



# Anglers Welcome Scheme

Visitors with an interest in angling have been considered by VisitScotland in our development of the Anglers Welcome Scheme which recognises the special efforts made by operators to provide for them, and to help them choose suitable accommodation.

## ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME

Salmon, cod, carp, perch, sea-trout, rainbow trout and wild brown trout, skate and sea bass – to name but a few of the types of fishing available in Scotland. It's every anglers dream come true and one made all the better by the great Scottish scenery and warm hospitality.

For centuries anglers have been coming to Scotland to fish and no matter where you start in the country, there is something to interest each and every one. We need to ensure that the hospitality encountered by our visiting anglers meets, or preferably exceeds, their expectations.

Visitors who enjoy fishing like to be made to feel welcome. They appreciate having storage boxes for rods; a daily weather forecast; freezer facility for bait or catch; facilities for gutting or preparing catch, or facilities for washing fishing tackle. Equally important is the local knowledge of where to fish.

Those wishing to apply for the Anglers Welcome scheme should display a positive attitude towards anglers and a genuine desire to meet and anticipate their needs.

You can choose to become a participant of the Anglers Welcome Scheme. To become a member, you must provide the following and your Quality Advisor will verify that the required facilities exist when they visit.

## ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

- 1 An early or late breakfast should be offered – or for very early leavers a tray the night before.
- 2 You should be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required.
- 3 You should be able to offer an early or late evening meal if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be available after dinner service
- 4 Information on location and opening times of nearest local late-opening eating establishments (and directions), if meals are not provided.

- 5 A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature so clothes can dry overnight.
- 6 Information should be provided on local slipways/boat launching sites for sea anglers
- 7 A chest freezer/deep freezer should be available for guests' use.
- 8 You should provide facilities for washing fishing gear, and for gutting and preparing fish, by guests or by the Chef.
- 9 Information on location/opening times of the nearest tackle and bait shop (and directions).
- 10 You should provide a safe storage area for guests' rod boxes/equipment.
- 11 Information for local permits or Ghillie services should be available.
- 12 Daily Met Office information, or similar, to be provided as well as tide tables (where a marine location).

## ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION

- 1 Information on location and opening times of nearest local late-opening eating establishments and grocery shops including directions.
- 2 A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature so clothes can dry overnight.
- 3 Information should be provided on local slipways/boat launching sites for sea anglers
- 4 A chest freezer/deep freezer should be available for guests' use.
- 5 You should provide facilities for washing fishing gear, and for gutting and preparing fish.
- 6 Information on location/opening times of the nearest tackle and bait shop (and directions).
- 7 You should provide a safe storage area for guests' rod boxes/equipment.
- 8 Information on local permits and Ghillie services should be available
- 9 Daily and weekly Met Office information, or similar, to be provided as well as tide tables (where a marine location).

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**To apply please complete this portion and return to the Quality & Standards Department, address below.**

I would like to apply to become a member of the Anglers Welcome scheme. Address of establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

I undertake to supply all the required facilities and services to angling visitors \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Scheme(s) receive a window sticker. Your award may be displayed in certain VisitScotland and Network literature as appropriate.