



Ribblesdale

Angling

Association



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Dear Angler

Thank you for your interest in Ribblesdale Angling Association.

The Association was formed by a small number of local anglers in 1932 and now has a membership of approx. 115 of whom around two thirds are active members.

Currently we control around 3 miles of the Ribble near Clitheroe, from Low Moor upstream to West Bradford, much of which is double bank. This section includes the well-known pool at Waddow weir, where over the years many salmon have been landed. This length also has two large holding pools for migratory fish, suitable for spinning and bait fishing as well as fly-fishing at night for sea trout. The rest of this beat contains excellent fly water, and over the years has produced many salmon for our members, including the Association's record for a salmon taken on fly of over 25lbs. The sea trout record currently stands at 16lbs. with many fish, over the years averaging just under 5 lb. Car parking is good in two private car parks and reasonably secure on all the fishing and the access to all beats is easy with very little deep wading required

Higher up the river at Grindleton and Sawley we have one bank of three excellent pools two of which suits the fly, the other spinning and bait fishing.

On the Hodder we have approx. 1 mile of single bank fishing, (The left-hand bank looking upstream from Higher Hodder bridge.) this is very pleasant water, providing fishing in three good pools and streamy runs in beautiful surroundings. This piece of water is fly only except in high water when spinning is then allowed.

On all of our waters the method of fishing varies depending on river conditions. Over the years our average catch returns have produced 70 plus Salmon and 100 plus Sea Trout. Our Association's record for Salmon stands at 29.5 lbs. and Sea Trout 16 lbs. We endeavour to keep our rules to a minimum but always stress courteous and sportsmanlike behaviour is expected of our members, giving due consideration to fellow anglers, members of the public, and our quarry as well as the surrounding environment. We are proud of the reputation we have built over the years and wish to keep it.

We no longer stock with Brown Trout as most of the other clubs on the Ribble system don't and currently our membership are catching around 600 trout per annum, the majority of which are returned.

In addition to the waters we control directly, we also have a reciprocal 2 rod daily exchange arrangement with Settle Anglers on the Ribble, and Tebay Anglers on the Upper Lune, and from 2016 a two rod exchange with Carlisle Anglers on the Eden. These rod exchanges offer our members extra access to around eight miles of good trout, grayling, and salmon fishing on the upper Ribble and ten miles of excellent fishing on the Lune, both located in picturesque countryside, and access to twenty eight named pools on the lower Eden. The upper Ribble and Lune in these areas are clean and because the limestone rocks of the area influence it, it provides prolific insect life to feed the wild trout waters

producing trout up to 3lb.plus. Once again the access and parking is good. We fish Settle and Tebay waters as their rules dictate.

Three miles above Gisburn at Nappa we lease a lovely beat of approx.1.5 miles of single bank fishing with small pools for salmon and sea trout. The trout and grayling fishing have been described as being the best on the Ribble system by producing trout up to 6lbs and many grayling over 2.5lbs. This water fishes very well for grayling during the winter months and the trout are considered to be wild fish as it has not been stocked for many years. Two anglers in their catch returns in 2013 declare over 400 trout and 156 grayling all caught on the fly and all returned

We also have the lease on the Hacking Hall fishing on the Ribble and Calder, this includes the large holding pool for Salmon and Sea-trout at Calder Foot, where over the past seasons many fish have been caught This water extends for approximately one mile up the Calder which is improving as a game fishing river and has in the recent past been stocked with salmon parr by the Environment Agency.

Further north we enjoy a lovely private and secure beat on the river Liddle, the main tributary of the Border Esk which enters the Solway Firth. This beat is approx 1.5 miles of excellent salmon and sea trout waters where fly fishing is the preferred method. A guest may accompany the member on this excellent beat at any time. We have a small fishing cabin erected close to the river for the use of our members. The fishing is undisturbed by either walkers or traffic..

We also have concessionary arrangements with Barnsfold and Stocks Reservoirs where, for reduced fees, we can offer the alternative for the Stillwater angler of excellent fishing for quality Rainbow Trout. Both of these waters produce first class sport for our members and currently our annual catch returns stand at around 1,200 fish, with members being able to retain 2 fish per. session. Both of these venues offer good facilities, including a tackle shop as well as somewhere to eat. The settings of each are attractive and Stocks reservoir is particularly well endowed with scenic views as well as being a bird sanctuary for the ornithologist amongst us.

We offer our members more fishing opportunities than probably any other club in this area and the annual subscription is kept to a minimum and may be paid in monthly instalments; the joining fee has to be paid in full. At our annual dinner in early November the Association's awards are presented for "Best Salmon on Fly." "Best Sea Trout." "Best River Trout" "Best Reservoir Trout." also a shield for the "Meritorious Catch of the Season".

Once you become a member of Ribblesdale A.A. you automatically become members of both the Ribble Fisheries Consultative and the Ribble Rivers Trust. Both of these associations do outstanding conservation work on the catchment. This is something which Ribblesdale Angling Association is well known to support. By becoming an automatic member of the Ribble Fisheries allows you access to the three river web cameras which provide a very useful live view of the river heights and conditions.

The 2017 annual subscription was £265 which may be paid over eight months on a direct debit and a one off joining fee of £275. There is currently a waiting list of 2-3 years for full membership. These fees will be reviewed annually.

If this fishing is of interest please fill in and submit the application form [here](#)

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