

## Code of Conduct for the River Teith and the River Forth

Salmon and Sea Trout 1st February to 31st October, Brown Trout 15th March to 6th October. Please be aware that there is no Sunday Fishing. Please consider others and observe the anglers' code of conduct

### Always:

- Fish upstream of other fishing anglers
- Wait your turn to fish a pool from its head
- Remove your old line and litter from the bank and dispose of sensibly
- Stay about 15m from the next angler or 30m when they or you are using a fly
- Respect the property, access and privacy of those who live or work on or near the fishery. Please park your car considerately and don't block access.
- Beware of other users of the river or bank.
- Ripe or darkly coloured fish should be returned to the water. If in doubt, RETURN it!
- Fish being returned to the water should not be handled by the tail and should be released as quickly as possible. Remove the hook and return the fish facing upstream until it swims away.
- Fish being retained should be killed as quickly as possible using a priest or appropriate instrument.
- Please help to conserve spring salmon stocks (Feb, Mar & Apr) by returning, unharmed fish more than 30" in length and use barbless hooks. Please return all hen fish in October.
- If necessary bailiffs will withdraw permits when rules are not observed.

### Anglers Must:

- Local Rules Season Permit Holders Only - Attach immediately, after landing, an issued tag through the mouth and gills of all fish to be removed from the fishery. (The removal of untagged salmon from the fishery will result in the removal of the permit and Ban)
- Only the permit holder can tag the fish they have caught. Tags are not transferable
- Day permits (only) - each permit holder may take 2 salmon per permit
- Permit holders must make their catch returns by the due date to include all tagged and returned fish with their details, and this includes any nil returns. Offenders will be unable to buy a permit for the following season or will have it withdrawn if purchased.
- All permits are limited to take two sea trout per day
- Produce a permit to an authorised bailiff on demand. (Any abuse of bailiffs will result in immediate permit withdrawal)
- Record all catches (including nil returns) on the catch return section of the permit as soon as practicable after catch.
- Permits must be returned to the hotel at the end of each days fishing. Failure to do so may result in you being charged
- Fish according to the law. It is illegal to sell, or offer for sale, any rod caught salmon.
- Obey the temporary closure notices due to low water conditions as determined by the marker on the Motorway Bridge and the condition of fish within the river. Details will be given in advance on the information boards and in tackle shops
- Return all hen fish caught in October
- Please be aware that riverbanks are hazardous and stay clear of undercut banks

### Angler Must Not:

- Set lines or have any form of rod rest. Rod must be in hand at all times
- Bait fish before 1<sup>st</sup> June and after 26<sup>th</sup> August
- Use prawn, shrimp or any organic baits at anytime
- Dig for bait at or adjacent to the fishery
- Make use of natural minnow, tailers or knotted nets or gaffs at any time
- Use lead core or fast sinking line, multi-treble hooked lures or more than one baited hook. All fish hooked behind the gill line to be returned to the water immediately.
- Fish at one point when others are waiting - EXCEPT on the 6 Piers at Cornton Vale where there is a time limit of 15 MINUTES. Move 1 metre downstream between casts. On marker post sections anglers MUST start at the upstream post when the fishery is busy.
- Night fish, between sunset and sunrise in Norman's Pool, Callander. Night fish after 31<sup>st</sup> August on the whole fishery. Fishing after sunset before 31<sup>st</sup> August is restricted to rods less than 12 feet, overall; lines of less than 8lbs breaking strain and a hook smaller than No. 6. Closure times on the Forth Fishery from 1<sup>st</sup> September will be displayed on the fishery information boards.
- Cut the line and return any fish to the water with the hook still in it.
- BAILIFFS WILL WITHDRAW PERMITS, IF NECESSARY, WHEN RULES ARE NOT OBSERVED