishing without a permit is prohibited
- All visitors must report to The Tickled Trout before fishing
- Permits are non-transferable
- Junior permits are for under 18s
- 8 hour permit valid until 18:00
- Evening permit valid from 18:00 to one hour after sunset
- Catch & release - maximum 2 fish, and no fish to be removed over 3lb. When fish limit reached permit reverts to catch & release

Season Ticket Holders

- Loch Inch & Loch Kelloch
- Unlimited fishing throughout the season
- Catch & release
- Fish from sunrise to 1 hour after sunset
- 12 guest rod passes per season (must be accompanied by ticket holder)
- Season ticket must be carried and shown on request

Fishing Methods

- Loch Inch & Kelloch are fly fishing
- Barbless or debarbed hooks
- Single hook flies
- Boobies not permitted

Angler Courtesy

- Maintain a respectful distance between anglers
- Do not cast across another angler's water
- Give priority to anglers already in position
- Strictly no wading

Bait Pond

- Catch & release
- Children must be supervised at all times

Catch Returns

- Must be completed & recorded in the log book before leaving

Fish Welfare

- Play fish firmly and net promptly
- Handle fish with wet hands
- Keep fish in water whilst unhooking
- Allow fish to fully recover before release
- Do not place fish on the grass
- Fish must be returned unless a catch & keep ticket is purchased
- Landing nets must be disinfected before use in bins provided
- Loan landing nets are available for hire from The Tickled Trout
- Anglers on catch & keep permits must carry a priest for humane dispatch
- Loan priests are available for hire from The Tickled Trout
- Any distressed, injured or diseased fish must be reported immediately, retain affected fish in landing net - report to Bothy Hotline

Safety

- Anglers fish entirely at their own risk
- Vehicles & their contents are parked at owner's risk
- Care should be taken around banks, jetties, & water edges
- Children under 16 must be supervised at all times
- Any hazards should be reported to Bothy Hotline
- Loch Inch Fishery accepts no liability for loss, damage, or injury

Dogs

- Well behaved dogs are welcome
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times
- Dogs must not disturb anglers, wildlife or livestock

Environment & Wildlife

- Wildlife & surroundings must be respected at all times
- Do not disturb nesting birds or other wildlife
- Report any injured wildlife, including fishing line incidents to the Bothy Hotline
- Fishing areas must be left as found
- Fires and BBQs are strictly prohibited

Fishery Conduct

- Toilet facilities are available at The Tickled Trout
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted within the Bothy or within 50 metres of the Bothy
- All litter, including cigarette ends & fishing line, must be removed or disposed of in the bins provided
- Anyone found littering will be asked to leave the fishery; no refunds will be given
- STRICTLY no alcohol & drugs

Weather

- Fishing is a natural outdoor activity and conditions may vary
- No refunds will be given due to weather conditions or lack of catch

Photography

- Fish photography is available - contact Bothy Hotline
- Photographs or videos may be taken for promotional purposes; anglers should inform management if they prefer not to appear

Management

- Anglers must follow all reasonable instructions from management, failure to comply with fishery rules may result in removal without refund
- Management reserves the right to refuse access or ask visitors to leave

Agreement

- By purchasing a permit and entering the fishery, you agree to abide by these Rules & Etiquette
- Management reserve the right to: refuse or revoke permits, close due to safety and amend rules as necessary

Reporting Concerns

- Concerns should be reported via the Bothy Hotline or via email: lochinchfishery@gmail.com

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HOTLINE**

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