

River Wye: GLLR Fishings

GROMAIN & Upper LLANSTEPHAN; LLANGOED and Lower LLANSTEPHAN;
And The RECTORY SEASON RODS 2018 onwards

These three upper Wye beats are classic fly waters but, in common with all up river Wye beats, are dependent on favourable water flows. They are let in a novel way that overcomes the problem of “never being there on the right day”. So, a pool of rods “The team”....is able to access the beats on almost any day of their choice using the Wye and Usk Foundation’s self-booking system. The historic letting of a fixed day per week meant that some fishers were never there when it was in good order. Consecutive days can be fished under this system and the number of rods is restricted on each beat as below.

The three beats offer a good mix of high and low water pools. Gromain has a boat solely to fish the north (left) bank of the Ferry and the Middle beat has a boat to fish the Home Catch and Llangoed and Orchard pools. Gromain has a number of boards to enable fishing some of the tougher bits of wading (Gromain Top planks, Bachawy boards, Spout, Spring pool, Ferry (left bank) and Bridge pool. Elsewhere, most pools can be fished with waders, given normal care

Gauges on the WUF website give some indication of water conditions [here](#)

Canoeing on the upper Wye is by arrangement with the owners and details of what should happen can be found [here](#). Canoes should only be there when the Llanstephan gauge is over 2’ 5”, during the salmon season and between 18th October and 15th March

Cost: £800 full rod (All 7 Days) £450 Half rod (All 7 days, Alternative weeks)

How it works

- Season rod payments are for all 7 days of the week. Half rods will fish any or all of the 7 days but on alternate weeks. You will be given a password to book yourself in a little in advance of your preferred day(s) and preferred beat.
- The skill is, as ever, gauging what will be the prevailing conditions on the day you can get away and whether these conditions suit one beat better than another (I still can’t get it right after 30 years!). The gauge and other weather information to assist is to be found at <http://www.wyeuskfoundation.org/conditions/index.php>

- The owner may be contacted on 07812118065 (SM-S) and WUF on 01874 712074.

Other Information

Boundaries

& Pools: A map and details of pools is available for each beat. They are frequently updated

Rods:

Gromain & U Llanstephan	4 salmon or trout/grayling rods per day.
Llangoed & Lwr Llanstephan	3 salmon or trout /grayling rods per day
Rectory	3 salmon or trout/grayling rods per day

Booking: You could in theory fish on every day on any beat. However, please only make bookings that you will definitely use and cancel any you can't make as quickly as possible. However, the system does not permit sending a locum

Guests: We give three (free) guest day permits on request. One on Rectory; one anywhere before 15th April anywhere and one either of other beats. Guests should always be accompanied by the season rod

Catches: Salmon: **119** – 2017; **132** – 2016; **44** – 2015; **24** – 2014; **14** -2013; **109** – 2012; **32** – 2011; **23** – 2010; **24** – '09; **71** –'08; **50** – '07

5 year average 64 Over 93% on fly.

Trout to 7½ lbs; Barbel to 8 ½ lbs; Chub to 6lbs; Dace, Pike and Grayling.

Notification: We send out email updates of conditions, catches etc. WUF has a webcam on a gauge at Gromain to give instant water height and colour information. Please advise us of successes, fish hooked, other points of interest or concern. Salmon Catches > Stephen.gromain@btconnect.com or the WUF catch returns

Huts Gromain has a hut, barbeque, small cooker and heater etc which is available whatever beat you are fishing.

CONDITIONS OF LETTING

- NRW rules and regulations should be observed at all times: Spin and Fly 3rd March – 31st August; Fly only 1st September – 17th October. All salmon must be returned.

Trout and Grayling may be retained – subject to NRW byelaws. For 2018, there may be additional byelaws relating to hooks etc. We will advise when the outcome of consultation is known.

- Unlike much of the Wye there is good fly fishing in nearly every pool. There are a few places where a spinner is likely to succeed over fly: the middle and tail of the Rectory pool, Ty Mawr (Rectory); Spring pool, Croy and tail Orchard (Gromain and U Llanstephan); Llangoed Pool and Home catch (Llangoed and L Llanstephan) **When there are other anglers present, you must confine spinning to these larger pools unless agreed with your fellow fisher.**
 - Only Flying Cs fitted with single hooks can be used on these beats.
 - If there is a rod on the other bank at Dolmeudwy and Orchard, please ensure you fish behind the rod that has started the pool first. Ideally, fish the other pool and then swop over. Elsewhere, unless by mutual agreement please spread yourselves out cross the beat.
 - **Please Note All Safety Warnings**
 - Gromain has some pools with boards to aid wading. On no account should felt only soles be used on them: they are very slippery.
 - Please only use the boats (if available) if you are experienced in boating. You should use a life jacket if boating (Not supplied)
 - From time to time it is necessary to carry out essential bank maintenance. Whilst endeavoring to limit interference to the privacy of tenants, it may become necessary to have workmen and machines working on the bank. Apologies in advance.
 - **Disclaimer: All persons attending (fishers, friends, observers, children guests, pets etc) do so entirely at their own risk. The owner, his employees, agents, whilst endeavoring to take reasonable care of the property, disclaim all liability for loss or damage to property or persons attending this Fishery in any capacity**
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