

Mayen House Beat Fishing Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions apply to bookings made for Angling on the Mayen House Beat of the River Deveron. Please see our separate policies for our Holiday Cottages and other country sports.

1. Catch and Release

All Salmon and Sea Trout fishing on the Mayen House Beat is 100% catch and release at all times. It is illegal to take any salmon (dead or alive) from 11th February to 31st March (inclusive) each year.

From 15th March to 6th October (Inclusive), all Brown Trout under 10 inches in length to be returned. No more than 2 brown trout per rod per week can be retained.

Any damaged fish must be handed to the proprietor.

2. Payment

Payment must be made via bank transfer to Mayen Farms. Day rods must be paid in full at the time of booking.

A 50% non-refundable deposit payment is required to make a week or half-week booking, with the balance to be paid two weeks prior to your fishing.

3. Cancellation

Cancellations can be made up to 4 weeks prior to the start date of fishing.

4. Fishing Hut

There is a shepherds hut, with seating and a wood-burning stove at the Mill Pool parking area. The stove has rings for boiling water, as well as a small oven. Fuel and water are provided. Please note that there is no electricity or toilet facilities at Mill Pool, and Mill Pool can be accessed via the Mains of Mayen and Corniehaugh fishing access.

5. Mayen Bridge Lodge

Mayen Bridge Lodge has flushing toilet facilities, as well as an outdoor kitchen with a BBQ and picnic table which are accessible to both day and multi-day rods.

Access to the Mayen Bridge Lodge, with soft seating, wood-burning stove and kitchenette cooking facilities is by arrangement only, at additional cost.

6. Access and Arrival

The meeting point for the beat is the parking next to Mayen Footbridge. All non-residential fishing parties must meet the host at 9.00 am, unless other arrangements have been made.

Access to the beat is by car to the parking area next to Mayen Footbridge and by car to the Ford Pool, or via the Mains of Mayen fishing access route to the Mill Pool.

Access along the riverbank is on foot only. It is not permitted to drive on the grass.

Care is to be taken to avoid damaging verges. Vehicles must drive slowly on the estate, in respect of children at play and wildlife.

7. Fishing system

The beat has four periods, early spring, spring, summer and late summer. The periods run: February 11th - May 1st 2021, May 3rd - June 19th 2021, June 21st - July 31st 2021 and August 2nd - October 30th 2021.

Four rods plus one Mayen House rod may fish the beat at any one time. Fishing for salmon and/or sea trout on a Sunday is prohibited.

8. Fishing Etiquette

When starting in a pool a minimum separation from anglers on the opposite bank of one hundred metres upstream or fifty metres downstream should be maintained. Anglers should maintain a steady progress through a pool. Anglers should avoid other anglers when they are playing a fish. Anglers must also respect other people's use of the water or land they are on and act responsibly. Only well behaved dogs are permitted on the river bank.

9. Rod sharing

Rod sharing must be agreed in advance with the estate. The estate reserves the right to restrict the period fished by shared rods to a reasonable fishing period, which as a maximum shall be no more than ten hours a day.

10. Fishing methods

Fly fishing only is permitted unless there is express permission from your host to use spinning gear in challenging river conditions. Treble hooks are not permitted. It is illegal to attempt to deliberately foul-hook fish. Only knotless landing nets to be used – it is illegal to use gaffs or tailers. It is illegal to fish with prawns, shrimps or salmon roe. Spinning lures should have only one single set of hooks with a maximum sized 4 crimped or barbless.

11. Injured or damaged fish

All injured or damaged fish are to be handed to the proprietor or his representative.

12. Fishing Host

The Fishing Host is in charge of the fishery and any instructions from the Fishing Host or other member of staff must be complied with.

13. Contact Information

One person from each party must be nominated as the contact with the estate. Full names and contact details of all anglers must be provided in advance to the estate. We will handle your information as per our privacy policy.

14. Guides

We are proud to work with a number of local, expert fishing guides. We are delighted to arrange the services of a guide or instructor for you, to suit your requirements.

15. Catch returns

Correct detailed records, showing dates on which fish were caught and killed, and which were released, their weights, names of pools, and from which bank taken, must be recorded on the provided form and submitted to the estate.

16. Personal Safety

All anglers must comply with our Angling Safety Code. Suitable buoyancy aids are recommended to be worn.

17. Biosecurity

All anglers are required to read and act upon the biosecurity measures in place to prevent the introduction of Gyrodactylus salaris and other diseases to the Deveron. All visiting anglers must read, act upon and sign a Gyrodactylus salaris declaration form immediately prior to going fishing. If disinfectant is required, please contact RDevDSFB Office (01466 711 388).

All farmed salmon and pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorboscha*) must be retained and notified to the RDevDSFB.

18. Subletting

You cannot sublet the fishing you book without our permission and then only by private arrangement and at the same prices and conditions as for this booking. No agent other than ourselves may be used to obtain a sublet.

19. Law & Other Issues

The law of Scotland shall apply to this contract. No terms may be changed without written permission. We reserve the right to refuse a booking. Your acceptance of the contract will occur when you make the payment. Tenants must ensure all guests have read and understood these terms and conditions.

Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to kill unclean or unseasonable fish (baggots, gravid fish, kelts), it is illegal to sell rod caught salmon or sea trout and it is illegal to sell or buy wild salmon roe.