



Salmon Fly-Fishing on the River Dee



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Fishing Packages at Tor Na Coille



*Our owner, David Littlewood, with a February
'Springer' at Little Blackhall & Inchmarlo in 2018*

The Dee is renowned as one of the great salmon rivers of the world. Anyone who has ever cast a fly for Atlantic salmon will know the allure of this wonderful river.

Today we have the privilege of welcoming anglers from all over the world who come in search of the ultimate prize: a Dee springer taken on the fly.

The character of the river makes it ideal for fly fishing. It's fast-flowing, crystal clear waters are home to a succession of salmon pools that provide the angler with some of the finest fly water in Europe.

Here at Tor Na Coille we work in close partnership with a number of River Dee Beats and their Ghillies, to provide the **ultimate salmon fly fishing experience**, all in one place. We organise everything for you (including equipment/tackle hire if required), to save you the time and trouble of organising everything separately.

Our Owner, David Littlewood, is a keen salmon angler himself and has an intimate knowledge of the river, the beats and the ghillies, and is always happy to offer help and advice on what tackle to bring/hire and which beat to choose depending on your level of experience and confidence, to ensure that you have the most memorable experience.

Carlogie

RODS: 3 GHILLIE: Sean Stanton (Feb-May, Sept-Oct)

Carlogie is a consistently a high-performing beat on the middle Dee.

The beat is renowned for its streamy, classic fly water, which fishes well at all heights, but particularly at low levels when it excels. Situated amidst forestry and farming land this is a beautiful, versatile beat, in a secluded location. The main hut at the famous Calm Pool is a popular lunchtime rendezvous for fishers with cooking facilities and a wood-burning stove.

Carlogie is the uppermost of the 3 Ballogie beats managed by Ballogie Estate.

The fishing extends from Alan's Pool and Pitslug down the right bank of the River Dee to Boat of Kincardine and provides fishing for 3 rods. The 19 named pools give a fine variety of challenges and difficulties to satisfy all techniques and tastes. Vehicular access is available to all pools. The pools can also all be reached on foot via a short walk on pleasant river paths. Wading is not challenging and seeking depth is not a priority to reach lies. In addition to salmon, the sea-trout fishing is good from early summer throughout the beat.



Ballogie

RODS: 3 GHILLIE: Sean Stanton (Feb-May, Sept-Oct)

Consistently the best Middle Dee beat during Spring.

With fishing both above and below Potarch Bridge, Ballogie is a beautiful beat set in forest and farmland. It is a classic fly fishing stretch of the Dee, which caters for all tastes, from streamy pools at the Gannets, Flats and Kelpie to the deeper waters of the Sand, Slips and Bridge pools.

Ballogie is the middle of the 3 Ballogie Estate beats (Carlogie, Ballogie and Commonty) and is situated on the right (south) bank of the river between Boat of Kincardine and the Burn of Cattie. Ballogie is divided into 3 rod beats fished in rotation, which allows a rich variety and varied challenge. There is good vehicle access to both the top and bottom of the beat with car parking at Potarch and a footpath along the whole length of the beat. Two of the huts have heating and the Gannets hut has toilet facilities. The two main huts are attractively located and families will enjoy the secluded picturesque location with the diversity of flora and fauna.



Commonty

RODS: 3/2 **GHILLIE: Sean Stanton**

Commonty is a secluded, tranquil and extremely attractive beat.

Access is via a forest road which descends through coniferous woodland to the river. The main pool, the Garden, is an angler's delight and versatile for even the most discerning fisher. Chair, Loop, Bend and Points are productive pools with their own attractive characteristics.

Commonty is a lovely beat of great variety, where peace and quiet is an added bonus; it has a wonderful variety of flora and fauna with common sightings of roe deer and otters.

Commonty has 3 rotating rod beats from February to end of June then it changes to a 2-rod beat; at the end of August, it reverts back to supporting 3 rods.

The much-praised Commonty Hut, which replaced the hut lost in Storm Frank, has been specially built of Scottish Larch, has a gas cooker, wood burning stove, comfy seating, picnic bench and toilet facilities. In such a peaceful location, the hut has proved popular at lunchtimes as a rendezvous for anglers, family and friends. The beat also has 2 additional shelters available. There is vehicular access to all pools with the exception of Burnmouth, Suicide, Loop, Bend and Points, where access is gained on foot via the tranquil and pretty river paths.



Cairnton & Middle Blackhall

RODS: 7 **GHILLIE: Brian Brogan**

Cairnton is perhaps the most famous beat on the River Dee (if not the world!). It is the 'Home' of greased-line fishing, where A.H.E Woods developed the method of using a floating fly line and controlling the speed and depth of the fly, this was to become the foundation of almost ALL modern-day fly fishing lines and techniques. The pools are perfect for fly fishing at any height. With well maintained banks and no obstructions this is 'carpet slipper' fishing at normal spring levels. A bankside track extends to all but the last 200m at each end. There is a resident ghillie who also services the opposite bank of Middle Blackhall.

Being on the sunny side of the river, amid lovely scenery, out of sight and sound of any road and with tailored banks, the fishing is both secluded and most attractive. The considerable gradient from top to bottom gives a wide variety of pools, of great character, in both high and very low waters. There are four shelter huts and two lunch huts along the beat. As Cairnton also owns the opposite bank of Middle Blackhall there should be no conflict with other fishers.

Middle Blackhall Is outstandingly attractive, secluded yet easily accessible, being only half an hour's drive from Aberdeen Airport. The beat, which accommodates three rods, extends to approximately 1.6 miles of single bank fishing and is 2 miles upstream from the delightful town of Banchory. A variety of pools, runs and glides provide excellent holding pools and lies in varying depths of water. This beat is directly opposite the famous Cairnton Water, on which Mr Arthur Wood pioneered the use of the greased line in the 1930s.

The beat extends from a concrete marker on the south bank above Douglas Pool, downstream to the Mill Rush Pool below Invercannie Pool. Although many of the pools can be fished from the bank, fishermen are advised to equip themselves with chest waders. There is a full- time ghillie, who is responsible for the beat who also runs the opposite bank of Cairnton but his services are limited to advice only from mid-July to end-August. There is a substantial timber fishing hut well sited above the Canary Pool. The hut is comfortably equipped and has a wood burning stove.



Little Blackhall & Inchmarlo

RODS: 6 **GHILLIE: Martin Robson**

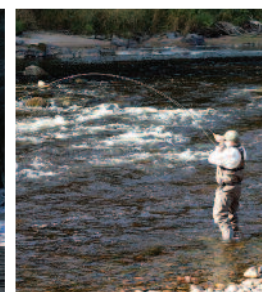
Little Blackhall and Inchmarlo Fishing's is one of the prettiest and most scenic beats, situated in the Middle Dee. With approximately 1 mile of double bank fishing, the beats have a wide variety of water with some excellent holding pools and are home to the famous Roe Pot Pool (mentioned in John Ashley Cooper's book 'The Great Salmon Rivers of Scotland').

The beats can offer double bank fishing for up to 7 rods, but can also be let as single bank fishing for 4 rods on Little Blackhall from 1st February – 31st May, dropping to 3 rods for the remainder of the season, or 3 rods on Inchmarlo, dropping to 2.

There are also 2 boats available, which our resident and full-time Ghillie, Martin Robson, will operate to ferry guests between the beats and for fishing, water height permitting.

A bankside track runs along either beat, giving great access to the varied water on offer, which consists of some fantastic glides and runs, which provide us with an option of somewhere to fish in a great range of conditions. Each beat has its own fishing hut fitted with a wood burning stove, running water and connected to the mains electricity, Inchmarlo's hut also has WC facilities.

Little Blackhall is approached via a two mile long private road on the south side of the river and Inchmarlo, accessed from the North Deeside Road, making the beats secluded, yet easily accessible.



Invery & Tilquhillie

RODS: 6 **GHILLIE: Colin Simpson**

Invery & Tilquhillie is one of the best known beats on the lower section of the River Dee. It is situated at Banchory around twenty miles from the coast making it a good resting spot for spring fish. In addition, it is just downstream of the junction with the Dee's first major tributary, the Water of Feugh, which attracts a good run of grilse and sea trout.

The beat is recognised for its ease of fishing, both wading and from the bank. All huts are well provisioned with heat, light and toilet facilities. There is excellent vehicular access and parking.

The ghillie, Colin Simpson, has over thirty years of experience of the river and is a widely respected authority on salmon flies. Colin will explain the water and determine the rota for fishing as the beat is managed in three sections each for two rods – Invery north and south banks and Tilquhillie (south bank only). There are sixteen named pools with characteristics such that the beat can be fished at all water heights although as a precaution against very low summer levels, the beat drops from six rods to four after May. The Bulwarks at Invery and the Floating bank at Tilquhillie are amongst the best holding pools on the whole river.



The Hotel

Tor Na Coille is a 4 star, family-owned Victorian Country House Hotel, located at the western edge of the town of Banchory, on picturesque Royal Deeside. Set in acres of wooded grounds, this magnificent granite building enjoys an elevated position with panoramic views over the surrounding hillside.

The 25 individually styled en-suite bedrooms each have their own character and distinct charm. Enhanced by the period furniture and unique room shapes, the majority of them enjoy views of the grounds and surrounding countryside. Each Classic, Deluxe and Master room offers something that makes it unique, whether it's the four poster, sleigh bed, rolltop bath, spectacular fireplace, or just the sheer size.

Showcasing the best of Scotland's rich and diverse larder, Chef-Owner David Littlewood (Scottish Chef of the Year 2013/14 and Masterchef of Great Britain), alongside Head Chef Colin Lyall, create award winning modern Scottish cuisine. Using the best local produce, our

exciting menu is prepared with flair and imagination and served with a relaxed, professional touch, either in our restaurant or the more informal bar area.

All guests also benefit from free use of The Unit Gym and Fitness Centre, located on-site. It boasts Scotland's largest independent gym, run by two-time winter Olympian Ben Kilner. The Unit also houses a beautician, nail bar, hairdresser, two treatment/massage rooms and a private physio clinic, all of which offer discount to hotel guests.

The hotel with its wooded grounds, manicured lawns, colourful flower beds and stunning views of the surrounding hillside, make it an idyllic setting for your perfect day and providing a magnificent backdrop for those memorable photographs. With our unpredictable weather the interior provides an equally impressive setting with its grand carved fireplace and period features.



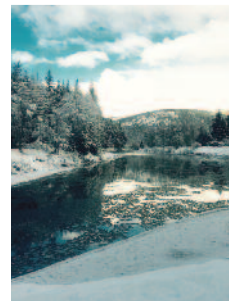
The Packages

3 DAYS FISHING AND 4 NIGHTS AT TOR NA COILLE

This package includes four night's 4 Star accommodation at Tor Na Coille Hotel in Banchory, breakfast, packed lunches for fishing days, dinner in our award winning 2AA rosette restaurant or bar, three days fly fishing on the mighty River Dee with all permissions/permits provided, and a personal ghillie (fishing guide) for your group who can provide intimate knowledge of the river, techniques and give full instruction or lessons, where required. Prices vary throughout the season and depend on your chosen Beat, time of year and availability. PLEASE CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY with your preferred dates and we will check availability and quote our best possible price.

BESPOKE PACKAGES

We are always happy to tailor a bespoke fishing package for your party, whether it's for 1 guest or 20 guests. We can arrange for you to fish a number of different beats, for as many days as you wish and we can arrange these to suit your needs and budget.



ADD-ONS

Fly Tying Evenings, River Walks and Talks

Tor Na Coille has a close working relationship with The River Dee Board and Trust, as well as some of the area's top UK fly-tiers, including Ross Macdonald, creator of the famous "Park Shrimp" and Fly-tying correspondent for Trout & Salmon Magazine, and Sean Stanton, creator of the "Franc-N-Snaelda. As an addition to your package, we can arrange Fly-Tying evenings at the hotel for your party, as well as guided walks of the river, or talks from members of the River Board about the Life-cycle, habitat and biology of our beautiful River Dee.

Fishing Tackle and Equipment

Guests are encouraged to bring their own tackle, waders and equipment for use on the river, however for those guests who wish to 'travel light' and hire equipment when they get here, we have arrangements in place to provide this service at additional cost. We also have partnered with SOMERS FISHING TACKLE in Aberdeen, to facilitate discounts for those guests who wish to purchase any tackle during their stay. We can arrange for your new tackle to be delivered to the hotel either prior to your arrival, during your stay, or even directly to you on the river! You can even request that they bring a few rods etc for you to 'try before you buy' on the river if you wish!

Partners/ Packages & Activities

If you and/or your fishing colleagues would like to bring your partners along, but they don't fancy sitting on the riverbank watching you fish all day, why not ask us to provide a range of activities for them while you are out on the river?

All guests at Tor Na Coille have free use of The Unit Gym & Fitness Centre, Scotland's largest independently owned gym, which is operated by Ben Kilner (Team GB Olympian) and is located on-site at the hotel. We also have a Hair Salon, Beautician, Nail Bar, Massage & Treatment rooms, Solarium and Turkish Barber all located within The UNIT.

We can also offer Afternoon Teas with cocktails, guided tours, Castle visits, Whisky or Gin Tastings, Highland Cattle visits and Guided Hill Walking.



Kildrummy Inn

OUR SISTER HOTEL WITH FISHING ON THE DON

Kildrummy Inn sits on the edge of the Cairngorm National Park, Surrounded by rolling hills. The Inn has four ensuite bedrooms with open views across the peaceful Aberdeenshire countryside.

Using the best local produce, our exciting menu is prepared with flair and imagination and served with a relaxed, professional touch. Kildrummy Inn has been awarded 2 AA rosettes for culinary excellence.

Kildrummy Inn has four miles of salmon and trout fishing on our own private beat of the River Don. The trout fishing in particular has been described as outstanding by the experts. The beat is divided into four rods and one house rod across twenty named pools and offers great seasonal fishing from the bank, or with waders. There is a cosy lunch hut with toilet facilities.

The hotel has a secure rod and drying room. Pre-ordered breakfast and pack lunches can be provided and arrangements can also be made for the assistance of a ghillie or hire of equipment.



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The River Dee

The Dee District Salmon Fishery Board is charged with the protection and enhancement of salmon stocks on the Dee catchment. Our salmon are the lifeblood of the Dee Valley. The salmon fishery is worth around £15 million each year to Aberdeenshire's economy and employs a great variety of people in roles directly related to the river such as the ghillies and River Office staff and others who provide accommodation and other services to visiting anglers. We are always glad to welcome visitors old and new to enjoy the river, the stunning scenery and the outstanding hospitality on offer such as these highly desirable packages from the Tor Na Coille.

To find out more about the work of the Board and our sister organisation, the River Dee Trust, please take moment to explore our website www.riverdee.org.uk

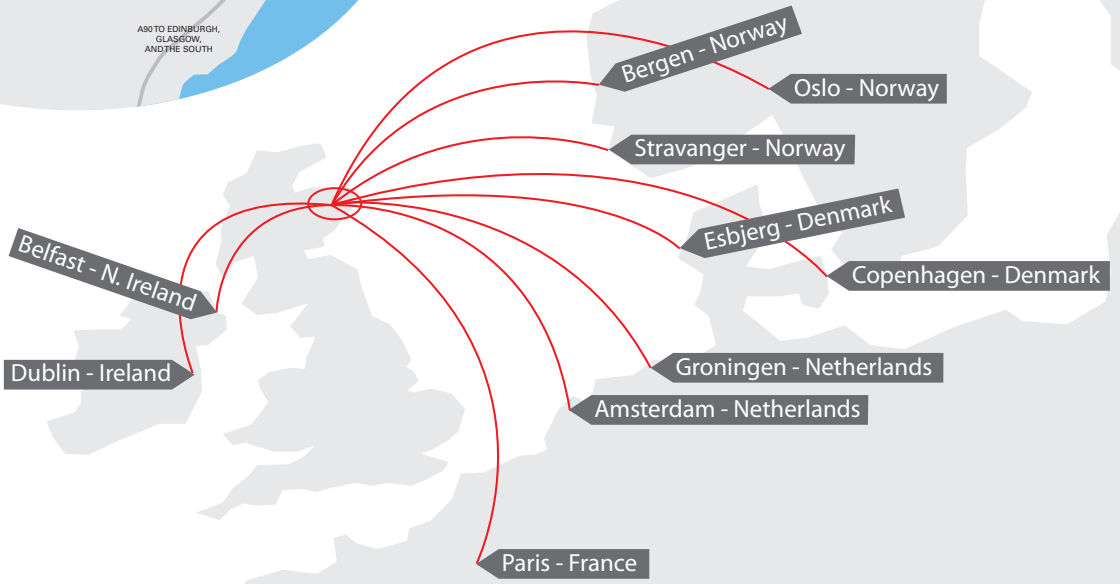




Location

GETTING TO ABERDEENSHIRE

The east coast of Scotland is very accessible thanks to the great transport links with Aberdeen. There are direct links from many European cities and all under a two hour flight time. Within the UK Aberdeen has direct flights to many airports such as London, Manchester, Birmingham and Bristol. Aberdeen also has direct train lines to the rest of the UK via the East Coast or West Coast lines.





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