



The Glyndwr Preserve, River Dee

<p>Beat Description</p>	<p>Set in the majestic Llangollen valley, the Midland Flyfishers Glyndwr Preserve offers 4 miles of double bank river Dee fishing. It is some of the best grayling fishing in the UK (the international grayling competition is held on the Dee every year) and has a fine head of wild brown trout.</p> <p>Up to 8 day ticket anglers can fish the water on any day (4 bookable via WUF). Also, members of the club that own the water may be salmon fishing from 3rd March to 29th June, although it is unlikely that they will be on the water at this time (trout and grayling anglers must give way to salmon anglers). With 4 miles of river, however, there is easily enough space.</p> <p>Wading is of mixed difficulty and care must be taken. Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times.</p>
<p>Canoeing</p>	<p>Access arrangements are in place for this section of the Dee. For the period 18th October to 31st March, canoeing can take place when the river is 3ft or over on the Coed Y Glyn gauge at 8:00am i.e. when fishing is not possible.</p> <p>Permission has also been given to canoe on Wednesday and Saturdays between 9.30am and 12.30 (launch times) during the 1st April to 29th June period. All canoes should be off the water by 1.30pm and day tickets will be ½ price for Wednesdays and Saturdays during this period.</p>
<p>Rules & Regs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRW byelaws apply and it is the angler's responsibility to be aware of and to abide by these. • Catch and release only for all species. • Fly fishing only at all times of year. • No dogs. • Fishermen are asked to use barbless hooks or remove the barb. Please handle the fish with care and return fish to the water as soon as possible. • It is a condition of day ticket purchase that every angler is to complete a catch return, either via the Foundation website, by email or by phone. • Day ticket trout and grayling anglers must give way to salmon anglers.
<p>Other Details</p>	<p>Good food and a pint can be had at the Sun Inn, Rhewl, 3,000 metres downstream from parking point "A" on the map. Alternatively, the Berwyn Arms is to be found on the A5 at Glyndyfrdwy.</p> <p>Please support Dai the local butcher in Glyndyfrdwy, himself a keen fisherman, who sells excellent local lamb and other meat. He will be pleased to help you in your choice.</p>

Please note that grayling and trout fishermen are allowed to fish the salmon pools but must give way to salmon fishermen, although it is unlikely that any will be present at the times of the year that day tickets are available.

Lower Parking

This beat is accessed by turning right off of the A5 at the traffic lights in Llangollen crossing the town bridge and turning left follow the signs to Rhewl. After about 3.5 miles you will see a private road on the left leading to Groes Lwyd Cottage just prior to a steep hill. Parking is at a small lay-by about 100 yards prior to the turning, marked "A" on the map. Walk down the track for approximately 100m with Groes Lwyd Cottage in view on your right. Turn left to a sign saying "MFF water" and go through 2 gates close to the river. These gates should be left as you found them (normally closed). No parking is allowed in the fields. Please keep close to the river avoiding any damage to the pasture.

The first pool you come to is signed Groes Lwyd. After Groes Lwyd follow the path accessed through a series of small lift gates. Particular care should be taken when walking the narrow path.

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Middle Parking

The middle sections are accessed via the A5 from Llangollen. Approximately 4 miles from Llangollen you will see a brown sign on your left welcoming you to Glyndyfrdwy. After another 300m or so you will come to a large lay by on your right, the first turning to which is signposted "The Original Butterfly Man." Continue on the A5 until you come to the second turning right into the lay by, just before a bus stop. Take this and then the turn immediately left down the lane with the dead end sign. Proceed for approximately 1,500 metres until you get to Garthydwr Farm. There is a gate at the entrance of the farm which may be shut, please leave it as you found it. Proceed through the farm and out the other side along a narrow track pass Tan-y-Garth Cottage and park 300 metres further on at the side of the track where it turns right, marked "B" on the map. Please make sure you do not obstruct the track. Go back towards the farm and turn right across the Llangollen railway track (beware of the trains!). The river is directly in front of you.

The middle sections are known spawning areas for salmon, mainly on the pools marked "salmon fishing". During the months of November and December grayling fishermen must take care not to disturb spawning salmon either fishing too near them or wading onto the redds.

Please stay close to the river at all times and leave farm gates as you found them, closing them if closed or open if the farmer has left them open.

Upper Parking

The upstream sections are accessed off of the A5 turning right into Glyndyfrdwy village. Proceed through the village, across the railway level crossing, over Glyndyfrdwy Bridge crossing the river. Turn right and proceed for approximately 1500 metres until you reach a small lay-by on the right, marked "C" on the map. Proceed upstream from the lay-by on foot. The fishing is double bank for approximately 1000 metres until you reach a solid hedge on the left bank, where the fishing terminates.

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