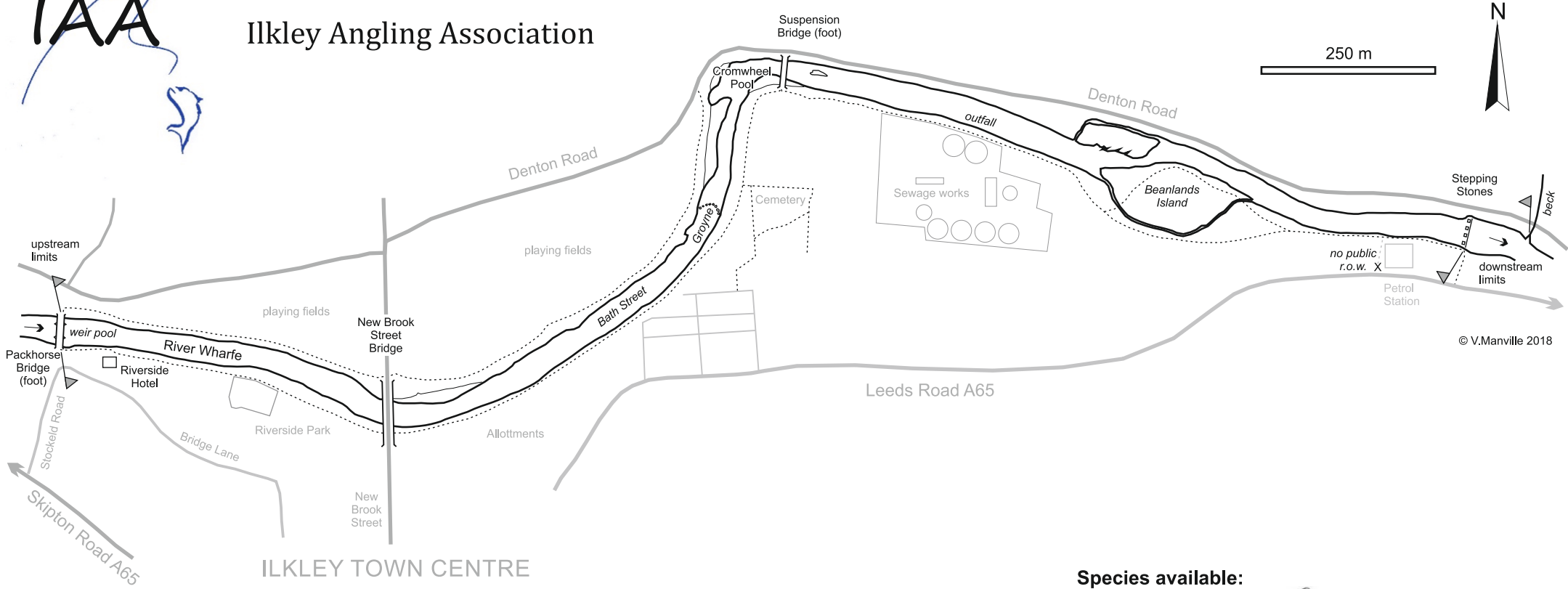


RIVER WHARFE AT ILKLEY



Ilkley Angling Association



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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, streamers, 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 gauge (<http://www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/8106>). Heavy rain on the moors can bring the river up quickly, but levels fall and clear almost as fast. Coarse anglers do well with trotted floats or small swimfeeders with maggot, worm or bread baits.

The Ilkley Angling Association is a small club offering trout, grayling and coarse fishing on the River Wharfe and still waters in the Ilkley area.

Annual memberships are available and may be purchased from our website, along with day and weekly tickets. Day and weekly tickets are also available from the Riverside Hotel, the Otley Angling Centre shop and the Ilkley Visitor Information Centre (inside the town hall building, opposite Ilkley railway station). Take your EA rod licence with you.

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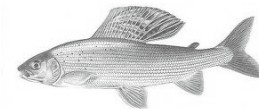
To report any emergencies concerning pollution or misuse of club waters please contact the club river watcher at bailiff@ilkeleyanglingassociation.co.uk or the club secretary at secretary@ilkeleyanglingassociation.co.uk

Leave no litter.

Species available:



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



Grayling - stocks are very good with fish up to around 2 lbs present



Chub - and other coarse fish are currently uncommon on this stretch of the River Wharfe.

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. Children under the age of 12 may fish the waters of the club without the need for a day ticket, privilege ticket or club membership, so long as they are accompanied at all times by an adult (18 or over) member of the club or an adult day member (day ticket holder). Children fishing for free must fish catch & release, ie.no fish to be killed.
4. Members and the guests, day/weekly and privilege ticket holders and children under 12 fish at their own risk and are responsible for thier own personal property and safety. The Association shall not be held to be liable for any injury or damage to property, nor the negligence of any angler.
5. One rod and line only is allowed to be used. A second rod may be set up.
6. No fish taken from the Association waters to be sold or bartered.
7. No trout to be taken under 25 cm (10 inches) in length or over 36.5 cm (14 inches) (measured from the nose to the fork of the tail).
8. The bag limit of takeable trout is limited to two (2) fish per day.
9. No grayling to be taken from the Association waters.
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. Keep nets may only be used during official Association matches.
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. No person allowed to fish from the Stepping Stones.

River Wharfe Visitor's Day and Weekly 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 Sunday inclusive. Tickets must be produced at the request of the Bailiff or a Senior Member. Fishing is to cease immediately on failure to produce a ticket.

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 bait and fly only on the River Wharfe preserves.

Day/weekly ticket holders fish at their own risk and the Association shall not be held responsible for any injury or damage to property, nor the negligence of any day/weekly ticket holder.