



# Fishing

*Kiltybane Lake*

An increasing number of visitors each year come to the Down, Newry & Mourne region for angling. With a wide selection of fishing available it gives the angler an abundance of choice from the many loughs, lakes, rivers and canals as well as deep-sea fishing. So whether you are looking to experience the landscape in a tranquil setting or test your angling skills it's all on offer.



### Ballylough Lake

Managed by Castlewellan and Annsborough Angling Club

Ballybannon Hill, Clough Road, Annsborough  
**Game:** Rainbow and brown trout.

**Season:** 1 March – 31 October

**Methods:** Fly Fishing only.

**Bag Limits:** Normally Four.

**Permit/Licence:** Game Rod licence is required for over 18's.

Day ticket required from Castlewellan & Annsborough Angling Club, call the King's Inn, Castlewellan **t:** 028 4377 8247 or from day ticket outlet at Paula's, Main Street, Castlewellan

**Directions:** Annsborough, near Castlewellan. Parking: Lay-by at Lough

### Camlough Lake

Managed by Newry & Mourne District Council  
 This is a large disused reservoir. It is a long (1.5 miles), narrow body of water with an undulating bed. The lake is 72 hectares in area (173 acres).

**Season:** All year pike, bream, roach, perch  
 A permit is not required for this water, although an angler must hold a rod licence. Limited car parking available.

**Directions:** From Newry drive through Camlough, take the Crossmaglen road to the left and the Lake is situated on your left.

### Carrickmannon Fishery

130 Station Road, Saintfield, Co Down  
**t:** 028 9751 0654 **m:** 07787 853 903  
**e:** carrickmannonfishery@btinternet.com  
**w:** www.carrickmannon.co.uk

Carrickmannon Fishery offers a range of facilities. Fly fishing from boat or bank and bait or spinning from bank only. Fly pond regularly stocked with rainbows up to 10lb. Children's pond heavily stocked. Bait pond for worm only. Children 10 years and under must be supervised by an adult. Boats are available for hire and anglers must wear life jackets provided.

**Facilities:** Car Park, toilet, small shop, barbecue and picnic facilities are provided at the fishery.

**Permit/Licence:** Rod licence is necessary

**Opening Hours:** The fishery is open all year from 9am with evening fishing from April to September.

### Carrigans Lough

This trout fishery is located on the outskirts of Sliverbridge and is stocked annually.

**Season:** 1st March - 31st March

**Trout Day permit required available from:**

Mr Gene Murphy **t:** 028 3088 8607

Rod Licence is required. Parking is on road verge

**Directions:** From Sliverbridge follow the road to Newry, take first turn on right, lake is immediately on right.

### Cashel Loughs

These trout fisheries are located on the outskirts of Sliverbridge. Stocked 2-4 times annually, they are easily accessible with car parking and picnic area on site.

**Season:** 1st March - 31st March

**Trout Day permit required available from:**

Mr Gene Murphy **t:** 028 3088 8607

Rod licence is required. Car parking available

**Directions:** From Crossmaglen follow the road to Newry, after Sliverbridge take the second junction

### Castlewellan Lake

Managed by DCAL

**Contact:** Mr. Peter Lynch  
 (Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure).  
**t:** 028 4377 8937

**Game:** Brown and Rainbow trout.

**Season:** 1 March – 31 October

**Methods:** Spinning and worm. Fly only from own boat

**Bag limits:** 4 fish per rod per day; minimum take size 10".

**Licence/permit:** Game rod licence required by over 18's; DCAL game fishing permit required (*Juvenile permit by under 18's.*)

From Castlewellan Forest Park

**t:** 028 4377 8664.

**Directions:** Castlewellan Forest Park.

Parking: In Forest Park Car Park

### Clanrye River

The Clanrye is a medium (5-20m) sized river with good brown trout fishing. It also gets a run of sea trout in the summer months.

**Season:** 1 March to 31 October

**Game:** Brown trout, sea trout, pike, small minnow

Permit available from Mr R McCamley

**t:** 028 3026 8768

Car parking available

Fishing is available from Newry Courthouse area in the city centre.

### Danes Cast Fishery

Jerrettspass, Co. Down

**t:** 079 7202 5592 and 028 3082 1758

This stocked fishery has two ponds, both stocked with rainbow trout. Facilities include: a lodge, hot and cold foods and drinks, tackle shops, rod and equipment hire, fly casting lessons by appointment, permits and licenses and toilets.

### Donaghaguy Reservoir and Mill Dam

These waters are within a mile of each other, and just on the outskirts of Warrenpoint. Mill Pond is 3 hectares in area (7acres) and Donaghaguy is 1.5hectares (3.5acres)

**Season:** 1 March to 31 October

**Game:** Rainbow trout, brown trout

A day ticket is required to fish. Car parking is available.

**Directions:** From Newry travel to Warrenpoint. At the end of the dual carriageway, at the roundabout take the 1st left onto the Mound Road. At the end of the road go straight ahead at Milltown Crossroads and take the 1st right, the reservoir is situated one mile further on this road on the left.

### Glassdrummond Lake

The trout fishery is situated on the outskirts of Creggan.

The lake is stocked 2-3 times annually

**Season:** 1st March - 31st March

**Trout Day permit required available from:**

Mr Gene Murphy **t:** 028 3088 8607

Rod Licence is required. Parking is on the Glassdrummond Road

**Directions:** Turn at Creggan follow Glassdrummond Road and the lake is on the right

### Kiltybane Lake

This is a natural lake, part bog with good clear springs in its centre.

**Season:** 1 March to 31 October



Kilkeel Harbour



camlough lake



Rainbow trout, brown trout  
Permit required.  
**Directions:** From Crossmaglen follow the Carran Road towards Cullyhanna, after 3 miles take the Kiltybane road to the lake.

### Lough Island Reavy Club Water

93-hectare reservoir. Managed by Belfast Angling Association.  
t: 028 4065 0537  
**Game:** Brown trout, some pike and perch.  
**Season:** 1 April – 30 September. Methods: Fly fishing only.  
**Bag limits:** 3 fish per rod per day. All fish under 12" must be returned to the water.  
**Permit/licence:** No Sunday fishing. Game rod licence needed for over 18's. 6 permits per day available  
**Directions:** Between Castlewellan and Kilcoo Rathfriland Road from Castlewellan. Parking on Lacken Road

### Lough Money

Managed by DCAL.  
Contact Mr. Peter Lynch  
(Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure)  
t: 028 4377 8937  
**Game:** Rainbow trout. Bank fishing and wading from firm shores.  
**Methods:** All lawful methods - ground bait and maggots not permitted.  
**Bag limits:** There is a bag limit of 4 Rainbow trout.  
**Season:** 1 February – 31 December.  
**Permit/licence:** Rod licence required for over 18's. Game fishing permit from DCAL.  
**Parking:** Car Park at Ballyalton end of Lough  
**Directions:** From Downpatrick take Ballyhornan Road, turn left onto Ballyculter Road. Lough Money situated on left.  
Parking: Car Park at Ballyalton end of Lough

### Lough Ross

Managed by Newry & Mourne District Council  
Located on the outskirts of Crossmaglen on the border with Co. Monaghan.  
The Fane River runs in and out of Lough Ross.  
**Game:** Perch, Eel  
Rod licence required, no permit. Car Parking available  
**Directions:** From Crossmaglen take Castleblaney Road, taking first turn on left; the lough is on the right

### Moneycarragh River Dundrum

Dundrum Angling Club  
The Moneycarragh is a small (3-5m) river best known for its sea trout and the occasional salmon.  
**Game:** The sea trout fishing is at its best from June to September while the opportunity of a salmon is at its peak from September to the end of the season.  
**Method:** Fly fishing, spinning and worming are the permitted methods and a ghillie can be arranged with prior notice.

**Season:** 1 March – 31 October.  
**License Authority:** Fisheries Conservancy Board.  
**Day Ticket:** There are six-day tickets available which run from 9.00am for twenty four hours.  
**Day Ticket Outlet:** The Spar, 133 Main Street, Dundrum t: 028 4375 1656

### Mullaghbane Lake

This trout fishery is situated on the outskirts of Mullaghbawn close to Cloverhill Golf Course. The lake is stocked 2-3 times annually.  
**Season:** 1 March - 31 March  
**Trout Rod Licence required:**  
**Day permit can be obtained from:** Mr Pat McKenna Mullaghbane Post office  
**Parking:** on nearby lay-by.  
**Directions:** In Mullaghbawn turn right at Cranny road and turn left at Lough Road.

### Newry Ship Canal

Managed by Newry & Mourne District Council  
Newry boasts the first Ship Canal in the British Isles, which opened for traffic in 1742. The fishable section, which runs from Newry to the sea locks on the Omeath Road, is approximately 3.5miles.  
**Season:** All year coarse fishing for perch, roach, bream and pike.  
**Permit/licence:** A permit is not required for this water, although an angler must hold a rod licence.  
**Parking:** There is parking in the city of Newry and at Victoria Lock. Several fishing platforms are located along the Newry to Omeath road. Car parking is limited and care should be taken on this busy road. Access can be gained from the main Newry to Omeath road (B79).

### Quoile Basin

Managed by DCAL  
**Contact:** Mr Peter Lynch (Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure). t: 028 4377 8937  
**Coarse and Game:** Pike, Perch, Rudd, Eels and Brown Trout  
**Season:** All year for: Pike, Perch, Rudd and Eels, 1 March – 31 October for Coarse and Game: Pike, Perch, Rudd, Eels and Brown Trout  
**Method:** Coarse fish – all lawful methods (no bait digging allowed) fly fishing, spinning and worms.  
**Bag limits:** 2 pike per day  
**Permit/licence:** DCAL coarse fishing rod licence for over 18's. Brown trout: -juvenile game.  
**Directions:** Follow Strangford Road from Downpatrick, turn left at sign for Quoile Countryside Centre. Parking: There are ample Car Parks available.

### Shimna River

Managed by Shimna Angling Club and DCAL  
**Game:** Salmon and sea trout.

**Season:** 1 March – 31 October.  
The Shimna River holds the Irish Record for sea trout.  
**Methods:** Fly, spinning and worm  
**Bag limits:** 2 salmon or sea trout per rod per day – no size limits.  
**Permit/licence:** Game rod licence for over 18's. Permit through Shimna Anglers from Four Seasons Sport Tackle in Newcastle. Sold on Mondays for the week.  
**Directions:** Shimna River flows between Tollymore Park and the sea at Newcastle.  
**Parking:** At Islands Park, Bryansford Road, Newcastle

### Spelga

This Lough has not been stocked for a number of years. It has a hard fighting stock of small wild trout and is operated as a wild hill Lough fishery.  
**Season:** 1 March - 31 March  
**Game:** Brown Trout  
**Permit/licence:** Over 12 - Fisheries Conservancy Board game fishing rod licence. Under 18 - None. Over 18 - DECAL game fishing permit; Under 18 - DCAL juvenile fishing permit.  
**Directions:** From Hilltown take the B8 and B27 towards Newcastle, forking right after 2.4km; toward Kilkeel for 4km until reaching Spelga at the head of the Valley (Signposted). From Newry by the A25 and B8 to Hilltown, then proceed as above.

### The Bann River

Salmon and dollaghan may be present in June, but it is generally later in the season before there are significant numbers. Brown trout (June/July) salmon, dollaghan (August/September)  
**Game:** Brown Trout, salmon, dollaghens  
**Permit/licence:** Over 18 = DCAL Course fishing permit (for coarse fishing only) Under 18-None, Course fishing rod licence is required  
**Directions:** From Newry by the A25 and B8 to Hilltown. From Belfast by A24 through Ballynahinch to clough, turn right on to A25 through Castlewellan and 8km beyond this, fork left for Hilltown.

### Whitewater River

This 10mile long, medium sized (10-15m) spate river rises high in the Mourne Mountains.  
**Game:** sea trout  
**Permit/licence:** A Kilkeel Angling Association day ticket is required to fish.  
**Parking:** Car parking available  
**Directions:** Located on the main A2 Newry to Kilkeel road, close to the village of Attical.

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## Boat Fishing

### Carlingford Lough Sea Angling & Dive Centre

Mr Oliver Finnegan 25 Chestnutt Grove,  
Newry, Co. Down BT34 1JT  
t: 028 3026 4906 M: 077 03 606 498  
e: oliver@carlingfordlough.co.uk  
w: www.carlingfordlough.co.uk  
Collection can be arranged at Warrenpoint,  
Co. Down or the Co. Louth villages of  
Carlingford, Omeath and Greenore.

### Oriel Angling

3 Great Georges Avenue, Warrenpoint,  
Co. Down BT34 3HY t: 028 4177 2775  
Brain Connolly m: 077 52 975 703 or  
Fergal Mallon m: 077 79 625 633  
e: info@orielangling.com  
w: www.orielangling.com  
Oriel Angling offer skippered smaller craft  
for day hire - Orkney 19 and 16 foot Orkney  
long liner.

### Pisces II

Mr Peyton Cunningham  
31 Manse Road, Kilkeel, Co. Down BT34 4BN  
t: 028 4176 3669 m: 077 5927 6031  
e: peyton@pisces2.plus.com  
w: www.ukcharterboats.co.uk  
Based at Greencastle, Co. Down.  
Sea angling and cruising trips on  
Carlingford Lough departing daily from  
Greencastle. Departures also from  
Carlingford Village, Co. Louth.

## Rod License And Fishing Permit Distributors

### Forest Office

Castlewellan Forest Park  
t: 028 4377 8664

### Mr R. P McCamley

Newry & Mourne District Anglers Association  
28 High Street, Newry t: 0283026 8768

### Four Seasons

47 Main Street, Newcastle  
t: 028 4372 5078

### The Harbour Store

Nautilus Centre  
The Harbour, Kilkeel t: 028 4176 3789

### Jack Smyth

7-9 Kildare Street, Newry  
t: 0283026 5303

### John O'Hare

Danes Cast Fishery, Jerrettspass, Co. Down  
t: 07979 363 2016 and 02830821 758

DCAL waters are managed by Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure t: 028 4377 8937

Castlewellan Lake

