

FANTASTIC FISHING ON MULL

Every year, anglers have fantastic fun fishing on Mull. Whether it's a bag of wild brownies, silver sea trout, strings of mackerel, hard fighting pollack or giant skate, this magnificent island has it all. Mull is the second largest of the Inner Hebrides with a coast so indented that its perimeter is almost 300 miles long. Seascapes are enhanced by stunning white, shell sand beaches and innumerable irregularly shaped islands. There is much mountainous country concealing a variety of lochs and giving rise to spate rivers and burns. Many fine fish are caught from fresh and sea water.

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FRESHWATER FISHING

You do not need a licence to fish in Mull, but you do require permits or permission for the different waters. There no coarse fish to catch except the eel and a very occasional perch. Angling is from the banks of rivers and lochs with some lochs having boats available. Boat fishing is by the day or divided into two sessions of dawn and dusk.

Trout Fishing (Sunday fishing allowed on some waters)

(Season March 15th to October 6th)

Brown trout are scarce in most of the rivers of Mull, but the lochs abound with a variety of trout. These are wild brownies, sea trout, rainbow trout and the occasional fontanalus brook trout. Each loch has its own character and atmosphere. Some lochs are full of small, wild fish freely rising to the fly; others contain bigger, dourer fish that come to a well worked lure.

Salmon and Sea Trout (no Sunday fishing in Scotland)

(Season February 11th to October 31st)

Salmon and sea trout do not usually enter the rivers of Mull until the first big summer spate (generally the beginning of July). From then on, providing the rivers have rain, catches can be made. Fish hairwing trebles or smaller tube flies. This due to the nature of the majority of local rivers salmon often fall to lures or bait. Salmon fishing is catch and release. It's great fun. There is also sea trout fishing to be had from the shore any time after April. Sandeel type lures are very effective.



Fishing on Mull is an adventure. The wild mountainous nature of the landscape provide loads of opportunities to fish and see amazing wildlife. Don't expect well trodden paths and manicured banks. Mull is a unspoiled wilderness. Please leave it as such and allow others to enjoy this wonderful Island.

USEFUL LURES FOR FISHING ON MULL

Sandeel Type: Tremendous for mackerel, sea trout and pollack

Dropper or Spinner: Deadly at catching all species of trout

18g Copper Toby: A superb and exciting way to catch salmon

Wet Flies: Our trout aren't shy, larger sizes are fine

TACKLE AND BOOKS

Issue permits for the following waters:

LOCH TORR Fly only (No Sunday fishing)

Bank: day £10, week £20. Boat: session £20, day £30

This picturesque highland loch supports a native population of wild brownies and there is a run of sea trout. Loch Torr, with its numerous fish, is a great place to learn fly-fishing. A good cast of flies is Soldier Palmer, Peter Ross and Bloody Butcher. Remember there is always that chance of a sea trout. The boat can take one or two anglers.

LOCH FRISA Fly, spin or bait (Sunday trout fishing allowed)

Bank: day £15, week £30. Boat: session £30, day £40

Loch Frisa is the largest loch on the island. Bags of beautiful trout are taken. The fish can occasionally reach good sizes. The biggest to date weighed 17lbs! The trout can be very silver so do not mistake them for the occasional salmon or sea trout which are caught. Cast your flies to reach the darker water at the drop-off. Spinning and wetfly are the favourite local techniques.

LOCHAN na GUAILNE DUIBHE Fly, spin or bait

Bank: day £10, week £20. Boat: session £20, day £30

A lovely little hill loch close to Tobermory for brown trout fishing. Perfect for relaxation while enjoying the beautiful surroundings and wildlife. This loch is used by the local wild swimmers. Please keep your distance if they arrive. We can all share this amazing spot.

THE GLEN LOCHS Fly, spin or bait (No Sunday fishing)

Bank fishing only: day £15, week £30 All salmon catch and release.

If you want to feel far away from civilization the Glen Lochs are the place. These lochs are the head waters of the River Lussa which has runs of migratory sea trout and salmon. A hard walk down and, hopefully, a harder walk back carrying a brace of trout and a sea trout!

RIVER AROS (1 mile) Fly, spin or bait (No Sunday fishing)

North Tenga Beat: day £15, week £30

Run starts towards end of June. All salmon catch and release.

The River Aros is a wonderful Mull spate river. It runs through Glen Aros, crashing over rocks with deep pools and inky runs. Salmon and sea trout can be expected to enter the river from late June onwards. Fly fishing is challenging fun with black, blue and orange good local colours and shrimps good patterns. Spinner or worm are a great traditional way to fish. If conditions are right you should catch fish.

RIVER BELLART (3 miles) Fly, spin or bait (No Sunday fishing)

West Dervaig Beat: day £20, week £40

Run starts beginning of July. All salmon catch and release.

Mainly running through peat flats, this stretch of the Bellart meanders to the sea. After or during a good downpour many catches of silver sea trout are made and be prepared for a salmon. Fish a blue and silver fly or lure carefully or search all the hiding places with a worm on a barbless hook.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please only take a rowing boat if you are comfortable on water. We strongly advise you have your own life jacket. Angling Buoyancy aids are available for a £20 refundable deposit.

Boat sessions are whole day or dawn til 2pm and 2pm til dusk.

Use barbless hooks or flatten hook barbs when fishing for salmon.

MISHNISH LOCHS Fly or worm (Sunday fishing allowed)

Bank: day £15, week £45. Boats not available at the moment

These peaceful waters hold brown trout only. The lochs are stocked regularly and fish weighing up to 4lbs can be caught. A boat on each loch is available and it is possible to row through between lochs. Top Loch is nearest Dervaig. The season is April 1st to September 30th.

AROS LOCH Worm, spin or onerous fly (Sunday fishing allowed)

Bank: Combined with Mishnish bank permit (no boat on Aros)

Just a mile from Tobermory in Aros Park. Fishing is from the bank only with spinner or bait best but just one rod per person permitted. Rainbow trout up to 14lbs have been taken and very few anglers come away without catching something for supper. Fishing all year.

Details of further freshwater fishing's from:

LOCH BA Mr & Mrs Harmer, Tel: 01680 300332 (boat + outboard)

RIVER COLADOIR Pennyghael Estate Tel: 01681 704232

LOCH UISG Mr Jim Corbett Tel: 01680 814214

LOCH ASSAPOL Mr Jack Degnan Tel: 01681 700437

SEA ANGLING

Sea Angling in Scotland is free. Over thirty angling records have been broken fishing out from Tobermory. Many species of fish from pollack to huge skate can be caught in the waters around Mull. Fish baits, such as mackerel, lures and feather type rigs are the most successful methods for sea angling. Most sea fish arrive with the mackerel. The very best months are July to November.

Shore fishing (Fishing all days of the week. Free of charge)

Mull has many miles of varied coastline ranging from the white sand beaches of Calgary and Iona to steep, rugged, cliff formations at Caliach Point. Fishing at Gribun rocks is directly into 20 fathoms of water! All of this is under-fished by anglers. We are delighted to hear from anybody who finds new hotspots. On rocky ground catch pollack, mackerel and coalfish by spinning. For wrasse, conger and dogfish use bait. On sandy marks occasionally catch codling, flatfish and rays. In estuaries there are flounders, grey mullet and seatrout. Remember however, fishing for sea trout in the larger river mouths is covered by the same regulations as the river.

Boat fishing (Fishing all days of the week. Free of charge)

From your own boat. Marks are shown in this guide. Keep an eye on the weather. Species of fish caught include mackerel, pollack, tope, coalfish, rays, spurdog, flatfish, conger eels, codling and giant skate. Boat angling trips may be available from Tackle & Books. Suitable for families and for the more serious angler. Ask for our brochure.

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We hope this small guide has been of some help. Tight lines!