

Fishing the
Reservoirs
of Wales
Your Guide



Dŵr Cymru
Welsh Water



Angling with Welsh Water

Welsh Water owns 91 reservoirs varying in size from 2 acres to 1,026 acres and manages what is probably the single largest group of stillwater trout fisheries in the UK.

Virtually all of the principal reservoirs are available to anglers. Some of our fisheries have been leased or licensed to angling clubs and associations, a separate permit is required for those fisheries.

Key to Symbols for site descriptions and maps

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Fly fishing | | Parking |
| | Spinning | | Toilets |
| | Worming | | Restaurant/Cafeteria |
| | Size limit
12 | | Catch limit
6 |
| | Acres
200 | | No fishing of any kind in this area |
| | Height above sea level in feet
400 | | No bank fishing in area |
| | Boat fishing | | Site of Permit Office/Machine |
| | Disabled fishing facilities | | Bird watching |
| | Float tube available on request | | |

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Llyn Aled



This moorland reservoir holds large numbers of roach, perch and pike up to 22lb and is a good match venue. The occasional wild bred brown trout can add variety to the day's catch.

Season

All year round (corase)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Daily Fishing Times

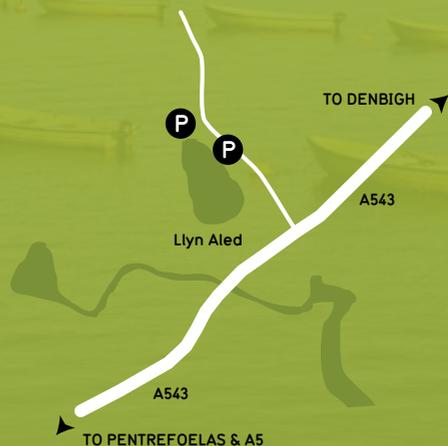
8.00am to 1/2 hour before sunset

Permits

Permits from machine or shop at Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre

Fishing Methods

All legal coarse fishing methods except live bait



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Llyn Brenig



Fly Casting (Brenig)

Fully qualified coaches will be running courses every month

Disabled

Boats and toilets for disabled anglers

Daily Fishing Times

Bank fishing from 8.00am
Boat fishing from 9.00am
Closing time 1/2 hour before sunset

Season

Mid Mar - 31 Oct (rainbow)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Permits

Season permits and boat permits are available at the Visitor Centre.

Day permits available from machines. (Proof of address needed for all local permits).

Cafe and Shop

Open 8am - 4pm

The World Fly Fishing Championships and regular Home Fly-fishing Internationals have helped to establish an international reputation for the fishery. Anglers can enjoy fishing heather and spruce lined shores for hard fighting trout reared locally in cages in the lake. Llyn Brenig is one of the few remaining fisheries preserved exclusively for fly-fishing. The record rainbow trout of 17lb 5oz was taken in 2006 and a 21lb 7oz record brown trout in 2003.

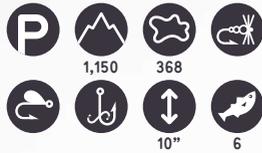


Fishing news and advice available from fishing.visitwales.com



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Alwen



This reservoir, constructed amidst heather moorland in 1916, is now an attractive fishery with many sheltered tree-lined bays. The fish feed heavily at times on terrestrial insects including coch-y-bonddu beetles, heather flies and daddy longlegs. As an all method fishery stocked weekly with rainbow trout, Alwen is an ideal venue for a parent to initiate a child in the art of fishing. If the trout won't bite then the plentiful perch will oblige.

Season

Mid Mar - 31 Oct (rainbow)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Daily Fishing Times

8.00am to 1/2 hour before sunset

Permits

Permits from machine or shop at Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre



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Elan Valley & Claerwen



Elan Valley

Three miles west of Rhayader a series of Victorian dams forms four reservoirs with a total area of 850 acres, support a good head of wild and stocked brown trout.

These Troutmaster waters were chosen to host the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships in 2010.

Fishing Methods

No fishing areas near Penbont bridge and head of Craig Goch reservoir.

Elan Valley Visitor Centre

Open 10am - 4:30pm everyday (except Christmas Day).

Season

20 Mar - 17 Oct

Daily Fishing Times

1/2 hour before sunrise
1/2 hour after sunset

Permits

Day permits only, available from the Elan Visitor Centre and from Mrs D Powell, Newsagent, Garth House, West Street, Rhayader.

Claerwen

One of the few genuine wild brown trout fisheries left in Wales, never restocked.

Wilderness waters spanning 15 kilometers of bankside and 900 acres of wild brown trout fishing.

Fishing Methods

No fishing at the western (conservation) end of the reservoir.



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Usk

**Season**

25 Feb - 31 Oct (rainbow)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Fishing Times

Start: 8.00am
Finish: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(depending on month)

Fishing Methods

The use of lead weights from 0.06g (no 8 shot) to 28.4g (1oz) is prohibited. Fly fishing at west end of reservoir.

Permits

Day permits from a ticket machine at the reservoir. Day permits are also available on-line from the Wye and Usk Foundation.

Boats

Boat anglers can use their own boats by prior arrangement only.

Boats may be stored on site depending upon availability. Boats must be removed during the winter. Permits can be arranged through the Area Lands Manager (South East).

This attractive upland reservoir surrounded by forest and moorland, is situated in the upper reaches of the Usk Valley in the Brecon Beacons National Park. It is one of the best trout fisheries in Wales, rainbows stocked. Many fish are taken on 'Toby' spinners whilst fly fishermen use Montana Nymphs, Cat's Whiskers or Viva variants. Fly fishing from privately owned boats is popular. Please note, the 'Top Area' is now fly fishing only.



No fishing is permitted from the dam face, overflow, in feeder streams or inside the north bank conservation area.

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Beacons



Situated at the head of the Taff Valley in the Brecon Beacons. This reservoir is primarily a wilderness fishery. There is a good natural population of brown trout, (4lb+ fish are taken annually), but a number of quality rainbows are also stocked during the season. Common practice is to use very small flies such as Black Pennell, Butcher, Mallard and Claret on this fly fishing only water.

Season

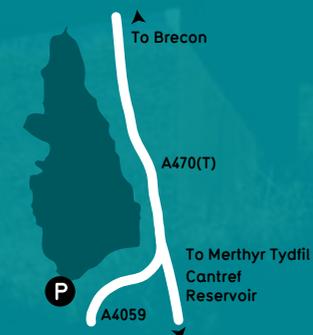
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Daily Fishing Times

Start: 8.00am
Finish: to 5pm-9pm
(depending on time of year)

Permits

Day permits are available from machines at the Garwnant Visitor Centre, also available online from the Wye and Usk Foundation.



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Llwyn Onn



Bordered by mixed woodland in the Brecon Beacons National Park, Llwyn Onn is a favourite with the local anglers. It is a multi-method reservoir providing excellent sport for all anglers. The east bank is a popular venue using spinners with white polystyrene balls on the line, small worms or Toby's. The rainbow record trout for the water is 13lb 13oz, whilst the largest brown trout taken weighed 10lb 4oz. Quality fish are stocked frequently from our own rearing unit.

Permits

Day permits from machines at the Garwnant Visitor Centre, also available on-line from the Wye and Usk Foundation.

Fishing Methods

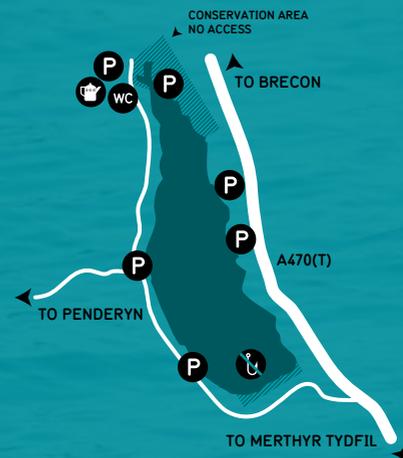
No fishing from the dam face, overflow, feeder streams or conservation area at north east bank. The use of lead weights from 0.06g (no. 8 shots) to 28.4g (1oz) is prohibited.

Season

25 Feb - 31 Oct (rainbow)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)
(Subject to weather will remain open to winter fishing)

Daily Fishing Times

Start: 8.00am
Finish: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(depending on month)



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Talybont



Talybont is a wilderness fishery where the native fish are given a helping hand by an annual stocking of brown trout. The Ranunculus beds by the crumbling bridge pillars are a known hotspot. Here the trout respond well to a floating line and traditional patterns such as the Coch-y-Bonddu.

Season

20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Daily Fishing Times

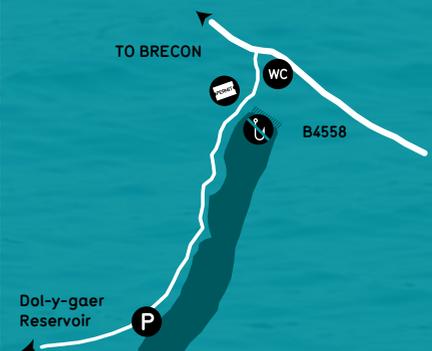
Start: 8.00am
Finish: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
(depending on month)

Permits

Day permits from machine at the nearby Aber nature reserve, also available on-line from the Wye and Usk Foundation.

Fishing Methods

Fly fishing only



N.B. No fishing from the dam face and overflow.

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Llandegfedd

Llandegfedd Reservoir is closed until March 2015 due to the construction of a brand new Visitor Center and cafe.



Llandegfedd Reservoir, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, is set in the rolling landscape of south east Wales. The lake is heavily stocked, with bank and boat fishing available for rainbow and brown trout. It is also a popular venue for competitions.

Season

1 Mar - 31 Oct (rainbow)
20 Mar - 17 Oct (brown)

Daily Fishing Times

Bank fishing from 8.00am
Boat fishing from 9.00am
Closing times as advertised on site.

Boats

Day boats must be booked in advance. 5 hour boats are available on a first come first serve basis, advance bookings will not be taken. All anglers must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence (available from any Post Office).



Permits

Available from the ranger's waterside office. Fishing permits are also available online from the Wye and Usk Foundation.

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Llys y Frân



A water set in a country park with ancient oak woods and distant views of the Preseli Mountains. The oaks are the source of many terrestrial insects and also caterpillars. Dark lures are the early season choice whilst black, claret and green buzzers are useful patterns when the fish are rising to Chironomids. Worm fishing is permitted in certain areas. Our boathouse accommodates over 30 boats and a restaurant and licensed bar caters for the inner angler. A cage rearing programme provides a constant supply of prime rainbows of up to 5lb in weight.

Season

Main season: 8 Feb - 31 Oct
Winter season: 1 Nov - 14 Dec

Daily Fishing Times

8.00am until 1/2 hour after sunset (bank)
8.00am until sunset (boat)

Permits

Season and day permits are available from visitor centre shop.

Boats

30 boats with 4 stroke petrol outboard engines are available for hire.

Wheelie boat

A special boat is available for disabled anglers. Prior booking is advised.

Fishing Methods

Fly fishing and ledgered worms (zoned areas only) Fly only from boats.



*Not transferrable

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Rosebush



A tranquil wild brown trout fishery set in a scenic region of west Wales. It is leased to a private syndicate but a limited number of boat and bank rods have been retained for outside use. Floating lines with small traditional flies or dry flies are the most rewarding method.

Season
20 Mar - 17 Oct



Get in touch

General enquiries and postal payments for permits and licences should be referred to the appropriate Area Lands Manager at the address given below. Cheques should be made payable to 'Dwr Cymru Cyf'.

Brenig, Alaw, Alwen and Aled
Area Lands Manager,
Visitor Centre, Brenig Reservoir,
Cerrigydrudion,
Nr Corwen, LL21 9TT
01490 420463

**Beacons, Llwyn Onn,
Llandegfedd, Talybont and Usk**
Area Lands Manager,
Sluvad Treatment Works,
Llandegfedd Reservoir,
New Inn, Pontypool,
Torfaen NP4 0TA
01495 769281

Claerwen
Area Lands Manager,
Elan Valley Visitor Centre,
Elan Valley, Rhayader,
Powys, LD6 5HP
01597 810880

Llys y Frân, Rosebush
Area Lands Manager,
Visitor Centre,
Llys y Frân Reservoir,
Clarbeston Road,
Pembrokeshire, SA63 4RR
01437 532694 or 07881 905937



Permit Information

Rover Permits

The season Rover Permits will continue and cover: Llys y Frân, Llandegfedd, Beacons, Talybont, Usk, Brenig, Alaw and Alwen reservoirs.

Concessionary Permits

Concessionary permits at a reduced price are available at most venues for:

1. Juveniles under 16 years of age.
2. State retirement pensioners.
3. Anglers who are confined to wheelchairs.

Anglers are reminded that proof of entitlement to a concessionary permit may be requested.

Block Permits

Applications should be made to the appropriate Area Lands Manager.

Junior Permit (16 and under)

At Llys y Frân, Llandegfedd, Llyn Brenig, Llyn Alaw, Alwen, Llwyn Onn and Usk – Prices vary with site. Bag Limit: 2 fish.

Adult & Child Permits

This special category enables a child to fish with a parent on the day permit obtained by the parent, at no extra cost, provided:

1. The child is under 13 years of age;
2. Both anglers share the single bag limit;
3. The child has a separate rod licence.

N.B. This concession shall only apply to full-day permits and it is limited to one child per adult.

Fishing for Anglers with Disabilities

Anglers are encouraged to use the company's facilities where it is safe to do so. Special provisions have been made at: Llyn Alaw, Llyn Brenig, Llys y Frân, and Llandegfedd.

Rod Licence Duties

Anglers are reminded that they must also possess a valid rod licence issued by the Environment Agency in addition to a fishing permit. These can be purchased from Post Offices. Fishing with live bait is prohibited at all reservoirs.