

# ANGLING GUIDE

*Discover Angling in Leitrim*





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# ANGLING GUIDE COUNTY LEITRIM

County Leitrim has a great array of waterways from the wild Atlantic Ocean in the north of the county to its many streams, rivers, canals and lakes. The Shannon-Erne Waterway is a canal linking the River Shannon in the Republic of Ireland with the River Erne in Northern Ireland. The canal is 63 km in length, has sixteen locks and runs from Leitrim village in County Leitrim to Upper Lough Erne in County Fermanagh. Angling has long been associated with the county and there are waters to suit all anglers. This summary guide is intended to highlight the fishing facilities, accommodation tackle suppliers, guides and boat hire available for anglers visiting the area.

This guide will be updated from time to time as facilities and services are developed. There are several angling competitions taking place in County Leitrim each year. All accommodation listed in this guide is approved by Fáilte Ireland and therefore of a high standard. Other accommodation used by anglers is also available in the county and can be accessed online or locally.

## THE MAIN TYPES OF ANGLING AVAILABLE IN LEITRIM ARE:



Course Angling, (Non Pike) - Bream, Perch, Rudd, Roach, Hybrids, Tench, and Carp.



Game Angling - Salmon or trout.

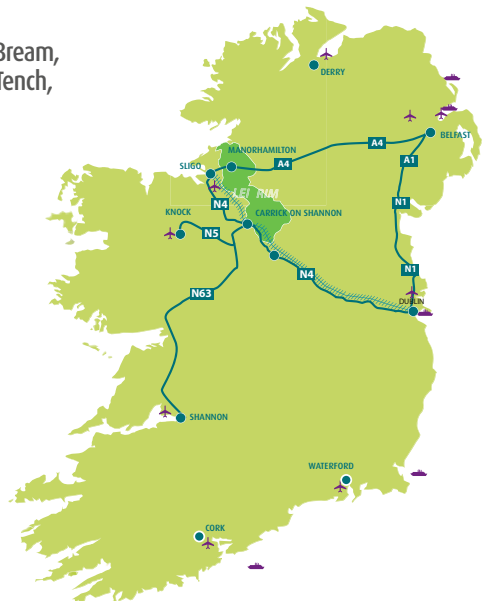


Pike Angling.



Put and Take Fisheries.

## LOCATION OF COUNTY LEITRIM



# ANGLING IN LEITRIM

County Leitrim is an anglers' paradise with a wide variety and diversity of lakes, rivers and canal fishing on offer. Leitrim has hosted numerous national and international angling competitions.

Specialised fishing maps, bait and tackle with "Local Knowledge" are available in the local towns and villages. Leitrim is the ideal destination for pleasure and competition anglers.

This guide will outline the main types of fishing on offer in the county and the services available to anyone interested in angling in the area.



# COARSE ANGLING (NON PIKE)



Irish coarse species are amongst the best and healthiest that you can fish for. They are always in excellent condition and using the correct methods you can ensure good bags of fish are just a few casts away.

The coarse angler visiting county Leitrim will find a rich variety of waters offering unlimited opportunities to pursue a variety of coarse fish species.

There is a water here to suit all tastes. The pleasure angler seeking large open waters with the promise of outstanding bags of Bream and Roach can choose from the wider stretches of the River Shannon or large lakes such as Garadice, Lough Allen, Gulladoo or Lough McNea

Those in search of somewhere more intimate and secluded will find many smaller lakes and stretches of rivers which have plenty of fish to keep them occupied.

Specimen hunters in search of large Tench and Bream will find many waters where their efforts will be rewarded. This is an unexplored aspect of coarse angling in Leitrim and surveys have revealed waters with specimen fish that are never hooked.

The specialist match angler is offered many opportunities to participate in numerous three and four day angling festivals organised by the local angling and tourist associations and the major international events such as the King of Clubs and World Pairs.

**Details of the principal events are published in the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (N.C.F.F.I.) Calendar of Events.**[www.ncffi.ie/events/](http://www.ncffi.ie/events/)

# COARSE ANGLING IN LEITRIM



## BALLINAMORE & KESHCARRIGAN

Ballinamore is widely acknowledged as an anglers paradise surrounded by 28 lakes within a 5 mile radius. Ballinamore is a very well developed coarse angling centre and has hosted numerous All Ireland Championships. It has very good general coarse fishing and some excellent competition stretches on many shores around Lough Garadice and Lough Scur. Specimen tench and occasional bream can be found in the small developed lakes in the area e.g. Drumlonan, Corgar and Bolganard Lakes. Stretches along the Shannon Erne waterway near the locks are recommended. Most of the waters can be fished from the shore, however for those who wish to explore further, boats are available locally for hire. For the angler who likes canal fishing, there is the restored canal, with healthy stocks of bream, roach, perch, and pike. There is wheelchair friendly access and facilities on some of the lakes in this area.

### TACKLE & BAIT SUPPLIES

#### The Forge Tackle Shop,

Main Street,  
Ballinamore

Tel: 071 964 4051

### BOAT HIRE

#### Ballyduff Boat Hire,

Ballyduff,  
Ballinamore

Tel: 071 964 5956 / 086 171 9369

### ACCOMMODATION

#### Hamill's B&B Guesthouse,

High Street,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 4211 / 087 227 8195

[www.hamillsbedandbreakfast.com](http://www.hamillsbedandbreakfast.com)

#### Riversdale Farm Guesthouse,

Corrahole,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 4122

#### Glenview Guesthouse,

Aughoo,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 4157

[www.glenview-house.com](http://www.glenview-house.com)

#### The Old Rectory Self-Catering,

Fenagh Glebe,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 4089

[www.theoldrectoryireland.com](http://www.theoldrectoryireland.com)

#### Buille Toll B&B,

Corgar,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 5190 / 086 849 0497

[www.builletoll.com](http://www.builletoll.com)

#### Lakeview Self-Catering,

Kiltygerry,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 1303 / 087 237 4217

[www.lakeviewhouseleitrim.com](http://www.lakeviewhouseleitrim.com)

#### Commercial Hotel,

High Street,  
Ballinamore,  
Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 964 4675

[www.hotelcommercial.com](http://www.hotelcommercial.com)



Other accommodation providers in the Ballinamore area can be found on [www.ballinamore.ie](http://www.ballinamore.ie)

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## CARRIGALLEN

Carrigallen Village is set among lakes that form part of the Erne system and here the angler is ideally positioned to explore some of the richest waters of the region. It is situated on the R201 between Mohill and Killeshandra, in South County Leitrim. The largest lake in the Carrigallen area is Gulladoo (78 hectares) which is divided into two halves with a connecting river channel. Other lakes in the area consist of Cullies Lake, Gortermone Lake, Beaghamore Lake, Tully Lake, the Town Lake and Glasshouse Lake.

### Tackle and Bait Supplies

Greenville House/Tackle Shop,  
Carraigallen

**Tel:** 049 433 9938

### Accommodation

#### Kilbracken Arms Hotel,

Main Street,  
Carrigallen,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel:** 049 433 9737

**Web:** [www.kilbrackanarms.com](http://www.kilbrackanarms.com)

#### Allendale B&B,

Carrigallen,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel:** 049 433 9706 / 086 896 6973

**Web:** [www.allendalebandb.com](http://www.allendalebandb.com)

#### Parkview Cottage Self-Catering,

Corroneary,  
Aughavas,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel:** 071 963 6064 / 086 162 8661

#### Bridgefield House Self Catering

Corglass, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim.

**Tel:** 049 433 9099

**Web:** [www.bridgefieldhouse.ie](http://www.bridgefieldhouse.ie)



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## MOHILL & DROMOD

Mohill and Dromod are located on the Upper Shannon System. These centres are surrounded by a number of important and productive coarse lakes and the Rinn River. There is an information board at the village of Mohill which indicates the more productive waters in the area. Lakes in the area include; Lough Bofin, Lough Boderg, Drumbad Lake, Greenagh Lake, Lough Rinn (carparking, caravan and camping facility with boat access), Lough McHugh (stands including disabled stand, pegs and carpark, information board present), Cloonfinnan Lake, Cloonboniagh Lake, Lough Errill (access road, carpark, disabled fishing stand).

### FISHING GUIDES

**Brian Bohan,**  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 1870**

### ACCOMMODATION

**Coolabawn House,**  
Station Road,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 1033/087 631 5895**  
**[www.coolabawnhouse.com](http://www.coolabawnhouse.com)**

**Glebe House,**  
Ballinamore Road,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 1086**  
**[www.glebehouse.com](http://www.glebehouse.com)**

**Travellers Rest,**  
Glebe Street,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 1174/ 071 963 1752**  
**[www.mohillbedandbreakfast.com](http://www.mohillbedandbreakfast.com)**

**Lough Rinn Caravan  
and Camping Park**  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 1022**



**Lough Rynn Castle,**  
Lough Rynn,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 963 2700**  
**[www.loughrynn.ie](http://www.loughrynn.ie)**



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## CARRICK ON SHANNON

Carrick on Shannon is the largest town in County Leitrim and is a major angling centre which is very well serviced with quality specialist accommodation and tackle shops. This is a very extensive angling area with an abundance of fishing hotspots available both on the main River Shannon and the many lakes in the system. There is wheelchair friendly access and facilities on some of the lakes in this area.

### ACCOMMODATION

#### Aisleigh Guesthouse,

Dublin Road,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 0313**

**Tel: 086 126 7160**

**www.guesthouseleitrim.ie**

#### Sonamo Self Catering,

Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 1800**

#### Riverside House,

Shannon View,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 1800**

#### Villa Flora B&B

Station Road,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 0338**

#### Meadow Vale B&B,

Dublin Road,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 0521**

#### The Bush Hotel,

Main Street,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 967 1000**

**www.bushhotel.com**

#### The Landmark Hotel,

Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 2222**

**www.thelandmarkhotel.com**

#### Cryans Hotel,

On the Quay,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 967 2066**

**www.cryanshotel.ie**

#### The Marina Hotel,

Leitrim Village,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 3644**

**www.leitrimmarinahotel.com**

### TACKLE & BAIT SUPPLIES

#### Tooman Bait & Tackle,

Bridge Street,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 962 1872**

**www.toomanbaitandtackle.ie**



### FISHING GUIDES:

#### Shannon Tackle,

Jamestown,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 9624692**

#### Gabriel Cox

Farnagh,  
Leitrim PO,  
Carrick-on-Shannon

**Tel: 071 962 2940**

**Tel: 087 817 4575**

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## DRUMSHANBO

Drumshanbo is a picturesque town that is located on the Upper Shannon at the southern tip of Lough Allen. There are also a number of lakes immediately around Drumshanbo centre. Other lakes in the area include; Lustia Lake, Drumgorman Lake, Acres Lake, Flynn's Lake, Blackrock Pond, Lough Allen

### TACKLE AND BAIT SUPPLIES

**Scollan's Bait & Tackle Shop,**  
Church Street,  
Drumshanbo

**Tel: 071 964 0882**

### ACCOMMODATION

**Lough Allen Hotel and Spa**  
Drumshanbo,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 964 0100**

**[www.loughallenhotel.com](http://www.loughallenhotel.com)**

### McGuire's Self Catering Cottages

Acres Cove,  
Carrick Road,  
Drumshanbo,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 9641033 / 087 1379570**

**[www.mcguireirishcottages.com](http://www.mcguireirishcottages.com)**

### Lakeside Cottages,

Drumcong,  
Drumshanbo,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 086 819 2874**

**[www.drumcong.com](http://www.drumcong.com)**

### Allen Centre,

Curraghill,  
Drumshanbo,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 9640588**

**[www.allen.ie](http://www.allen.ie)**



### Drumkeeran Holiday Homes,

Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim.

**Tel: 071 964 1040**

**Tel: 086 804 4309**

**[www.drumkeeranholidayhomes.ie](http://www.drumkeeranholidayhomes.ie)**

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## GLENFARNE/KILTYCLOGHER

Between the villages of Kiltyclogher in north Leitrim and Blacklion in west Cavan is the 644 hectare Lough MacNean Upper.

Fishing on the Leitrim side is mainly accessed from the Blacklion to Manorhamilton road (N16) and further along through Glenfarne Forest and towards Kiltyclogher. There is parking, boat launch facilities and a number of fishing stands available.

There is an abundance of coarse fish in this lightly fished water including good quality bream; more hybrids than are found in many other Erne lakes and good catches of roach are regularly taken. There are extensive areas of shoreline that may be fished from the bank and up to 20 pegs are available for match angling.

This is joint jurisdictional water that straddles the border with Northern Ireland. Anglers should acquaint themselves with the legislative requirements for fishing in Northern Ireland.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Clancys of Glenfarne,**  
Glenfarne,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 985 3116**  
**[www.clancysofglenfarne.com](http://www.clancysofglenfarne.com)**

**The Oaks B&B,**  
Kiltyclogher,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 071 985 4445**  
**[www.oakskiltyclogher.com](http://www.oakskiltyclogher.com)**

**Tawnylust Lodge,**  
Tawnylust,  
Manorhamilton,  
Co. Leitrim

**Tel: 087 917 2143**  
**[www.irishcotourism.com](http://www.irishcotourism.com)**



## GAME ANGLING IN LEITRIM



With a huge network of rivers and lakes, Ireland is one of the few last refuges for wild salmon and sea trout attracting anglers back year after year.

Salmon fishing opens on January 1st on a handful of rivers and after that the remainder of rivers open on various dates in February, March, April and May. The majority of rivers close on September 30th but some rivers remain open for sea trout fishing until October 12th. Game fish species include wild salmon, grilse, sea trout and brown trout.

Both beginners and experienced anglers are strongly advised to hire the services of a local guide for the first few days on the water. They will know the best flies, appropriate tackle and local fishing lore. Similarly, on salmon and trout rivers, the services of a local guide will ensure that the angler gets the most out of a visit.

County Leitrim has the shortest coastline of any county in Ireland but its coastal boundaries are marked by two important salmon rivers. The River Duff forms the border between County Sligo and Leitrim to the south while the River Drowes borders the County of Donegal to the north.

Both the River Drowes and River Duff are important salmon fisheries.



THE RIVER DUFF

# GAME ANGLING IN LEITRIM



## THE RIVER DROWES:

The River Drowes is among the earliest opening salmon fisheries in the country. The salmon season gets underway on January 1st and rarely does a season go by without the river achieving the honour of producing the first salmon of the year. The most productive months for spring salmon fishing are March, April and May while grilse are at their peak in June and July. The river also holds a good stock of wild brown trout including the unique Gillarrou.

Fly fishing for trout can be especially productive during the evening rise during the summer months. There is a fishing tackle shop onsite at the fishery, at Lareen Estate, where the river Drowes flows from Lough Melvin. From here permits and state salmon licences can be obtained, rods and tackle can be hired and ghillies/ guides can be arranged.

**For further details on the River Drowes contact the fishery at [info@drowessalmonfishery.com](mailto:info@drowessalmonfishery.com) or 071 9841055 or 087 8050806 or visit [www.drowessalmonfishery.com](http://www.drowessalmonfishery.com)**

FISHING SEASON RIVER DROWES	PERMIT PRICE
Salmon 1st January – 30th September	Day permit €25
Trout 1st February - 30th September	Weekly permit €100

**METHODS:** All legal angling methods allowed. Spinning restricted in certain areas in low water.

## THE RIVER DUFF:

The River Duff opens for salmon fishing on the 1st of February. Salmon start entering the river in numbers from March on and the fishery gets a good run of grilse during the summer months. The Duff is a spate river and conditions are best after a flood, when the water level is dropping. The most productive pool on the River Duff is at the foot of the waterfall just before the sea, known as the Falls Pool. The river also holds a stock of brown trout and there are some nice stretches of fly water upstream of the bridge on the main Sligo/Bundoran road.

**For further details on the River Duff (McIntyre's Fishery) contact:**

**Tom Devins 086 8135429 or [info@bunduffsalmonfishery.ie](mailto:info@bunduffsalmonfishery.ie) or visit [www.bunduffsalmonfishery.ie](http://www.bunduffsalmonfishery.ie)**

**For further details on the river Duff (Classiebawn Fishery) contact Eamonn McSharry 086 8162144**

FISHING SEASON RIVER DUFF	PERMIT PRICE
Salmon 1st February - 30th September	Day permit €25
Trout 15th February - 30th September	Weekly permit €100

**METHODS:** All legal angling methods allowed. Spinning restricted in certain areas in low water.

# GAME ANGLING IN LEITRIM



## LOUGH MELVIN:

Lough Melvin is a beautiful unspoilt lough famous for the diversity and number of salmonids that inhabit it. The lough has salmon, char as well as gillaroo, ferox and sonaghan strains of trout.

The sonaghan is a sub species of brown trout that only occurs in Melvin. This little fish, although only growing to around 2½lb, puts up a great fight. The gillaroo is a lovely golden coloured trout that grows a bit larger and is similar to the gillaroo found in loughs around the midlands.

The ferox is little fished for in Melvin although fish of up to 15lb are often caught by accident (rather than design) while trolling and sometimes on the fly. Salmon are caught right throughout the season. Spring fish can be caught all season, with grilse being caught from May onwards.

Trout fishing can be patchy early in the season, but Kinlough Bay can fish extremely well in March and April.

## ROSSINVER FISHERY:

The Southeastern quarter of the lough i.e. Rossinver Bay and the Roosky shore constitute the Rossinver fishery. Rossinver Bay, which comprises the red buoy on the eastern side of Ross Point to the similar buoy at the Southern end of Roosky shore, is strictly fly only. The area inshore of the marker buoys from Ross point to the Border is fly only from the 15th May to the end of the season.

Trout fishing starts in earnest around early June. Gillaroo can be caught along the rocky shores. Trout less than 11 inches must be returned. The Rossinver fishery can arrange accommodation and Ghillies if required.

SEASON	PERMITS
The salmon season is from 1st February to 30th September inclusive.	A permit is required for the Rossinver Fishery as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boat and engine hire with 2 rods fishing costs €50.</li><li>• Boat, engine and one rod fishing costs €40.</li><li>• Boat only and two rods fishing €40.</li><li>• One rod in own boat €15 (per person).</li></ul>
The brown trout season is from 15th February to 30th September (inclusive of the Rossinver Fishery).	

### PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM:

**David Stinson,**  
Dreenan Cottage,  
512 Boa Island Road,  
Kesh'  
Co. Fermanagh,  
BT93 8AA

**Tel: 0044 (0)779 3559640**

### SALMON LICENCES AVAILABLE FROM:

**IFI Ballyshannon,**  
Station Road,  
Ballyshannon,  
Co. Donegal  
**Tel: 071 985 1435**

### BOAT HIRE

**Fishery Office,**  
Lareen Park,  
Kinlough,  
Co. Leitrim  
**Tel: 071 984 1055**

**ROSSINVER FISHERY** contact: David Stinson, Dreenan Cottage, 512 Boa Island Road, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh, [www.rossinverfishery.com](http://www.rossinverfishery.com)

**LOCAL GUIDES** Francis Mc Sharry, Kinlough Co. Leitrim **Tel: 086 3547845**

# GAME ANGLING IN LEITRIM



## GLENCAR LAKE:

South-east of Benbulbin, this lake is approximately 2 miles long by ½ mile wide. Situated in a deep valley to the north of the N16 Manorhamilton-Sligo road, 5 miles from Sligo, it has a spectacular waterfall at its north-east corner. The lough has a resident stock of small brown trout and gets a really good run of sea trout and a fair number of salmon, both spring fish and grilse.

The average size of the sea trout is quite big – over 1½lb – and local anglers claim that the lough produces the largest average size of sea trout in the west of Ireland. The best trout taken in recent years weighed 6½lb and the best salmon was 22lb. This lough, lying in the shadow of famed Benbulbin, with its wooded shoreline, waterfall and islands at either end, is well worth a visit.

## LOUGH GILL AND BONET RIVER:

**SEASON:** The open season for salmon and seatrout is from 1 January to 30 September.

## LOUGH GILL:

Gill is a large lough, nearly 6½ miles long from east to west and 2½ miles wide at its widest point. It lies about 3 miles east of Sligo and the R286 Dromahair - Sligo road runs close by the shore on the northern end and the R287 on the southern side. There is public access and parking at Inisfree, Shriff Bay, Aughamore and Hazelwood Bay.

This lough holds brown trout and salmon. It gets a big run of spring salmon and anglers are out from opening day. Few loughs have a reputation for having salmon as the predominant angling species and this is one of them. Most of the fishing is done by trolling. February and March are regarded as good months and so also is May, but after that the salmon fishing is over for the season.



GLENCAR LAKE

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## DOON LAKE DROMAHAIR

Lough Doon is situated in Co. Leitrim north of Lough Gill between Sligo and Dromahair. It covers fourteen hectares and holds a large stock of nice quality brown trout up to 14 ins. (35.5 cm.) in length.

[www.fishinginireland.info/trout/northwest/doon.htm](http://www.fishinginireland.info/trout/northwest/doon.htm)

**Permit required - available locally. Boats are normally available for hire**

**Contact The Blue Devon,  
Dromahair, Leitrim**

**Tel: 071 916 4134**





## PUT AND TAKE FISHERIES



### LOUGH ROWAN “PUT AND TAKE” TROUT FISHERY

Hidden away between the rolling hills of picturesque South Leitrim lies Lough Rowan a 100 acre Put and Take Fishery managed by Rinn-Shannon District Angling Club (RSDAC). Attracting anglers of all ages, Lough Rowan has impressive stock of hard fighting triploid rainbow trout reaching weights of up to 4lb. Most angling methods are catered for at the fishery (no maggots), which has excellent access facilities and ample shoreline for wading with boat hire available for members or visiting anglers.

Wheelyboat available for people with disabilities in association with Leitrim Association for People with Disabilities (LAPWD).

#### MEMBERSHIP

1 years membership (adult) €60, 1 years membership (junior) (U16s), €10 Day Ticket - €15

**OPENING TIMES:** Trout fishing 7am – Dusk (Pike Fishing not affected)

**BAG LIMIT:** 1 fish per angler per day

**BOAT HIRE:** Contact Paul at Tel: 087 625 4740

R.S.D.A.C. Membership and day tickets available from the following outlets;

Fitzpatrick's Bar Main Street Mohill Tel: (071) 963 1030

Shannon Tackle Jamestown Co. Roscommon (Terry) Tel: (071) 962 4692

Rules & Regulations can be found on website [www.rinnshannon.com](http://www.rinnshannon.com)

### CALLOUGH'S LAKE, CARRIGALLEN

Brown and Rainbow Trout Boat fishing only, all legitimate methods, no maggots allowed.

Boat hire and permits: Greenville House B&B/ Tackle Shop, Carrigallen, Tel: 049 433 9938

### OTHER GAME FISHERIES

In addition to the game fisheries mentioned above there are other opportunities for the inquisitive trout angler. Among these are the tributary rivers to some of the larger lakes such as Lough Allen and the tributaries of the Shannon Erne Waterway flowing from the direction of Slieve Aneirin.

The Killukin River near Carrick on Shannon, the Rinn River near Mohill and parts of the Cullies river system near Carrigallen also fall into this category.

The wild brown trout here are small rarely exceeding a pound but provide an interesting challenge for the angler willing to explore these sometimes overgrown waters but with clearer stretches allowing the employment of a short delicate fly rod.

When accessing these waters anglers should ensure that they have the landowners' permission.

## PIKE ANGLING COUNTY LEITRIM



### PIKE ANGLING

In Ireland, anglers may fish for pike all year round. Pike are now one of the most highly sought after sport fish species in Europe and North America and there has also been a huge increase in the popularity of pike fishing among Irish anglers. Ireland has thousands of lakes and several thousand kilometres of pike bearing rivers and canals which are largely underutilised. County Leitrim and its wider hinterlands is a mecca for pike angling which takes place mainly during the spring and autumn but summer pike fishing using fly tackle and surface lures is becoming an increasingly popular branch of the sport. Likewise the use of float tubes “belly boats” is on the increase allowing access to otherwise difficult to reach waters.

### PIKE ANGLING COUNTY LEITRIM

The pike angler visiting Leitrim will in most cases be focused on many of the centres and waters featured in the section dealing with coarse angling in this publication. Many of the accommodation providers in these centres cater for both disciplines and reference to the service providers mentioned in the coarse angling section is advised where boat hire and guiding services are sought. For first time visitors and especially for those who intend to fish the larger waters the use of a local knowledgeable guide is strongly recommended.

The diverse landscape of Leitrim provides a multitude of small lakes, some just a few hectares to large water bodies such as Lough Allen and Garadice. Pike anglers who prefer river fishing are well catered for on the R.Shannon, its tributaries and the Shannon Erne Waterway.

Whatever your preference be it boat, bank or float tube there is a water here to suit you.

# PIKE ANGLING COUNTY LEITRIM



## ROOSKEY AND DROMOD

There is very good pike fishing in the Rooskey and Dromod area along the stretches of the river Shannon, with good bank fishing throughout. Boats can be used to access other parts of the river and nearby lakes.

## CARRICK ON SHANNON

There is also very good pike fishing around Carrick on Shannon with pike of over 20lbs (9.072kg.) regularly produced in the area and the occasional 30lbs + (13.60kg.) fish is possible.

## DRUMSHANBO

Very good pike fishing on Lough Allen which still produces pike over 20lbs and an occasional fish over 30lbs. There are some fine stretches of bank and great fishing at the north eastern corner where the River Shannon enters the lake. Boat fishing is still the best way to explore this great lake

## CARRIGALLEN

Gulladoo Lake, Cullies Lake, Tully Lake, Town Lake.

Good pike fishing. Excellent bank fishing and pike over 20lbs are reported from these waters annually.

## BALLINAMORE AND KESHCARRIGAN

Garadice Lake, Shannon Erne Waterway, Lough Scur, St. John's Lake, Drumlaheen Lake

Very good pike fishing with a huge network of lakes along the Shannon Erne waterway offering excellent bank and boat fishing opportunities. Pike of over 20lbs are recorded on many of these lakes.

## GLENFARNE/KILTyclogher

Lough McNea Upper at 644 hectares, a large but one of the lesser known Leitrim lakes has a good stock of sizeable pike and may be accessed via slipways in Glenfarne Forest, at Meenagh towards Kiltyclogher and off the N16 near Blacklion.

For pike angling the use of a boat is strongly recommended.

This is joint jurisdictional water that straddles the border with Northern Ireland. Anglers should acquaint themselves with the legislative requirements for fishing in NI.

The nearby Glenade Lake situated approximately 9 km. north west of Manorhamilton is also a worthwhile pike fishery with an area of 73 hectares. A public car park, boat slip and mooring jetty are located at the southern end of the lake and can be accessed via a minor road off the R280.

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