MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



RULEBOOK & MAPS

Webpage: mtaa.co.uk

These rules & regulations take effect from 11th November 2026

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GENERAL RULES

- The Annual General Meeting will take place each year on the second Wednesday in November. Any member who wishes to change or introduce any new rules must place the proposal in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

- A special AGM will be convened, by the Secretary, on receipt of a letter signed by 20 full members stating the business to be discussed. This letter must be received at least 28 days prior to the date requested for the meeting.

- Any member with a complaint must place it in writing to the Secretary and be prepared to attend the committee meeting at which the complaint is discussed.

- All anglers fishing Alliance waters must be in possession of a valid permit containing a photograph of the permit holder. Any person failing to produce a permit when requested by any bailiff or member will be asked to leave the water and may be prosecuted. Any member in their company will forfeit their licence also.

- All anglers must show the contents of their bags for inspection when asked to do so by any bailiff.

- All coarse fish to be returned to the water unharmed. Catch and release encouraged for trout where possible.

- All litter must be removed, no fires and no camping.

- No member is permitted to place any boat or craft on any of the Alliance's waters without written permission from the committee.
- No night fishing (dusk until dawn) for anyone with junior membership.
- The use of maggots is only permitted for coarse fishing on the Alliance's waters. (NRW bylaw)
- Barbless hooks only on all coarse waters.
- **Only 1 rod may be used at a time while trout fishing. Only 1 rod to be used with a junior under-12 licence. Only 2 rods allowed for coarse fishing on all the Alliance's waters apart from Top Pond, Dolygaer and Pontsticill reservoirs, where 3 rods may be used.**
- No alcohol is permitted on any of the Alliance's waters and any member under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be banned, and the third-party insurance issued through their membership will be void.
- The committee retain the right to close any of its waters due to adverse weather such as prolonged dry periods.
- The committee retain the right to close Top Pond, Middle Pond and Cyfarthfa Lake during spawning.
- On joining Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance, you are agreeing to abide by the rules of membership. Any member found to be breaking any rules will forfeit their membership and must surrender their permit card for a period determined by the committee. There will be no reimbursement of permit fees if membership is forfeited or surrendered voluntarily, as memberships are non-refundable or transferable.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Chairman – Keith Jones	07870 115 447
Secretary – Liam Walsh	07931 512 483
Pollution Officer – Ron Jones	07733 388 768
Head Bailiff – Malcolm Williams	07415 032 265

In the event of pollution please contact any one of the above as soon as possible.

Natural Resources Wales environmental pollution hotline: **03000 65 3000.**

Welsh Water pollution hotline: **0800 085 3968**

GUEST TICKETS

Members can purchase guest tickets to allow non-members to fish. These must be purchased before fishing and are not available for sale on the bank at any fishery.

Guest tickets for the Alliance's waters are available from the list of distributors as advertised on our webpage except for the venues below, which are members only:

- Talybont Reservoir
- River Usk - Kemeys
- River Usk – Ysbytty
- River Wye – Red Rail

In case of Pollution Call 03000 65 3000 And quote the nearest O.S. Reference Number To the Pollution Point indicating **Upstream** or **Downstream. If it is sewerage Call 0800 085 3968 Welsh Water.**

	O.S. Map Reference
River Taf Fechan	River Taf Fechan
Bridge Pontsticill Works	SO 059 114
Clun Bridge	SO 060 106
Vaynor Foot Bridge	SO 519 025
Pontsarn Blue Pool	SO 045 097
Sewerage Trefechan	SO 404 912
Foot Bridge Lido	SO 039 091
Cefn Road Bridge	SO 037 076
River Taff Fawr	
Cwmtaff Water works	SO 0118 1113
Danygraig Farm	SO 0169 1088
Danydarren Farm	SO 0223 0928
A470 Road Bridge	SO 0330 0757
Pontycapel Bridge	SO 0296 0775
River Usk Mardy	
Entrance to Mardy	SO 2573 1589
Mardy Farm	SO 2621 1517
Sewerage Works	SO 2626 1475
Outlet from works	SO 640 1475
Bottom of Beat	SO 269 147
Cyfarthfa Lake	SO 039 073
Penywern Top Pond	SO 070 085
Middle Pond	SO 071 083

River Taff	River Taff
Junction Pool	SO 037 072
Lines Bridge	SO 042 068
Jacksons Bridge	SO 046 065
Morlais Brook	SO 0465 0630
Fire Station	SO 046 063
Town Weir	SO 0473 0606
Rhydycar Bridge	SO 050 053
Brandy Bridge	SO 054 046
Abercanaid Foot Bridge	SO 601 373
Troedyrhiw Bridge	SO 061 053
Aberfan Road bridge	SO 072 000
Footbridge Crescent Street	ST 077 992
Top Black Lion	ST 077 490
Pipe Bridge Black Lion	ST 078 985
Pontygwaith Bridge	ST 081 976
Quakers Yard Bridge	ST 094 965
River Usk Ysbytty	
Top of Beat	SO 3011 1318
A465 Bridge	SO 2999 1303
Gas Pipe Crossing	SO 2990 1269
Bottom of Beat	SO 3008 1241
River Usk Kemys	
Top of beat	SO 3433 0416
Middle at end of lane	SO 3476 0387
Bottom of Beat	SO 3524 0384
Cantref Reservoir	SN 995154
Talybont Reservoir	SO 095182

THE RIVER TAFF

In this rulebook the Taff maps have been broken into three sections. These cover the areas from Pontsticill to the Junction Pool, Junction Pool to Troedyrhiw, Troedyrhiw to the bridge at Quakers Yard.

Taff Bargoed AA controls the water below Pontygwaith Bridge on the right-hand bank facing downstream, approximately 800 meters. They also own 30 meters above the bridge on the same bank.

Signs have now been erected, and in order to assist our members some have arrows on them. These indicate which way the angler should go to fish the Alliance's waters. The Alliance also controls water on the Taff Fawr, up as far as Cefn Cemetery.

Season - River Taff

The fishing season on the River Taff for **all species** 3rd March - 30th September in any year.

When fishing for salmon between the above dates you must have a migratory fish rod licence.

All salmon caught MUST be returned as the River Taff is catch and release (Natural Resources Wales Bylaws). Any salmon caught must be

recorded and the following information emailed to the Secretary:

- Date
- Where caught
- Weight
- Method

It is fly only when fishing for salmon until 1st June on all rivers, please read the bylaws on our webpage. You can only fish for rainbow trout in rivers from 3rd March - 30th September also.

Fishing Methods

Only worm, artificial fly and spinner can be used on all the River Taff at any time.

Maggots are not allowed for trout fishing at any time.

Bag limit – 2 trout per day on all waters although the Alliance encourages members to return all fish unharmed.

Size limit – 10 inches/25.4 cms from tip of snout to tip of tail

Natural Resources Wales bylaw - no fishing in Merthyr Town weir pool or Quakers Yard gorge.

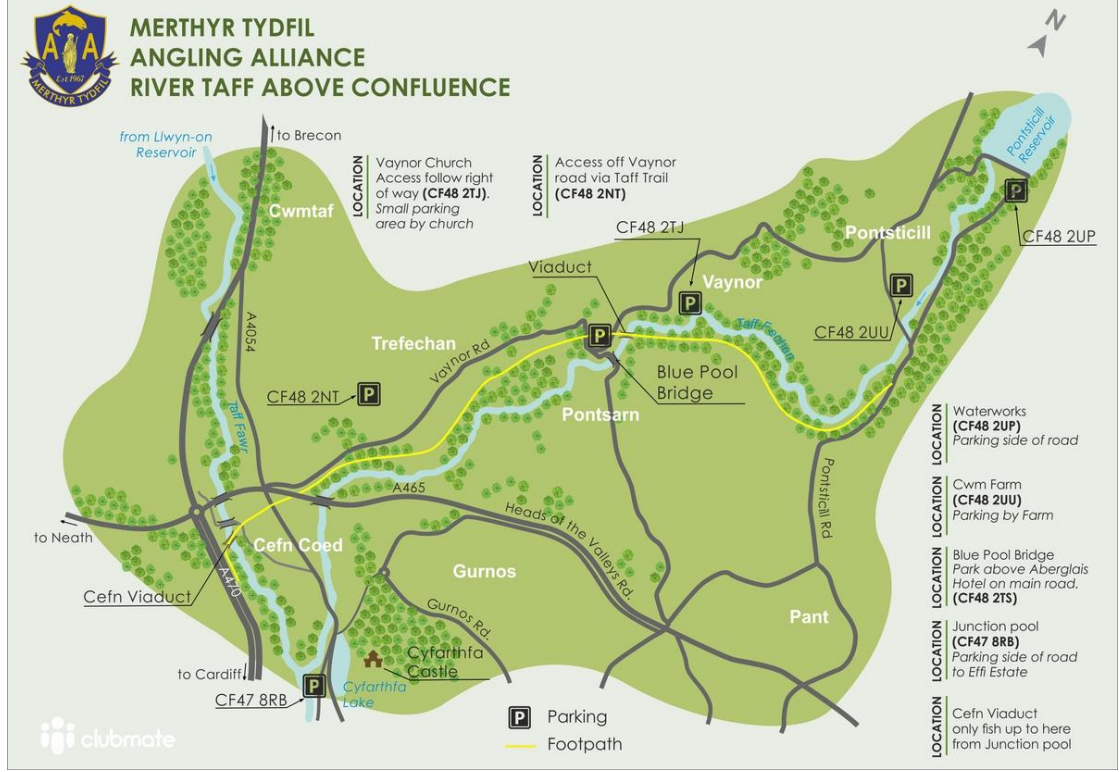
The River Taf Fechan above the blue pool has been designated a wild trout fishery and is fly only catch and release and barbless hooks.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE RIVER TAFF



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MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE RIVER TAFF ABOVE CONFLUENCE



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MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE RIVER TAFF TOWN AREA



LOCATION Jacksons Bridge Difficult Access

LOCATION Main Road bridge Merthyr Town Centre Car Parking available £1 on Saturdays free on Sundays

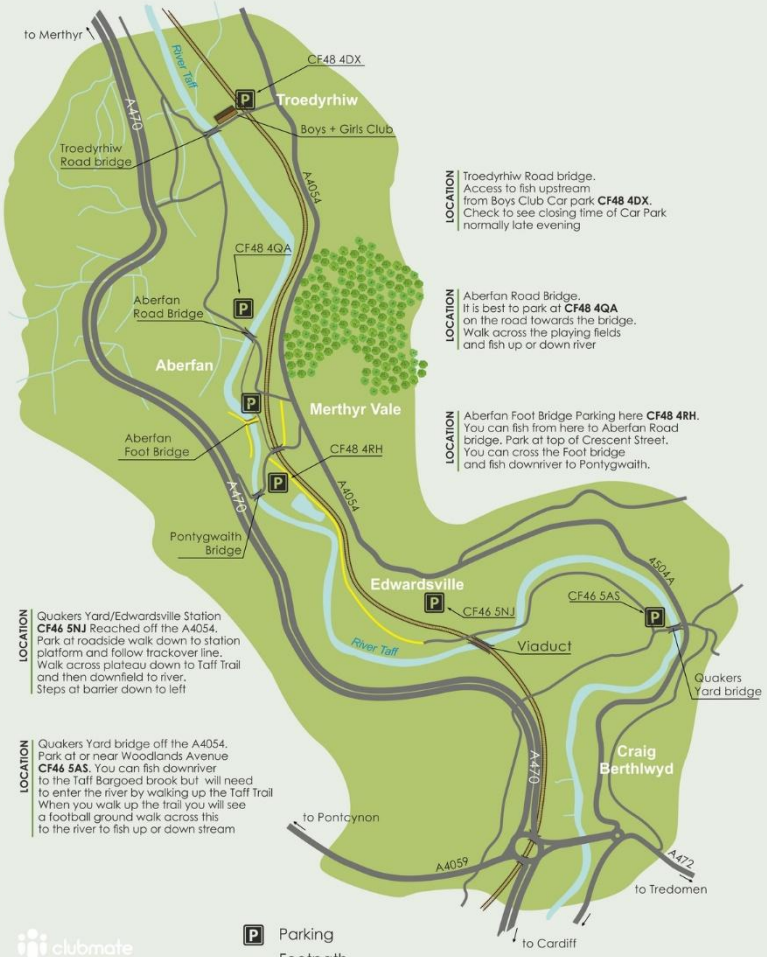
LOCATION Rhydycar Lesiure Centre road bridge. Fish river down or upstream **(CF48 1UT)**. Parking free for 4 hours. Areas such as cinema are restricted — please check.

LOCATION Brandy Bridge **(CF48 1YB)** off the round about at Thomas and Davies Garage Citroën Dealers

LOCATION Cross this bridge and turn right to fish upriver by Garden Centre. Follow road to reach Abercanaid Parking available at roadside river can be fished up or downstream **(CF48 1DJ).**

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MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE RIVER TAFF LOWER VALLEY



LOCATION Troedyrhiw Road bridge. Access to fish upstream from Boys Club Car park **CF48 4DX**. Check to see closing time of Car Park normally late evening

LOCATION Aberfan Road Bridge. It is best to park at **CF48 4QA** on the road towards the bridge. Walk across the playing fields and fish up or down river

LOCATION Aberfan Foot Bridge Parking here **CF48 4RH**. You can fish from here to Aberfan Road bridge. Park at top of Crescent Street. You can cross the Foot bridge and fish downriver to Pontygwaith.

LOCATION Quakers Yard/Edwardsville Station **CF46 5NJ** Reached off the A4054. Park at roadside walk down to station platform and follow trackover line. Walk across plateau down to Taff Trail and then downfield to river. Steps at barrier down to left

LOCATION Quakers Yard bridge off the A4054. Park at or near Woodlands Avenue **CF46 5AS**. You can fish downriver to the Taff Bargoed brook but will need to enter the river by walking up the Taff Trail When you walk up the trail you will see a football ground walk across this to the river to fish up or down stream

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THE RIVER USK RULES

Booking system

In order to fish any of the Usk fisheries (except Abergavenny Town) for salmon, trout or coarse fish, it is necessary to book in advance for the fishing. Bookings can be made online via our webpage.

At the end of a day's fishing a member is entitled to book another days fishing if the water is available.

Any member found fishing who has not booked in will be banned from the Alliance for a period determined by the Committee.

All fish caught must be submitted via the automated catch-return emailed to members within 48 hours of the booking date.

Beat system

The Usk waters are split into beats. Members salmon fishing must not fish in front of another member on a beat. They can however fish the beat above or the next beat down. It is courtesy when salmon fishing, particularly if you are being followed down a beat, to move one pace per cast. Any member infringing this rule will be reprimanded by the Committee.

If any member sees any illegal activity while fishing the Usk please call 03000 65 3000. It is important that you take the time to do this as Natural Resources Wales rely on intelligence more and more.

Fishing seasons:

- Salmon: 3rd March to 17th October in any year.
- Trout: 3rd March - 30th September in any year.
- Coarse: 16th June - 14th March the following year.

Fishing methods for salmon: (Mandatory Catch & Release)
Fly only to 1st June
Spin June 1st - 17th October
Prawn Shrimp September 1st - 15th September
No worm fishing

Hooks
All hooks must be barbless or de-barbed,

On artificial flies with a hook gape greater than 7mm, hooks are restricted to singles or doubles.

On artificial flies with a hook gape 7mm or less, hooks are restricted to a maximum of 2 hooks with a total of 4 points between them.

No treble or double hooks are permitted on lures used for spinning.

Spinners and spoons can have only one single hook with a gape of 13mm or less. Plugs can have a maximum of three single hooks, each with a gape of 13mm or less. Shrimp and prawn fishing is allowed from the 1st September until 15th September with the use of a barbless, single treble hook with a gape of 7mm or less.

Fishing methods for trout:

Artificial fly and earthworm are the only baits allowed on the River Usk. When worm fishing the maximum breaking strain line to be used is 4lb with no more than one number 10 hook. NOTE: spinning is not allowed for trout on the Usk.

Size Limit: 10 inches/25.4 cms from tip of snout to tip of tail.

Bag Limit: 2 Trout per rod per day.

Coarse Fishing:

Only full members are allowed to coarse fish on Usk Waters.

Maggot fishing is allowed on the Ysbytty and Kemeys waters from the 16th June to the 14th January following.

On the Mardy, maggots are allowed from the 1st October - 14th January following.

Ensure you read the full Natural Resources Wales Bylaws before commencing fishing.

THE KEMEYS

This fishery is situated above Usk town and access to it is from the B4589 between Abergavenny and Usk sign posted "Kemeys Commander 1\4 mile".

A tarmac lane leads to Lower House Farm and parking is only allowed in the lay-by on the road leading to the farm. No vehicle is allowed to park past the notice at the end of the lay-by. The public right of way to the river gives access to the beat. which is 1,270 yards long and is the left-hand bank facing downstream. At the junction of the public right of way and the river the angler has fishing for two fields up river and two fields down river to the fence.

For further details on the booking system and other rules on the Usk see River Usk Rules on page 13.

Over the years we have had complaints from the syndicate on the other bank regarding alleged intrusion onto their fishing. If you are accused or challenged on any aspect please contact us as soon as you can regarding the matter on any of the numbers on page 5.


RIVER USK - KEMEYS COMMANDER BEAT, MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE
100 m
N A
Parking for MTAA members
No vehicle after this point
Footpath
Field boundaries
LOCATION
Parking = OSGB36
Easting = 334843
Northing = 204405
Postcode = NP151JD
ENTRANCE
The public right of way to the river gives access to the beat, which is 1,270 yards long and is the left hand bank facing downstream.
To A4002 Rd.
Chain Bridge
River Usk
B4598 Rd
Farm Shop
Church Ln
Church
Solar panels
To Usk
Start of beat
SO 3404 13114
Lower House Farm
Gate
River Usk
End of beat
SO 3505 2886
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THE YSBYTTY

This water is situated adjacent to the poultry processing plant at Abergavenny. Access to the factory car park is only from the roundabout and along the A465 towards Merthyr. You keep bearing to the left and turn into the employee's car park. The site is now accessed only through the locked EXIT gates, but MTAA members are legally entitled to 24/7 access. Please use the contact number on the main gate to speak to security and gain access to the parking and the fishery. Both entrance and exit to the fishery is currently via the A4042.

You may be expected to produce your licence at the security office, in any case you must carry your licence as the ground belongs to the factory and security may approach you on the riverbank. If security are not available then proceed to the access routes to the river shown on the map.

Once on the riverbank you can move up or downstream.

After fishing you must leave the factory premises by the exit onto the A4042, which will take you back to the roundabout, or to Pontypool.

RIVER USK – YSBYTTY BEAT, MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



ABERGAVENNY TOWN

No booking required to fish this beat

Fishing methods
By artificial fly only and spinning for salmon within Natural Resources Wales guidelines.

Spinning only from 16th June with single barbless hooks not exceeding size 6. There will be no worm, prawn or shrimp fishing.

All lead weights are banned. All anglers may only fish with one rod at a time.

All fishing is catch and release for trout and salmon.

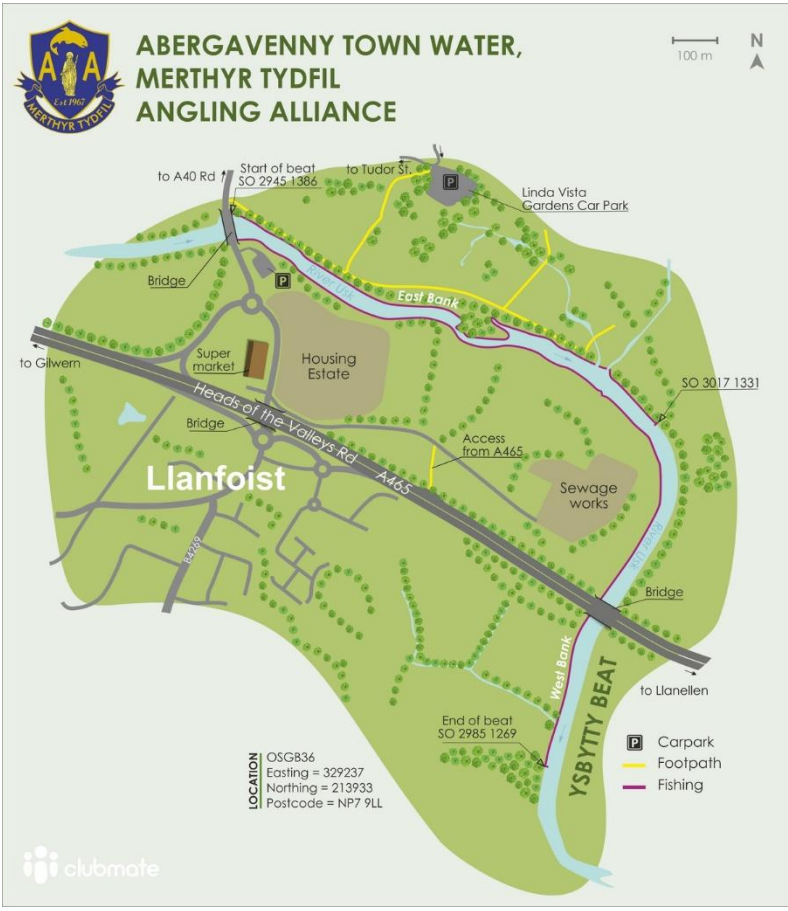
Seasons
Trout: 3rd March - 30th September in any year.
Salmon: 3rd March - 17th October in any year.

Each member must report to the Secretary (see page 5) within 24 hours the catching of a salmon on the beat, so that accurate records can be maintained.

Members and permit holders must respect property, crops hedges and fences and pay attention to the opening and closing of gates.

Anyone causing damage to banks, bushes or trees or leaving litter or waste tackle faces expulsion.

No radio or similar appliance shall be operated on the fisheries to the annoyance of others.


ABERGAVENNY TOWN WATER,
MERTHYR TYDFIL
ANGLING ALLIANCE
100 m
N
to A40 Rd
Start of beat
SO 2945 1386
to Tudor St.
Linda Vista
Gardens Car Park
Bridge
East Bank
to Gilwern
Super
market
Housing
Estate
SO 3017 1331
Heads of the Valleys Rd
A465
Bridge
Access
from A465
Llanfoist
Sewage
works
Bridge
West Bank
to Llanellen
End of beat
SO 2985 1269
YSBYTTY BEAT
Carpark
Footpath
Fishing
LOCATION
OSGB36
Easting = 329237
Northing = 213933
Postcode = NP7 9LL
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THE MARDY

The Mardy fishery is situated upstream of Abergavenny town and access to it is immediately off the A40 between Abergavenny and Crickhowell.

This access is alongside the main road and is approximately half a mile from Pyscodlyn farm (Caravan sign) travelling towards Crickhowell.

Parking is immediately adjacent to the gateway which is sign posted Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance, **do not block the gateway**, **do not park on the main road**.

The fishery is 1 1/2 miles of the left-hand bank facing downstream. It ends at the steel paling fence which is at the end of the rock pool, as shown on the map.


To Glangrwyney
Mardy Cottage
100 m
Start of beat SO 2589 1574
A40
ENTRANCE
Parking on main A40. Pull onto Pavement leaving as much of the footpath as you can SO 2573 1584
RIVER USK - MARDY BEAT, MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE
Est 1967
MERTHYR TYDFIL
100 m
N
LOCATION
OSGB36
Easting = 326164
Northing = 214886
Postcode = NP7 9SE
Pyscodlyn farm Caravan & Camping Site
To Abergavenny
ENTRANCE
Access from Llanwenarth Church NP77EP SO2749 1477
Varteg
Mardy Farm
River Usk
Boat pool
Llanwenarth Church
Start of beat at lower end SO2405 1463
Carpark
Gate
Footpath
Bus Stop
No entrance through Mardy Farm
River Usk
Peter's Catch
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THE RIVER TARELL

This fishery is situated at the village of Libanus on the A470 between Merthyr Tydfil and Brecon. It is approximately 1.25 miles of double bank fishing for small wild brook trout.

Access from the main road is via the public right of way beside the chapel. On reaching the bridge over the river there is a short length downstream on the west bank. It is then double bank fishing up to the stone bridge and half a mile of single east bank upstream of the stone bridge, the river itself is difficult wild stream fishing.

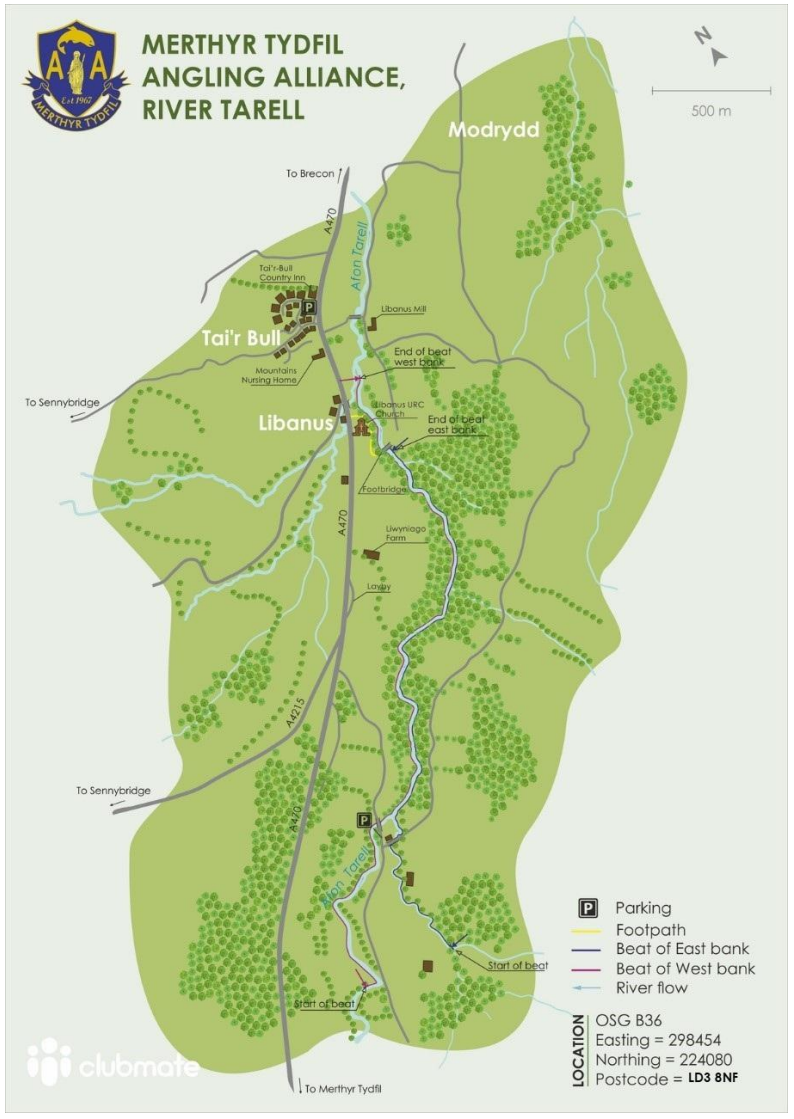
Fishing Season: 3rd March - 30th September in any year.

Fishing Methods: Artificial fly and earthworm only.

Bag Limit: 2 fish per rod per day.

Size Limit: 10 inches/25.4 cms tip of snout to tip of tail.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE, RIVER TARELL



THE RED RAIL – RIVER WYE

This fishery is situated at the village of Hoarwithy, Hereford. It is approximately 360 yards of single bank fishing for chub, barbel, pike, roach and dace. **You must book in online before fishing this beat, maximum 4 rods per day.**

Access to the fishery from the main road is easiest via the bottom of the beat, adjacent to the sheep pen (walk alongside the fence line towards the river and enter the bank at the corner of the sheep pen). Fishing only halfway across the river permitted.

Access to the middle of the beat is via the locked gate on the right-hand side as you enter from the main road. Pass through the kissing gate marked with a 'Public Footpath' sign.

Access at the top of the beat is through the same kissing gate as the middle of the beat, but continue to follow the footpath across the field towards the river.

Parking is available at both the top and middle of the beat, but please try to use the layby at the middle of the beat, to avoid congesting the bottom layby used by local homeowners. Parking is also available at the Tresseck campsite directly above the fishery for £3 per day, with a café and toilets on site too, all welcome.

Coarse fishing ONLY – No flyfishing.
Catch & release for all fish.
Barbless or micro-barbed hooks ONLY.

Closed season: March 15th – June 15th inclusive.

Fishing methods prohibited:

- No spinning.
- No live baiting.
- All environment agency bylaws to be followed.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE
RED RAIL FISHERY - RIVER WYE

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ENTRANCE

Parking is available as marked on the map.



LOCATION

OSGB36
Easting = 354600
Northing = 228845
Postcode = HR2 6QR

P Carpark
Fishing allowed
Footpath

CANTREF RESERVOIR

Access to fish will be from the main A470 from the layby at the neck of the reservoir or the layby and gate alongside the Nant Crew.

Access or entry to the dam area will be by key through the barrier. The key is available when you apply for your permit. Please respect the dam access and do not cross the dam but park in the area before crossing the dam see sign.
Cantref is a wild fishery and is FLY FISHING ONLY. No float tubing permitted.

Fishing seasons:

- 20th March - 17th October in any year.

Fishing Finishing Times (start 6am)

- March 9pm
- April 10pm
- May 10:30pm
- June & July 11pm
- August 10:30pm
- September 9:30pm
- October 8:30pm

Bag Limit
2 trout per rod per day.
The committee does however encourage catch and release.

Size limit
10 inch/ 25.4 cms from tip of mouth to tip of tail.

CANTREF RESERVOIR, MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



TALYBONT RESERVOIR

The reservoir is situated close to Talybont on Usk. No float tubing permitted.

Guest tickets are available from the Wye & Usk Foundation online for non-members of the Alliance.

Fishing methods:
This is a fly only reservoir and only fly-fishing tackle is to be carried while fishing the reservoir.

No fires, no camping, no swimming, no dogs allowed.

No fishing from the dam face or overflow.

Bag Limit:
2 trout per rod per day.

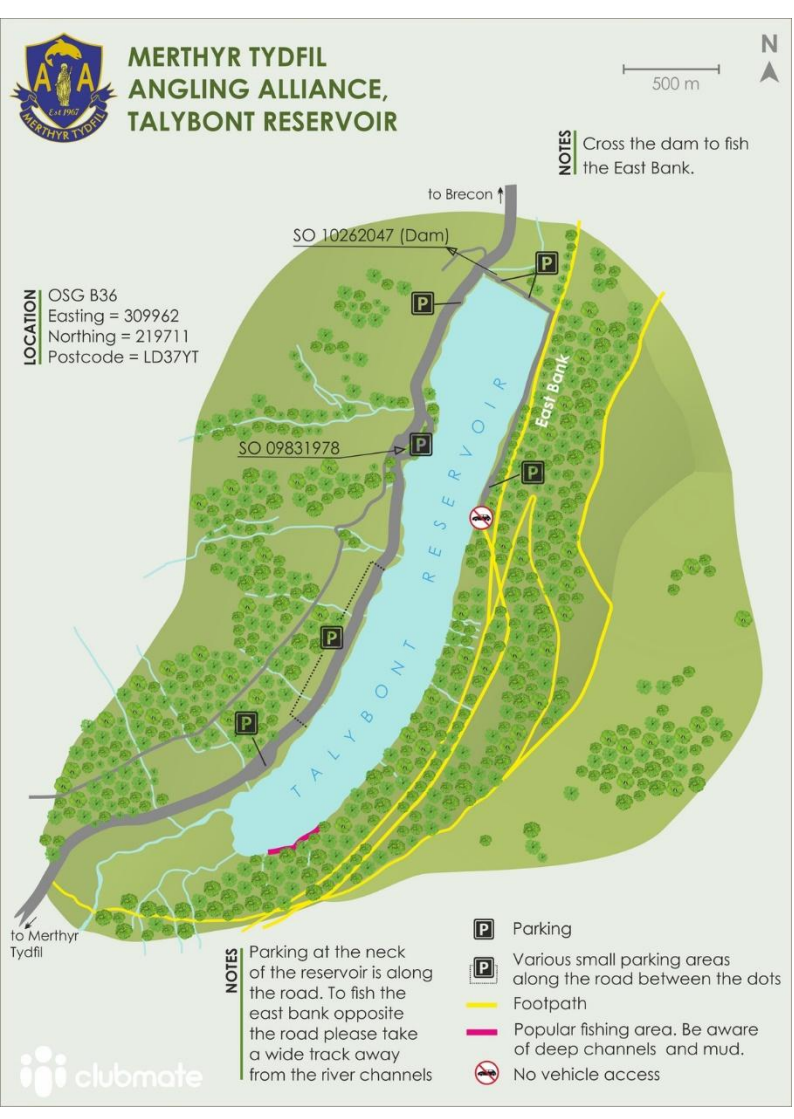
Fishing Season: 20th March – 17th October

Size Limit: 10 inch/25.4 cms from tip of snout to tip of tail

Fishing finishing times (start 6am)

- March - 9pm
- April – 10pm
- May – 10:30pm
- June – 11pm
- July – 11pm
- August – 10:30pm
- September – 9:30pm
- October – 8:30pm

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE, TALYBONT RESERVOIR



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BRECON CANAL

The length of the fishery is from the theatre basin at Brecon to bridge 153 at Pencelli.

Barbless hooks only.

Do not fish near any occupied moorings or opposite marina entrances in the main boating season as your fishing may be disturbed.

Fishing is restricted to the towpath side of the canal only.

Respect all the other canal users such as boats, canoes, walkers and Cyclists.

No driving on the towpath.

Do not obstruct access to any local resident's property.

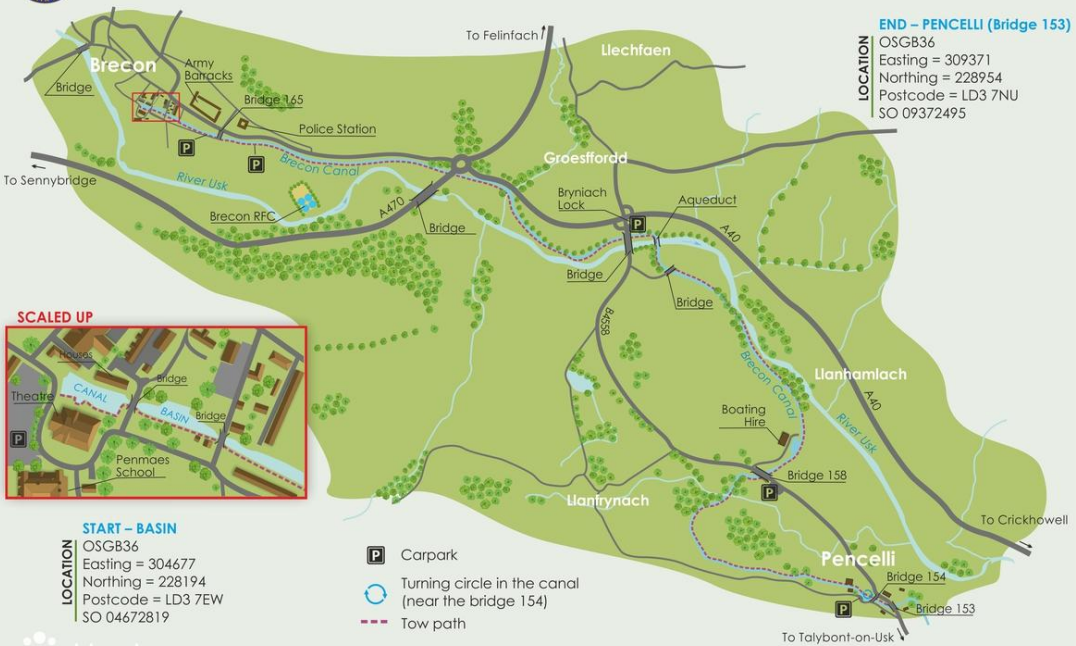
No trees or bushes to be cut.

No fishing within 25 meters above and below a lock or moveable bridge.

If asked to move by an identified employee of Canal and Rivers Trust you must do so.

No fishing within the prohibited sign zones adjacent to overhead power line.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE, BRECON CANAL



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DOLYGAER & PONTSTICILL RESERVOIRS

There is no close season for coarse fish on these reservoirs. Great care should be taken when pike fishing during March, April, May, and June, when pike will be spawning. All persons with junior membership should be accompanied by an adult.

Coarse Fishing Baits:
Maggots and cereal baits are permitted. The use of ground bait, loose bait and swim feeders is allowed for coarse fishing only.

Pike Fishing:
Only artificial spinners, flies and sea fish baits are to be used for pike fishing. No float tubing. Minimum length of 18" and 40lb wire traces.

No live baiting allowed. The use of the gaff is banned.
No pike or coarse fish to be removed from these waters.

While Pike or Carp fishing please carry a large landing net and a suitable membrane to use as an un-hooking mat.

Trout Fishing: 20th March – 17th October in any year.

Baits: Only worm, artificial spinner and fly allowed.
Bag Limit: 2 trout per rod per day.
Size Limit: Trout l0 inch/25.4 cms from tip of snout to tip of tail.

Prohibited Areas: No fishing is allowed off the main Pontsticill dam. No fishing in front of the sailing club. Fly fishing only in the nature reserve at the end of Dolygaer Reservoir.

Fishing Times: Sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Tackle Restrictions: Only 1 rod allowed for trout fishing, only 3 rods for coarse fishing.

Only barbless hooks to be used when fishing for coarse fish on all our waters. The only exception is that one hook of a treble can have a micro barb when dead baiting for pike.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE, PONTSTICILL & DOLYGAER RESERVOIRS



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TOP POND

There is an upper and lower pond situated either side of the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, west of the ASDA store. The lower pond is visible from the road.

The upper pond is reached by driving behind the Asda Store to the area where B&M is now and the gate to the pond is behind the roundabout. Go through the gate down the tarmac track. Both ponds are key only access for members.

Keys can be purchased by full members only and are available at any time on production of your permit. You must lock the gates when entering or leaving. Failure to do so will result in you surrendering your membership. There is access and platforms for wheelchair disabled anglers at both ponds. Please contact the secretary for details.

Anyone found leaving litter will be banned and members are expected to clean any peg they are fishing at.

Guest Tickets:
Are available for both ponds. See webpage for distributors.

Fishing Methods

Only 3 rods per person.

There are no legal bait restrictions on Penywern Ponds other than no spinning allowed.

Large carp are not to be retained in keep nets or carp sacks or any other method and must be returned to the water immediately except in bona fide competitions.

When carp fishing you need a landing net of at least 30 inches and an unhooking mat. All species of fish to be returned to the lake unharmed.

Barbless hooks only.

TOP POND, MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



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LOCATION
OSGB36
Easting = 307422
Norting = 208518
Postcode = CF48 2YF

ENTRANCE
Entrance to the venue is accessed via a secure gate (keys available to purchase).

MIDDLE POND

There is an upper and lower pond situated either side of the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, west of the ASDA store. The lower pond is visible from the road. Car parking for this pond is available by turning off Dowlais High Street into Station Terrace lower entrance and then first left towards the pond.

Keys can be purchased by full members only and are available at any time on production of your permit. You must lock the gates when entering or leaving Penywern Ponds. Failure to do so will mean that you will lose Alliance membership. There is access and platforms for wheelchair disabled anglers to the both ponds. Please contact the secretary for details.

Guest Tickets:

Are available for both ponds. See webpage for distributors.

Fishing Methods

Only 2 rods per person.

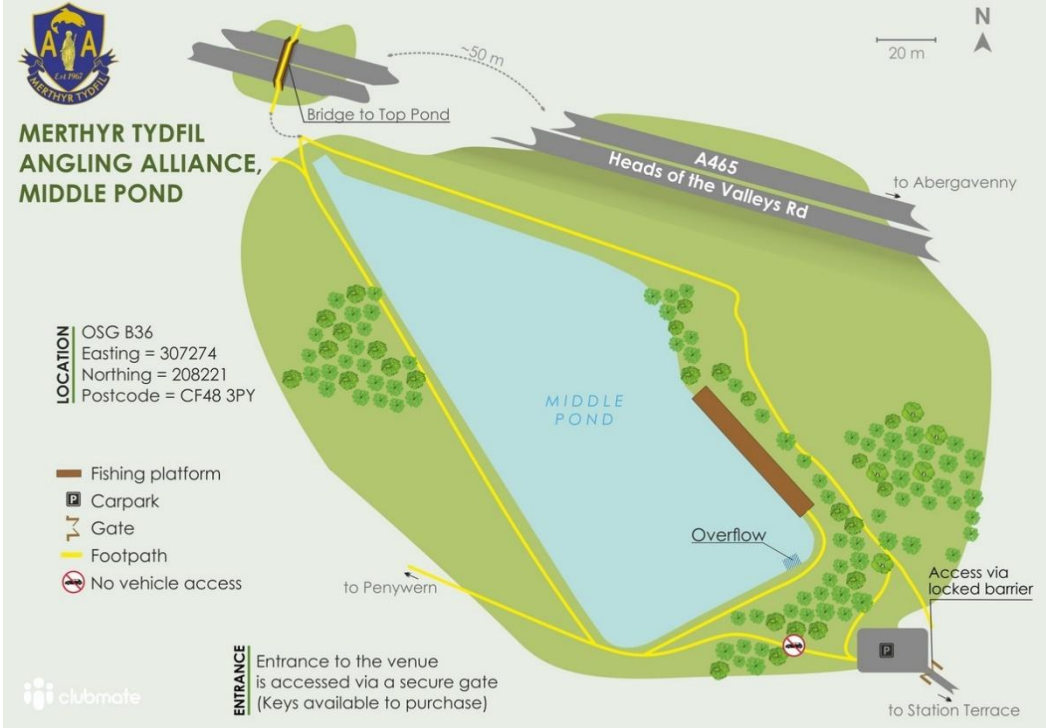
There are no legal bait restrictions on Penywern Ponds other than no spinning allowed.

Large carp are not to be retained in keep nets or carp sacks or any other method and must be returned to the water immediately except in bona fide competitions.

When carp fishing you need a landing net of at least 30 inches and an unhooking mat. All species of fish to be returned to the lake unharmed.

Barbless hooks only.

MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE, MIDDLE POND



CYFARTHFA LAKE

Fishing times are restricted to the official opening and closing times of the park which vary due to the time of the year. No member is allowed in the park before the opening time and after the closing times shown below.

Every angler must have a landing net and disgorger while fishing you need a landing net of at least 30 inches and an unhooking mat. All fish to be returned to the lake unharmed.

Opening Time: Every day is 6am.

Closing Times:

- January - 4:45 pm
- February – 5:15pm
- March – 6:15pm
- April - 7:45 pm
- May – 8:45 pm
- June – 9:45 pm
- July – 9:15 pm
- August – 8:45 pm
- September - 7:15 pm
- October – 6:30 pm
- November – 5:15 pm
- December – 4:45 pm

Maximum ledger size is one ounce. Anglers must remain within 3 metres of their rods when they have line in the water.

Be sure you keep your tackle close to you and off the tarmac footpath where cyclists or walkers can damage it.

Make sure there is no one behind you when casting.

Make sure all litter and discarded line are picked up immediately and put in your bag. Make sure all food and drink is kept in proper containers. Any person found with litter on their peg will be expected to clean it up.

Fishing Season: No close season on the lake

Prohibited Areas:
No Fishing allowed on any part of the lake where there is not a peg number. No fishing at grass bank pegs 41 to 46.

Only wheelchair anglers may fish from the disabled platform adjacent to peg 33.

Parking:
Parking is only allowed in the car park adjacent to the main entrance gates. Parking is not allowed on any verges or roads. Only blue badge holders may park in the disabled parking area at the north west corner of the lake.

Fishing Methods:

Only 2 rods per person.

No fly-fishing, spinning, or floating bread crust allowed. All other legal baits are permissible. All baits to be fished a minimum of 18 inches below the surface. No other floating or popped up baits are allowed.

Large carp are not allowed to be retained in keep nets, carp sacks, or by any other method and must be returned to the water immediately.

Take care when fishing that your actions do not endanger wildlife.

No walking baits along the bank line and no casting along the bank.

If any wild fowl particularly swans approach your bait you MUST wind it in.

Barbless hooks must be used on all our lake and reservoir fisheries when coarse fishing.

No keep nets allowed for this lake except for bona fide competitions from the **30th April until 30th September**.

All keep nets to be knotless and must be a minimum of 8ft long.


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Disabled fishing platform
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Band Stand
Mini Railway track
Railway building
Brecon Road
One way (No exit)
Access Gate
Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery
Fishing pegs (total 40 pegs)
Carpark
Disabled Carpark
Toilets
Gate
Footpath
No Fishing
clubmate
LOCATION
OSGB36
Easting = 304066
Northing = 207102
Postcode = CF47 8PA
ENTRANCE
You enter the park via the bottom entrance near the Pandy Clock. There is a carpark immediately to your left once you enter.