

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



ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME

Salmon, cod, carp, perch, sea-trout, rainbow trout, wild brown trout, skate and sea bass – to name but a few of the types of fishing available in Scotland. It's every angler's 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 have specific needs and it makes a positive difference to their experience if these needs are recognised and catered for. 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.

To become a member you must provide the following and your VisitScotland Quality and Tourism Advisor will verify what the required facilities exist when they visit or for non Quality Assured customers a representative from VisitScotland will arrange to come along and verify.

ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Early breakfast option from 7am, or for very early leavers a tray the night before.
3. You should be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required. Recyclable packaging to be encouraged.
4. You should be able to offer a late evening meal (available until 8pm) if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be offered after 8pm.

5. Information on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late opening eating establishments (and directions).
6. Information should be provided on local slipways/boat launching sites.
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 weather forecast to be provided as well as tide tables (where a marine location).
13. Free unrestricted WiFi available.

ANGLERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF CATERING/ HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Information on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late opening eating establishments (and directions).
3. Information should be provided on local slipways/boat launching sites.
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 lockable storage area for guests' rod boxes/equipment.
8. Information on local permits and Ghillie services should be available.
9. Daily weather forecast to be provided as well as tide tables (where a marine location).
10. Free unrestricted WiFi available.