

THE YORKSHIRE FLY-FISHERS' CLUB

A Synopsis

YFFC was established in 1884 by the eminent angler and writer Thomas Evan Pritt. Originally the title was the Yorkshire Anglers Association. The standards and principles laid down by the founders continue to this present day. The club owns and controls considerable and desirable stretches on five prime North of England Rivers in three counties, viz.

Eden, Cumbria

The majority of our Eden fishing is centred around the Langwathby area to the east of Penrith and is mainly double bank fishing on what we consider to be the middle Eden. Further upstream and below the market town of Appleby there is an additional stretch comprising approx. 2 miles of predominately double bank fishing. There are also stretches at Eden Lacy and Armathwaite, a total of over 15 miles.

The middle and upper reaches provide prolific Wild Brown Trout fishing. Healthy fish average about a pound and with exceptional fish lurking in most pools, it pays not to fish too light. Each year Trout of over 3lbs are caught and many between 2 and 3lbs.

Salmon fishing on the Middle Eden can be rewarding from the summer through to the autumn, which can be particularly good.

Eamont, Cumbria

This extends to approximately four miles of single bank fishing on the lower river from the A66 road bridge to Watersmeet, the junction with the Eden. Much of what has been said of the Eden can apply to the Eamont, excepting the Eamont trout can be a little more challenging.

A significant proportion of Eden salmon, including most of the spring stocks turn up the Eamont and head for Ullswater.

Grayling are present in reasonable numbers in both Eden and Eamont.

Lune, Cumbria

The Rigmaden beat comprises approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile single bank attached to $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles of double bank fishing in a very scenic part of the valley and approximately 4 miles north of Kirby Lonsdale.

Ribble, Lancashire

Three miles of continuous double bank fishing between Gisburn and Sawley, providing good Wild Brown Trout fishing with an average weight of 3/4lbs. Each season fish of over 2lbs are recorded. Grayling are present in good numbers and given water. Salmon are worth pursuing from August to the end of October. The Ribble enjoys a decent Sea trout run in the summer months.

Ure, Yorkshire

Over two miles of single bank fishing on this charming river, above Masham. Good quality Trout fishing through the summer and probably the best Grayling fishing in the North of England. The salmon fishing continues to improve year on year.

The Club employs three river Keepers who maintain very high standards and are available to offer advice on the riverbank and/or before one travels.

Methods and Restrictions

On all our waters, angling for Trout and Grayling is limited to artificial fly and natural creeper. No spinning or other natural bait fishing is allowed, however - Swimming the worm (long trotting) is permitted for Grayling during the salmon closed season, with the exception of the Armathwaite beat.

Angling for salmon is restricted to Fly. Spinner is allowed at certain heights - no natural baits are permitted.

YFFC is a conservation minded Club and encourages but does not insist upon catch and release.

Habitat Improvement

We are increasingly working with the Environmental Agency, the Eden Trust, the Lune and Ribble Trust, to improve habitat for both fish and fauna. In recent years we have erected considerable lengths of stock fencing to create buffer zones along the waters edge. We have planted thousands of willows and other native trees and encouraged bank side vegetation and cover. We shall be continuing with this policy.

Membership and Structure

The club is segregated into three categories of membership, which provide a flexible and tailored package. There is an option to pay the subscription over ten months (January to October)

A) *Trout Membership* allows the angler to fish for Trout and Grayling on all Club waters. This is mandatory to all members in the form of a basic annual subscription. (£598 PA)

B) *General Salmon Section* membership is an annual option for all members and covers Salmon and Sea Trout fishing on the middle and upper Eden, the Eamont, Lune, Ribble and Ure. (£720 PA)

C) *Wetheral Salmon Section* This appertains to five miles double bank of the lower Eden at Wetheral and is limited to twenty-four rods fished in rotation. (Price on application)

Five year Average Salmon Catches 2009 - 2013

Eden, Eamont	124
Lune	23 + 43 Sea Trout
Ribble	94 + 32 Sea Trout
Wetheral	100

Membership Applications

A membership application form is available to be down loaded from the Membership Page of the club website, after completion return to:

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