

# FISHING BREAKS

THE VERY BEST CHALKSTREAM FISHING IN ENGLAND



time is precious. use it fishing

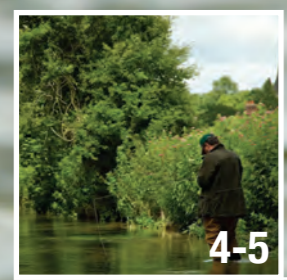
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# Introduction

Dear Fly Fisher,

I grew up on the chalkstreams and all my formative fishing years were spent on the River Meon, a tiny stream in the east of Hampshire. As my angling horizons expanded it came as something of a shock to discover that not all rivers were gin clear, full of fish you could see and eager to take a well chosen fly when the hatch was on.

The more I have travelled and the more I have fished the more I have come to realise how very special our English chalkstreams are. I would not be as arrogant as to tag them as 'the best fishing money can buy' as every angler has a different benchmark as to how they judge such things, but the chalkstreams are undeniably unique for all the very best of reasons.

In the twenty years since I started Fishing Breaks it has been my pleasure to fish across the length and breadth of England. However, being able to share with you the enormous thrill of fly fishing on some of the most beautiful chalkstreams you will ever feast your eyes upon remains for me the reason for being in this business.

I really do hope you have the chance to fish with us sometime very soon.

Best wishes,

*Simon Cooper*

SIMON COOPER  
FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Without question Fishing Breaks is the leader in your field. We have fished with you now four times and have never felt the need to look elsewhere. I think that's what is called happy repeat business.

DEAN WILLIS  
SEPTEMBER 2011



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# River Test & the South

**T**he Hampshire chalkstreams are the epicentre of fly fishing. It is on these exact rivers that angling pioneers like F.M Halford and G.E.M Skues honed their skills to invent modern day fly fishing.

It is truly no exaggeration to say that when you fish rivers such as the Test or Itchen you are following in the footsteps of those very angling pioneers. Glance at one of the sepia photographs from the Victorian era when they made their discoveries to see a river and countryside that is immediately recognisable as the places you are fishing today. But history aside the chalkstreams are not just about being famous for being famous, but for being in a single word, beautiful. Nowhere on the planet will

the angler experience water of such clarity, fly hatches of such variety and fish on the fin waiting, framed against the bright gravel river bed, ready to take a well cast fly.

Hampshire is blessed with hundreds of miles of chalkstreams, some major names like the River Test, others barely known brooks but none the worse for being obscure. At Fishing Breaks we have them all, bringing to the visiting angler a wealth of choice and fishing opportunities.



RIVER TEST, WHITCHURCH FULLING MILL, HAMPSHIRE

“ **Every section is maintained to perfection and the beat scores 10/10 on every point: ambience, maintenance and stocking.** *The best beat I've fished on the Test in nearly 20 years.* ”

MARC RUDDLE  
JULY 2011

- RIVER TEST 1
- RIVER DEVER 2
- RIVER ANTON 3
- WALLOP BROOK 4
- RIVER DUN 5
- RIVER ITCHEN 6
- RIVER MEON 7



# Wessex & Dorset

**M**oving to the west away from the famed rivers of Hampshire, the counties of Wiltshire and Dorset open up a whole new world for the adventurous fly fisher.

The grand old man of this region is of course the River Avon, immortalised by Frank Sawyer the most famous river keeper who ever lived and the inventor of the Pheasant Tail Nymph. The Avon starts as a tiny stream, gathering size as it flows across Salisbury Plain almost in sight of Stonehenge. As it passes beside the towering spire of Salisbury Cathedral famous tributaries such as the Wylde join the main river until it eventually joins the sea some sixty miles from the source.

Across into Dorset and Thomas Hardy country the pace of life slows, which is reflected in rivers like the Allen, Frome and Piddle. To think Dorset rivers is to think less of manicured banks and grand fishing huts. Here the cow parsley, purple loosestrife and clusters on golden mimulus grow wild on the banks releasing clouds of damsel fly as you make your way upstream.

- RIVER FROME 1
- RIVER AVON 2
- RIVER ALLEN 3
- RIVER NADDER 4
- RIVER WYLDE 5



RIVER FROME, WRACKLEFORD, DORSET

“  
**A mild day**  
 not too sunny  
 and not too overcast,  
 a good pub lunch  
 and we left the water  
 as we found it,  
**crystal clear**  
 and more fish than  
 we have seen for a  
 year or two.  
**Excellent**  
 and four very  
 happy chappies.  
 Now looking forward  
 to the next!  
 ”

COLIN FIELD  
 MAY 2011

# Derbyshire & Yorkshire

The chalkstreams are often thought of as strictly southern rivers but the geological seam that runs down the eastern side of England before cutting under the Chilterns to head south west, starts its journey in Yorkshire.

The Eastern Wolds have quite literally dozens of chalkstreams, some so small and obscure that they barely have a name. Some however are right up in the premier league, most notably of all the Driffield Beck. This is the northern river that nearly all the angling greats made their way to having heard the tales of the exceptionally pellucid, or translucently clear, water. None came away disappointed, favourably comparing the Beck to Hampshire's River Itchen.

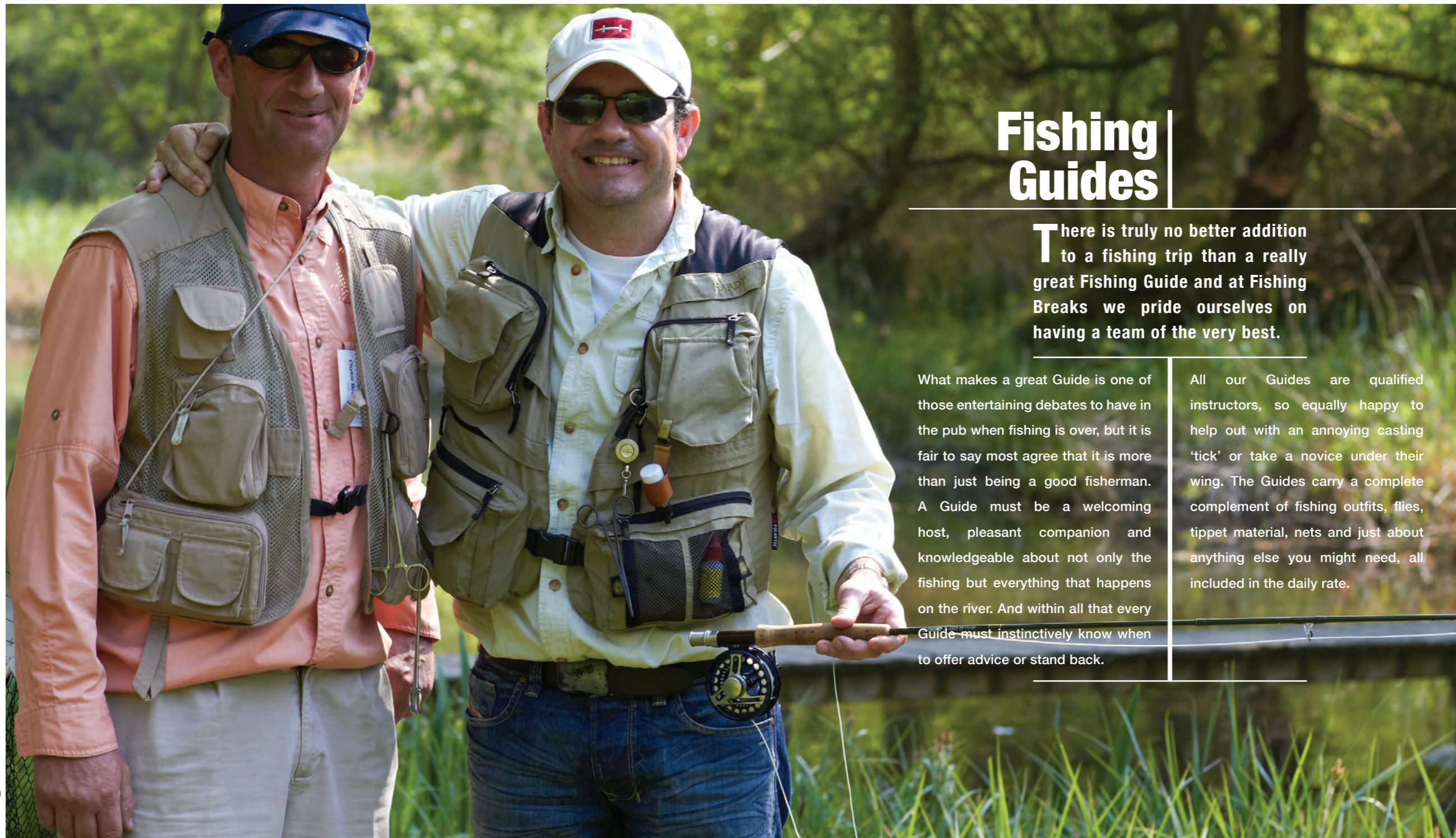
Down and across into Derbyshire the steep valleys that come off the crags and tors in the Peak District National Park feed the limestone rivers, the most notable of which are the Dove and Wye. The River Dove can trace its angling history back over five centuries to the late 1600's when Izaak Walton wrote of it in The Compleat Angler when he fished with his collaborator, Charles Cotton. The association is marked by the fantastical Fishing Temple on the banks of the river to which only our fishermen have access.

DRIFFIELD BECK 1  
RIVER DOVE 2

“ THE location was superb, well maintained and above all peaceful... one of the best days fishing I've ever had. Thank you.

JONATHAN WHITEHEAD  
APRIL 2011





## Fishing Guides

There is truly no better addition to a fishing trip than a really great Fishing Guide and at Fishing Breaks we pride ourselves on having a team of the very best.

What makes a great Guide is one of those entertaining debates to have in the pub when fishing is over, but it is fair to say most agree that it is more than just being a good fisherman. A Guide must be a welcoming host, pleasant companion and knowledgeable about not only the fishing but everything that happens on the river. And within all that every Guide must instinctively know when to offer advice or stand back.

All our Guides are qualified instructors, so equally happy to help out with an annoying casting 'tick' or take a novice under their wing. The Guides carry a complete complement of fishing outfits, flies, tippet material, nets and just about anything else you might need, all included in the daily rate.

“  
**Friendly,  
 helpful  
 guides  
 make a  
 HUGE  
 difference.  
 ALL WAS  
 perfect.**  
 ”

GEORGE ROGERS  
 JUNE 2011

# Fishing School

Learning to fish, wherever or however you do it, may sometimes be one of those life defining moments. The time when you discover a passion that stays as something you do as often or as rarely as you choose, but you will forever more think of yourself as an angler.

Nether Wallop Mill, nestling beside the burbling Wallop Brook at the head of the Test valley, is the ideal place to try your hand at fly fishing. As with learning all new skills there are some basics and humdrum routines to be drilled but the overriding aim is to equip you with enough knowledge at the end of the day to say, without fear or favour, "I can do that and do it well".

The school set up at The Mill has everything required for the perfect

introduction to fly fishing; a well stocked trout lake, a small stream with wild brown trout, a thatched fishing lodge and all the latest kit. However, most importantly you will find our team of qualified instructors patient, helpful and with unfailing good humour as they guide you through each day.

Nether Wallop Mill is open April to October for Foundation Courses, Private Tuition, Family Days and Small Groups.

“ **ALAN MIDDLETON**  
(the instructor) was *fantastic*. Thanks Alan, *what a teacher!* ”

IAN SMITH  
SEPTEMBER 2011





### Corporate Days |

A day fishing will always be the surprising hit in the corporate entertaining year. For guests who fish it is a great way to indulge a passion. For those who don't it is a great way to try it out. Be prepared for reciprocal invites in years to come as your guests copy your idea!

### Fishing Lodges

The Edwardians invented the great sporting house party, though it did become a byword for draughty houses and tepid bathwater. Fortunately today the houses, cottages and lodges have every modern convenience with an array of sporting opportunities. Available all year for salmon and trout fishing, shooting and stalking.



### Overseas Destinations |

Never before has anyone with the 'have rod - will travel' attitude had such a huge array of destinations and species from which to choose. Across the globe there are still vast, unexplored tracts of our planet offering unique access for the adventurous fisherman. Through our overseas partners Roxtons, Fishing Breaks are able to offer full service trips to the best saltwater and freshwater destinations.



### Places to Stay |

The quaint inn or small country house hotel are still the perfect antidote to busy lives. After a successful day on the river all will seem right with the world with your feet up in front of a blazing fire and a glass in hand. Fishing Breaks offers comprehensive advice on where best to stay.

## Destinations

### Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, Christmas or special occasion. Personalised, valid for two years and good for the entire Fishing Breaks range they may be ordered on-line or by phone.



“ This place is a jewel. I will be there again. The fish are there to be seen, the greeting you get with an explanation of where and how to fish the river was refreshingly good, as are the facilities. ”

BRIAN HAYCOCK  
AUGUST 2011



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# FISHING BREAKS PRICE LIST 2012

## DIFFICULTY

Easy  
 Moderate  
 Difficult  
 Expert

## TRANQUILITY

Some intrusion  
 Rural setting  
 Total bliss

### HAMPSHIRE

#### Whitchurch Fulling Mill – River Test

May 1 - June 9 **£273**  
June 10 - July 31 **£218**  
August 1 - September 30 **£189**

Wading 1-2 Rods

#### Bullington Manor – River Dever (Test tributary)

(minimum 2 rods until July 1)

April 16 - May 11 **£205**  
May 12 - June 9 **£309**  
June 10 - July 31 **£205**  
August 1 - October 14 **£185**  
October 15 - November 30 (grayling) **£83**

1 - 10 Rods

#### Middleton Estate – River Test

May 1 - May 11 **£254**  
May 12 - June 9 **£281**  
June 10 - July 31 **£209**  
August 1 - September 30 **£197**

1 - 5 Rods

#### Wherwell Priory – River Test

April 27 - May 11 **£254**  
May 12 - June 9 (min 3 Rods) **£345**  
June 10 - July 31 **£254**  
August 1 - October 14 **£219**

1 - 8 Rods

#### The Greyhound – River Test carrier

April 27 - May 11 **£89**  
May 12 - June 10 **£139**  
June 11 - July 31 **£112**  
August 1 - October 14 **£89**

1 - 2 Rods

#### Nine Mile Water – Wallop Brook (Test tributary)

April 1 - May 11 **£75**  
May 12 - June 30 **£95**

Wading 1 - 2 Rods

#### Mottisfont Abbey – River Test

(Minimum booking 2 Rods until August 1)

April 27 - May 11 **£325**  
May 12 - May 31 **£575**  
June 1 - June 10 **£475**  
June 11 - July 31 **£275**  
August 1 - October 14 **£195**

1 - 6 Rods

### HAMPSHIRE cont.

#### Kimbridge Meadows (Test carrier)

May 1 - October 14 **£132**

1 - 6 Rods

#### School Farm – River Dun (Test tributary)

(Minimum booking 2 Rods all season)

April 23 - May 11 **£270**  
May 12 - June 10 **£351**  
June 11 - July 31 **£288**  
August 1 - October 14 **£228**

1 - 3 Rods

#### Dunbridge – River Dun (Test tributary)

April 23 - May 11 **£238**  
May 12 - June 10 **£313**  
June 11 - July 31 **£249**  
August 1 - October 14 **£196**

1 - 3 Rods

#### The Parsonage – River Test

May 1 - May 11 **£164**  
May 12 - June 10 **£302**  
June 11 - July 31 **£196**  
August 1 - October 14 **£175**

1 - 6 Rods

#### Broadlands – River Test

April 27 - May 11 **£160**  
May 12 - June 10 **£240**  
June 11 - July 31 **£160**  
August 1 - October 14 **£140**

1 - 6 Rods

#### Broadlands – Carrier

April 27 - June 10 **£135**  
June 11 - October 14 **£100**

1 - 6 Rods

#### Woodington – River Blackwater

April 1 - October 15 **£54**  
October 16 - March 15 **£32**

1 - 2 Rods

#### Upper Clatford – River Anton

May 1 - May 11 (price for 2 Rods) **£150**  
May 12 - June 9 (price for 2 Rods) **£196**  
June 10 - September 30 (price for 2 Rods) **£150**

2 Rods

### HAMPSHIRE cont.

#### Itchen Stoke – River Itchen

May 1 - September 30 **£725**

**£525**

Wading 1 - 3 Rods

Price per Rod, (1-3 Rods) including one Guide

#### Exton Manor Farm - River Meon

April 1 - June 15 **£95**  
June 16 - September 30 **£75**

Wading 1 Rod

### BERKSHIRE

#### Barton Court – River Kennet

May 1 - 14 **£106**  
May 15 - June 15 **£138**  
June 16 - July 31 **£106**  
August 1 - September 30 **£95**

1 - 6 Rods

#### Benham Estate – River Kennet

May 1 - 14 **£175**  
May 15 - June 15 **£225**  
June 16 - July 31 **£175**  
August 1 - September 30 **£150**

1 - 6 Rods

#### Donnington Grove - River Lambourn

April 16 - May 16 **£98**  
May 17 - June 14 **£137**  
June 15 - July 31 **£98**  
August 1 - October 15 **£78**  
October 16 - December 31 **£53**

1 - 2 Rods

### DERBYSHIRE

#### Cotton's Fishing House – River Dove

May 16 - June 30 **£129**  
July 1 - October 15 **£79**

Wading 1-2 Rods

#### Bank Top – River Dove

March 18 - October 7 **£24**

Wading 1-2 Rods

**DEVON****Hannaford Fishery - River Dart**

March 14 - September 30  
 £47/one  
 £69/two

**Weekly tickets available - poa**

Wading 1-2 Rods

**DORSET****Wimborne St Giles – River Allen**

May 1 - June 30 £150  
 July 1 – September 30 £115



1 - 4 Rods

**Wrackleford – River Frome**

April 1 - 30 £100  
 May 1 - 16 £115  
 May 17 - June 20 £145  
 June 21- July 31 £115  
 August 1 - October 15 £90



1 - 6 Rods

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE****Coln St Aldwyns - River Coln**

April 1 - September 30 £87  
 October 1 - March 15 (grayling) £49



1 - 3 Rods

**SUSSEX****Great Bentley - River Ouse**

May 1 - September 30 £39/one Rod  
 £57/two Rods  
 5 Day Season Ticket £127  
 10 Day Season Ticket £207



Wading 1 - 2 Rods

**WILTSHIRE****Compton Chamberlayne – River Nadder**

April 15 - May 14 £149  
 May 15 - June 11 (min. two Rod) £198  
 June 12 - July 31 £149  
 August 1 - October 15 £127



1 - 4 Rods

**Manningford – River Avon**

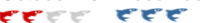
April 1 -September 30 £59  
 October 1 - January 31 (grayling) £49



1 - 3 Rods

**Fisherton de la Mere – River Wylfe**

April 15 - May 14 £98  
 May 15 - June 17 £133  
 June 18 - October 15 £98  
 October 16 - December 31 £65



1 - 2 Rods

**YORKSHIRE****Mulberry Whin - Driffeld Beck**

April 1 - April 25 £45  
 April 26 - May 10 £55  
 May 12 - July 18 £65  
 July 19 - September 30 £55  
 October 1 - February 28 £35



1 - 4 Rods

**fishing school****One Day Foundation Course**

£195/person

April 14 April 28 May 12 May 27 June 9  
 June 23 July 14 July 28 September 8 September 22

**Private Tuition**

Private tuition for 1 £325  
 Private tuition for 2 £395  
 Each additional person £75

Dates on request April - October

**Father and Son Day**

1 adult plus 1 child under 16yrs £325  
 Dates on request April - October

**Family Day**

1-2 adults plus 1-3 children under 16yrs £395  
 Dates on request April - October

**One Day Introduction to River Fishing**

£245/person

April 20 May 4 June 22  
 July 20 August 10 September 14

**Salmon Spey Casting**

£275/one  
 £325/two

Dates on request April - October  
 price does not include fishing charges

**fishing school day includes:**

Times: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Tackle: All fishing equipment, flies, waistcoat, hat, glasses &amp; wellies.

Fishing Licence: You are covered by our block licence

Location: Nether Wallop Mill, except Introduction to River Fishing  
 (Bullington Manor) and Salmon Casting

**fishing guides****Hampshire, Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire  
Sussex and Wiltshire**

£275

**Derbyshire**

one person £175  
 shared by two £250

**Devon**

Half Day or Night time session (4 hrs) £145

**Sussex**

Half Day (4 hrs) £145

**Yorkshire**

Half Day (9am - 1pm) £95  
 Full Day (9am - 4pm) £175

The Guiding rate is for a full day 9.30am - 6pm except where stated

Tackle and Fulling Mill flies are provided free of charge. Our Guides are fully qualified instructors. We recommend a ratio of one guide/two fishermen. Local transportation by prior arrangement at no extra cost.

**saltwater fly fishing****Sea bass fishing with Tony King**

A day Sea Bass fishing from his boat with guide, Tony King.

One person £275  
 Exclusive use of the boat (max. 3 Rods) £495

Location: Weymouth Harbour, Dorset  
 Dates on request from June – October

**Saltwater fly fishing school**

Fishing from the flats or shore with guide, Tony King.

Full day for one or two Rods £225  
 Half Day for one or two Rods £150

Location: Weymouth, Dorset  
 Dates on request from June – October

**events****Fish and Golf - Donnington Grove Country Club**

Fish in the morning and play a round of golf in the afternoon.

April 16 - May 16 £125/person  
 May 17 - June 14 £165/person  
 June 15 - July 31 £125/person  
 August 1 - October 15 £95/person

Tee time (2pm onwards) to be arranged at the time of booking.  
 Weekdays only

## gift vouchers

### 'Your Choice' vouchers

Our biggest selling voucher. Any value from £50 upwards

£50, £75, £100, £150, £250, £350, £500, £750, £1000

### A Day on the River Test

A day on the most famous chalkstream of all

Mayfly period (mid May - early June)	£302
Prime period (May - July) *	£196
Peak period (August - October)	£175

\* excludes Mayfly period

### A Day on the River Test with a Fishing Guide

Making a special day that extra bit special

Location: Hampshire Season: May - October

Mayfly Period (mid May - early June) £575/one Rod  
£875/two Rods

Prime Period (May - July)\* £475/one Rod  
£665/two Rods

Peak Period (August - October) £450/one Rod  
£625/two Rods

\* excludes Mayfly period

### One Day introduction to River Fishing

Trout fishing in gin clear waters

One Day Introduction to River Fishing £245/person

### Foundation Course

The perfect way to learn fly fishing

One Day Foundation Course £195/person

### Private Tuition

A dedicated instructor just for you

One-to-one	£325
Two People	£395
Three People	£470
Four People	£545

## gift vouchers

### Family Days

Share the fun with all the family

April - October 1-2 adults and 2-3 children £395

### Father & Son Days

Capture the excitement of that first fish

April - October 1 adult and 1 child £325

### Sea Bass Fishing

Britain's hardest fighting fish... and on the fly too!

June - October 1 person £275  
exclusive use of the boat (max 3) £495

ALL VOUCHERS VALID FOR TWO YEARS

## corporate fishing days

### BERKSHIRE

**Benham Estate - River Kennet**

party of ten from £3,250

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

**Coln St Aldwyn's - River Coln**

party of twelve £4,275

### HAMPSHIRE

**Bullington Manor - Upper River Test**

party of six £2,435

**Meon Springs - Lake fishing**

party of ten £1,475

**Meon Springs - Fish and Shoot**

party of ten £2,175

**Mottisfont Abbey - River Test**

party of eight from £2,375

**School Farm - River Dun**

party of four £1,950

**The Parsonage - River Test**

party of six £2,435

**Wherwell Priory - River Test**

party of six £2,685

what is included:

**Tackle:** All fishing equipment, flies, waistcoat, hat, glasses & wellies.

**Numbers:** Most river venues are available for parties of up to twelve. Prices for extra guests charged pro rata. Meon Springs is available for groups of twenty five.

**Catering:** Breakfast, waitress service lunch with fine wines and afternoon tea included in the price.

**Fishing Guides:** A ratio of one Guide to two guests except on lake days when the ratio is one Guide to four-six guests.

**Prices:** Rates include all fishing charges, fishing licences, Fishing Guides, catering, drinks, tackle and flies. All prices plus VAT.

**Mayfly:** During the Mayfly period (May 12-June 10) there will be a premium of 25% on prices at Bullington Manor, School Farm, The Parsonage and Wherwell Priory.

**TIME** is  
*precious.*  
**USE IT**  
**FISHING**

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