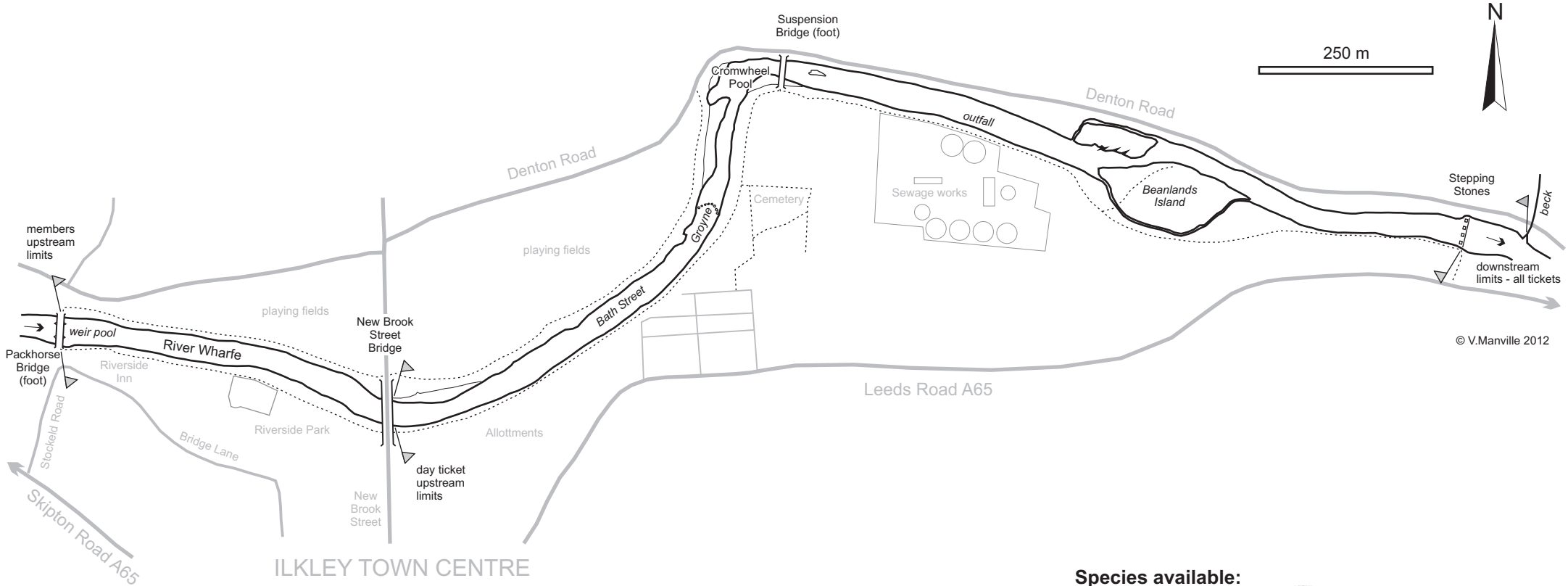


# ILKLEY AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION



**The River Wharfe at Ilkley** is a classic Yorkshire freestone river, offering a mixture of pools, glides and riffles over approximately 1 ½ miles of double bank fishing. Access is excellent, with paths running along both banks, plenty of parking, 3 bridges, and a set of stepping stones at the downstream limit. Wading is relatively easy over fine gravel and sand, becoming more challenging where the bed consists of cobbles and larger boulders. An 8-10 foot 3-4 weight rod is ideal and fish respond well to nymphs, dry flies, or sparse spiders fished in the locally developed North Country style. Fly-fishing is best when river levels are below 0.40 m on the Environment Agency gauge (<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk>). Heavy rain on the moors can bring the river up quickly, but levels fall and clear almost as fast.

**The Ilkley and District Angling Association** is a small club offering trout, grayling and coarse fishing on the River Wharfe and still waters in the Ilkley and Otley area. The club runs regular matches at both their own and other club/day ticket waters.

Day (£11) and weekly (£44) tickets are available from the Ilkley Tourist Information Centre (take your EA rod licence with you), next to the public library and opposite the railway station, or from Guiseley Angling Centre.

<http://www.ilkleyanglingassociation.co.uk>

To report any emergencies concerning pollution or misuse of club waters please contact the club bailiff Dave Armstrong on 01535 655990 or 07749 276874.

**Leave no litter.**

## Species available:



Brown trout - averaging 0.5-1.5 lbs, although specimens of 4lb+ have been taken in recent years



Grayling - stocks are improving with some fish approaching 2lb+



Chub - occur in reasonable numbers, growing to 4lb+

## Rules for River Wharfe Preserves

1. Members and visitors must be in possession of their membership book or day/week ticket when fishing, and must produce it at the request of the Bailiff or any Senior Member. Fishing must cease immediately on failure to produce the necessary documents.
2. All members and visitors must also be in possession of an Environment Agency fishing licence.
3. One rod and line only is allowed to be used. A second rod may be set up.
4. No fish taken from the Association waters to be sold or bartered.
5. No undersized fish to be taken.
6. No trout to be taken under 25 cm (10 inches) in length (measured from the nose to the fork of the tail).
7. The bag limit of takeable trout is limited to four (4) fish per day.
8. No grayling to be taken from the Association waters.
9. Only coarse fish may be retained in keep nets. All fish to be returned to water on cessation of fishing.
10. No coarse fish other than eels to be removed from the Association waters.
11. Senior Members have the right to request inspection of creels or baskets etc. to ensure the above rules are not violated.
12. It is the duty of the Bailiff, or any Senior Member to report any violation of the rules to the Club Secretary.
13. Spinning is not allowed.
14. Live bait fishing is permitted using only one single hook. All other legal bait and styles of fishing may be used by members as per rules.
15. As of 1st January 1991, the only permitted baits for rod and line used in waters regulated by the freshwater fish close season (between 15th March and 15th June inclusive) are fly, minnow or worm.
16. The use of keep nets is not allowed in any river waters between 15th March and 15th June inclusive.
17. The Trout season runs from 25th March to 30th September inclusive.
18. The coarse season (including grayling) runs from 16th June to 14th March inclusive.
19. The only lead weights permitted must weigh less than 0.06 grammes or more than 28.35 grammes. In angling terms this means that lead shot from size 14 to size 8 and lead weights of over one (1) ounce can be used in fishing.
20. Members and privilege ticket holders only are allowed to fish between the Packhorse Bridge and the New Brook Street Bridge.
21. No person allowed to fish from the stepping stones.

## River Wharfe Visitor's Day and Week Tickets

Visitors to, and residents of Ilkley, are allowed to fish the Association's River Wharfe preserves by day ticket and weekly tickets Monday to Saturday inclusive, except during the Trout Season when tickets will also be available for Sundays.

Trout fishing for visitors (day tickets). commences 14 days after the beginning of the Trout season.

Visitors are allowed to fish between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (0800 hours to 2200 hours) and are restricted to worm, maggots and fly only.

Tickets must be produced at the request of a Bailiff or a Senior Member.

Fishing is to cease immediately on failure to produce a ticket.

No Grayling are to be taken.