

THE WRACKLEFORD ESTATE
WRACKLEFORD HOUSE
DORCHESTER, DORSET DT2 9SN

Gaston Bridge Beat Map



Directions from Dorchester

Take the A37 towards Yeovil. Charminster is on your right after 1 mile, the road then goes into a shallow cutting, with 'Wrackleford' Village signs at its end. Turn left into Gascoyne Lane just after these signs, by Lower Wrackleford Farm.

Directions From Yeovil

Take the A37 towards Dorchester. After about 12 miles you will pass through the village of Grimstone. Continue on, past Stratton, and under the railway bridge, which is at the point the road forms a kind of dual carriageway. The Wrackleford House tall brick wall will soon be on your right - the entrance to Gascoyne Lane is about 150 mtrs after the wall finishes - just after Lower Wrackleford Farmhouse.

The Parking area is on your right, a gravel layby off the lane with Fishing parking signs. The lane is unmade up.

The Beat

The beat is split into two sections. The upper section is reached by walking through the Lower Wrackleford farmyard, following the signs. The lower section is downstream from the ford close to the parking area. Fishing banks are marked on the map.

The Fishing

Waders are helpful, but not essential. A lovely unspoilt beat, narrow but with deep pools along its meandering course. The top section provides plenty of fishing in its own right, with the bank well prepared. The lower single bank section is pretty well unkept, wading is the best technique fishing the best pools.



Fishery Rules

1. Method of Fishing - Please use barbless or debarbed hooks at all times. Any fly can be rendered barbless by simply flattening the barb with a pair of pliers.

Chalkstream - Upstream dry fly and nymph only.

Stillwater - Single hook, maximum size 10, long shank

2. Size and Catch Limits - All wild fish should be returned to the river unless injured, the release should be without delay and gentle as possible.

Chalkstream - To help preserve and develop our head of wild trout we encourage a 'Catch and Release' policy, however if you would like to take one stocked fish home for supper then please do. Cease fishing when 15 fish have been caught.

Stillwater - As per your day ticket allocation.

3. A Booked Fishing Day - Your Fishing beat entitles you to fish from first light to last on the day of that booking.

4. No Dogs - There is livestock in many of the fields around the fishery, so in consideration to them and other users no dogs at all please.

5. Fishing Huts - There are a number of fishing huts on the banks for you to use, please do so, but do take all rubbish home with you.

6. Parking & Access - Most Beats now have a designated signed parking area - please use them only, and make sure that

there is passing room for agricultural vehicles. Follow the route marked on your map to your Fishing Beat, and stay close to the river at all times. If you pass through gates then please ensure they are correctly shut behind you.

7. Licences - Every Fisherman should have an Environment Agency Licence and carry it with them. The onus is on the fisherman to purchase this and it is available either from the Post Office or online.

8. Fishing Returns - We try to keep as accurate a record of catches as possible, when your day is complete please either post, email, or fill in the returns form online.

9. Left or Right Bank - all descriptions of left or right bank in this booklet refer to the side when facing downstream.

10. Beat End Markers - Each Fishing Beat is marked by a small white sign, with green writing stating the Beat Name and 'End Marker'. Please do not fish beyond this point.

11. Wading

Chalkstream - You are welcome to wade on any of the beats however on some it is essential to fish the beat effectively - this is mentioned in the beat notes.

Stillwater - No wading in the lakes at any time.

12. Gutting of Fish - No Gutting at the Fishery.

Terms and Condition of Sale

1. BOOKING - Bookings should be made direct to THE WRACKLEFORD ESTATE FISHERY or via an Agent, by email, internet, in writing or by telephone

2. PAYMENT - Unless otherwise specified on the Confirmation Invoice. Payment should be made in full at the time of booking.

3. CONFIRMATION - Confirmation is only on payment within the agreed terms. Until any payment is made the booking is not confirmed.

4. PRICES - We reserve the right to amend our prices at any time before you book. Once you have booked, the price of your booking is fully guaranteed & will not change.

5. PUBLISHED DETAILS - Every care is taken when compiling publications to ensure the information is correct. However we are unable to accept liability when circumstances beyond our control result in the facilities described being altered or withdrawn.

6. CANCELLATION BY YOU - In the event of cancellation by you, for whatever reason, the following scale of charges is payable:- Prior to 90 days 50% of total cost. 89 – 0 days 100% of total cost.

7. CANCELLATION BY WRACKLEFORD ESTATE FISHERY - The fishery reserves the right to cancel your booking in which case we will offer an alternative booking of equivalent standard or a full refund.

8. CURTAILMENT & LIABILITY - Neither The Wrackleford Estate Fishery nor any person assisting it shall be liable for the consequences of delays or restriction from adverse weather, obstructions, repairs of damage to navigational works, flooding, shortage of water, industrial action, fuel-rationing, shortages of or non-availability of fuel or any other cause and reserve the right to restrict the activity if unusual or hazardous condition prevail. Neither The Wrackleford Estate Fishery nor any person or company assisting or collaborating with it shall be liable for death, personal injury or illness.

9. GOODS SOLD BY THE WRACKLEFORD ESTATE FISHERY - Risk in the goods will pass to you on delivery. Ownership of the goods supplied shall remain vested in The Wrackleford Estate Fishery & shall not pass to you until payment in full for all such items has been made.

10. PERSONAL INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE - The Wrackleford Fishery accepts no responsibility for any personal loss or damage to any person fishing or their guests or their personal property. It is the 'Rods' personal responsibility to ensure their own safety and the safety of their Guests - using the correct equipment appropriately