



MEIKLEOUR TRUST

#4 The Dairy, Meikleour, Perth PH2 6FB
VAT Reg No: 345072862

TERMS & CONDITIONS 2022

1. RENT

Rents for the period 15th January to the end of the season are attached. Prices are per boat or per wading / bank rod, with VAT to be added at the prevailing rate (currently 20%).

Each boat carries two rods. There are two boats (and so four rods fishing from boats) and four wading / bank rods. Bookings can be from just one wading / bank rod up to the entire beat.

2. RESERVATIONS

Bookings and enquiries should be made at the Estate Office. Lettings are confirmed upon receipt of a non-refundable 50% deposit (subject to a minimum of £200 or the total, if less), due at the time of booking. The remaining balance is due four weeks in advance of the fishing date. If the booking is made within four weeks of the fishing date, the total cost is due at the time of booking. We reserve the right to resell the rods if payment hasn't been received in due time. We strongly recommend that tenants take out their own cancellation insurance, in case for any reason they are unable to come. Subletting rods is strictly not allowed.

Note about rod sharing: rod sharing is not allowed unless given written permission by the estate office. When two adult guests are sharing only one is allowed on the beat at any one time.

The tenant in whose name the fishing is booked must be one of the rods and is responsible for his/her party. In the event of the tenant being unable to fish on any day or days booked, he/she is asked to give the Estate Office the name of the nominee who will be responsible for the party. It is important that all members of a party be familiar with these *Terms and Conditions*. There is a copy in the boathouse and lunch hut, or we are happy to send out additional copies on request.

3. EMERGENCY PANDEMIC MEASURES

It is the responsibility of the tenant to ensure that they follow any local covid measure that might still be in place in 2022. Do not hesitate to contact the estate office if in doubt.

4. BOUNDARIES

(a) The downstream limit is marked by the line between the two white posts on each bank where the River Isla joins the River Tay.

(b) The upstream limits are marked by a notice board on each bank of the March Pool.

Please see the attached map.

5. GHILLIES, BOATS AND WADING / BANK RODS

There are two ghillies, with up to eight rods fishing at any one time. Depending on conditions, the boats may need to transport the wading / bank rods to the appropriate pool. Similarly, the ghillies may need to assist the wading / bank rods, even when with other customers in the boat.

The head ghillie will decide where to place all the rods and boats. He will try to accommodate any specific requests, but may not be able to on all occasions. He will try to ensure that all rods and boats have access to all appropriate parts of the beat over the course of the day.

6. ACCESS

All rods start at Ferry Cottage Boathouse. This is just off the main road on the Stanley side of the bridge over the Tay. The postcode is PH1 4QW.

The Meikleour House Fishing Hut is on the other bank and available to all rods. To get there by vehicle, turn down the private road in Meikleour Village, opposite the Market Cross. After ½ mile, turn right towards the Stables, following the signpost. Turn left immediately in front of the Stables and go down the fairly steep road to the river. There is a gravelled parking area there and the hut is 50m downstream. The postcode is PH2 6EA.

Both buildings are marked on the attached map.

7. HOURS OF FISHING

The boats will be available from 09.00 until 17.00 and the ghillies will be on duty from 08.30 until 17.30 with one hour off at lunchtime. The decision as to where and when the boats may be used rests with the head ghillie. Tenants may not take out boats themselves. If you would like to wade or fish from the bank before or after these times, please discuss with the head ghillie first.

N.B. Holders of trout fishing permits have permission to fly fish for trout from 8am until 6pm (or sunset, if earlier). They are obliged to give way to salmon anglers, and you should not feel inhibited in asking them to do so.

8. CATCH

We strictly adhere to the Tay District Salmon Fishery Board recommendations which are currently (January 2021):

15 January to 31 May

- **All fish are to be released.**
- Furthermore it is a **criminal offence** to keep any salmon, including a heavily bleeding one, from the start of the season to the end of March.

1 June to 15 October

- **All fish of any size to be released**

Sea Trout

- All sea trout are to be released throughout the entire season.
- Heavy bleeders, diseased fish: if a fish needs to be dispatched it remains the property of Meikleour Estate. The Estate will send all dead fish to the Tay hatcheries for analysis.

If fishing out with normal hours, particulars of any catch (i.e. weight, lure and pool), including nil returns, should be given to the ghillies at the next normal-hours encounter or, if that is not practical, the tenant responsible is asked to leave a note with the details.

Any accidental fish kill (including heavy bleeders) must be reported, we have a legal obligation to do so.

Fish Handling: We kindly ask our guests to keep fish handling to a minimum, especially during the spring season and in low water and warm weather conditions. Ideally we would like fish to be kept in the water at all times.

9. FISHING METHODS

Baiting with prawn or shrimp is illegal. Worming is only allowed from 1 June to 31 August. Any other legal method of angling is permitted. Advice should always be sought from the ghillies in case of further changes. Any worming which is done should only be with Circle hooks or Shelton release hooks which are designed to help prevent deep hooking.

10. DOGS

Dogs are welcome. Please ensure they are kept under control (we have pets that do roam about the river banks) and clear up after them.

11. GENERAL LIABILITY

We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to the property of tenants' or any members of his/her party. Nor do we accept responsibility for any injury to the tenant or any members of his/her party. In the interests of safety, no alcohol may be offered to the ghillies. Although we accept no liability for personal fishing accidents, it is recommended that anglers (whether fishing from the boat, bank or wading) and any other boat passengers should wear life jackets, which are available to borrow if necessary. You should ensure that your own insurance covers your equipment.

12. ILLEGAL FISHING

We would be grateful if tenants would report to the ghillies or to the Estate Office, any poaching or illegal fishing which they may witness.

13. GYRODACTYLUS SALARIS

Please help us prevent an outbreak of Gyrodactylus Salaris, which has had catastrophic effects on some foreign rivers. If you have fished outwith the UK in the last three months, please let your ghillie know. If you are in any way uncertain if your equipment is sterile and safe, disinfection can be easily done in our fishing hut.

14. EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BORROW / PURCHASE

We have estate rods that tenants are welcome to use. We do not charge a rent, but tenants are required to pay a refundable £50 deposit towards any necessary repairs. Any loss of equipment will be invoiced at cost. Please inform the head ghillie of your requirement beforehand. Flies and lures can be purchased from the head ghillie.

15. CONTACT DETAILS

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