

Season Rods at The Rectory
March 3rd, 2026 onwards

The Rectory is 1 ½ miles of mixed single and double bank prime fishing on the upper Wye. It offers salmon, trout, grayling and coarse fishing for barbel, chub and pike.

The beat is let in a novel way that overcomes the problem of fixed day per week season rod fishing. A pool of anglers is able to access the beat on any day of their choice using the Fishing Passport's online booking system (telephone bookings are also possible). The number of rods per day is fixed to three. Consecutive days can be fished under this system to accommodate those who live a distance away but only three rods are bookable at any one time. Day tickets for the beat is also available through the same booking system.

The Rectory offer a good mix of high and low water pools for salmon fishing. Most pools can be fished from the bank or wading, given normal care.

Gauges on the WUF website give some indication of water conditions [here](#). The ideal heights for salmon are usually anywhere between 2ft 3 inches down to 1ft 6 inches although fish can, of course, be taken outside these heights.

For trout and grayling fishing any height below 1ft 6 is preferable. Coarse fishing from the bank is possible at a much wider range of heights.

Cost:

£500 full rod (All 7 Days, 3rd March to 2nd March following year)

£265 Half rod (All 7 days, Alternative weeks, 3rd March to 17th October)

Winter Grayling Rod (18th Oct to 2nd March) £54.

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 advance of your preferred day(s) via the Fishing Passport and preferred beat and you can have a maximum of three slots booked in advance. When each slot is fished, you can book another and so on.
- The fishery managers can be contacted on 07887 504 937 or 07780 996 488 and WUF can be contacted on 01874 712074.

Other Information

Boundaries

& Pools: Details including maps of pools are available for each beat. They are frequently updated.

Rods: 3 salmon or trout/grayling/coarse rods per day

Booking: Please only make bookings that you will definitely use and cancel any you can't make as quickly as possible.

Guests: We give two (free) guest day permits for full rods on request (2 for half rods). Guests should always be accompanied by the season rod.

Catches: Information on catches of all species can be found on the Fishing Passport site. Please advise us of successes, fish hooked, other points of interest or concern. sethjmars@outlook.com or louismacdonaldames@gmail.com

Hut: The Rectory has a hut available to all anglers. The code is given in the confirmation document given at the time of booking.

Canoeing: Canoeing on the upper Wye is solely 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 at any height between 18th October and 15th March.

Wild swimming: Wild swimming is extremely dangerous in this part of the Wye and not permitted on the fishery without prior permission. Many wild swimmers are unaware that they do not have a right to swim (even in the sections of the river that have public right of navigation) without river owner permission. Some local residents are occasionally permitted to swim, but only when it does not interfere with fishing. Please let us know if you come across this activity.

CONDITIONS OF LETTING

- A season rod runs from 3rd March to 2nd March the following year.
- [NRW rules and regulations](#) should be observed at all times.
- Salmon: Spin and Fly 3rd March – 31st August; Fly only 1st September – 17th October. Please be aware that additional byelaws have been introduced recently regarding hook sizes. It is the angler's responsibility to be completely up to date with all NRW regulations.
- All salmon must be returned (as per byelaws).
- Fly fishing only for trout. 2 trout and/or grayling may be retained per day – subject to NRW byelaws.
- 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 and Ty Mawr; **When there are other anglers present, you must confine spinning to these larger pools unless agreed with your fellow fisher.**
- **Please Note All Safety Warnings**
- From time to time it is necessary to carry out essential bank maintenance. While endeavouring 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 owners, their employees and agents, while endeavouring to take reasonable care of the property, disclaim all liability for loss or damage to property or persons attending this fishery in any capacity**
