

RIVER HALLADALE RULES

1. Beats and Fishing Times

The Lower River Halladale is divided into four beats which are clearly marked by the roadside (A897) and on the river map which should be carried by Fishermen at all times. The starting beat for fishing tenants will be allocated when lets are confirmed. Fishing tenants will move down one beat each day. Fishing is permitted from dawn until midnight. No fishing is allowed on Sundays.

2. Fishing Equipment

Only conventional single or double handed fly rods may be used with wet or dry flies (including Waddingtons and Tube flies). No other type of rod, lure or bait is permitted. The use of gaffs and tailers is not permitted and landing nets should have "knotless" mesh.

Anglers are asked to use single, double and preferably barbless hooks. Treble hooks larger than size 12 should not be used.

The Gyrodactylus Declaration Form sent by the Administration Secretary must be signed by all fishers before starting to fish. All fishing equipment including boots and waders used outside the UK must be sterilized by one of the methods set out in the Form before starting to fish. The River Superintendent can give advice if necessary.

3. Catches and Catch and Release Code

Salmon, grilse, sea trout and brown trout may be taken. To conserve salmon stocks fishermen are asked to adhere to the District Salmon Fisheries Boards' voluntary catch and release code, details of which are available through the Administration Secretary and displayed in each fishing hut. Also displayed are the length to weight tables for estimating the weight of returned fish.

Completed Catch Record forms should be given to the River Superintendent at the end of an anglers stay.

3. Access to the River

The Strath Halladale Partnership does not own the lands giving access to the river though the banks are generally owned by the Partnership. Landowners have granted access on foot to the river. Therefore, please observe the following:

- Please strictly observe all notices to Anglers on gates etc.
- No vehicles may be driven to the river bank except at Garden pool / Macbeths and then only if notices are strictly followed.
- Do not cross cultivated land or hay crops when approaching the river.
- Re-close all gates and gaps and do not allow livestock to stray

- Keep dogs under firm control at all times and never allow them to approach or worry livestock and wildlife. No dog may be ever be left unattended or to roam free.
- Only park in places designated on the map. Do not park in “Passing Places” or obstruct the road, the Police will take action if this occurs.

5. Safety

For your own safety and that of others at the River, observe the following.

- Use a wading staff when wading in water flowing above calf height and do not attempt to cross the river above this level
- Wear a life jacket in water above calf height.
- Beware of all power and telephone lines when fishing or carrying a rod near them especially in misty or thundery weather.
- Know what to do if your waders fill with water or you fall in.
- Always wear glasses and a hat to protect your eyes when fishing or watching a person cast.
- Carry a waterproof torch when fishing in the dark.
- No person under the age of 12 years may approach the river unless accompanied by an adult.

In an emergency contact the Emergency services by dialing 999, please also contact the River Superintendent on 07795 007 833 or 01641 531215 and the Administration Secretary on 0787 9866 738 or 01641 571271. The nearest Doctor at Armadale is on 01641 541212.