

The global online booking service, enabling anglers to book their fishing at leisure. See the latest catches, check river levels, arrange a casting lesson, contact a guide, hire a rod, find somewhere to stay and much, much more besides. Visit www.fishpal.com to find out more.

Dear Angler,

While some salmon rivers close at the end of September, many fish on into October and some, like Tweed & Nith, continue until the end of November. Reports from our FishPal site suggest that many anglers have enjoyed some wonderful sport, far and wide, despite low river levels experienced during the season across the UK and Europe.

Scottish fishing is still enjoying a remarkable season with reports on the FishPal site showing catches of salmon increasing from last year and above the five year average on some rivers. The River Tyne in north-east England has seen excellent runs of fish with record counts entering the system. Iceland reports increased catches too compared to last year, including their biggest salmon this season measuring 110cm and weighing 13kg (28lbs).

We have a host of new fisheries poised to go live on the system over the coming months. The addition of guides, instructors and tackle hire will provide anglers the opportunity to book almost all they need at once.

Don't forget with Christmas just round the corner our personalised gift vouchers are a great option for anglers of all ages.

Tight lines!

Iain Wood
Managing Director
FishPal Ltd



Online Since 2003

Since 2003 we've been providing an online service for anglers and leading fisheries in the UK and Europe. Established to offer anglers the latest information from catches, ticket availability, prices, when to go, where to stay and what to take etc, over the years we've grown into a 'one stop shop' including guides, rods and online tackle hire.

FishPal's Managing Director, Iain Wood, says: 'We believe our system is the most flexible and comprehensive online booking systems available. We are continuously looking to increase fishing availability for our customers across the globe.' Currently there are over 5,000 rod/days available to book for the remainder of this season, with next season's availability due shortly. The secure online payment system (in eight languages) and friendly support staff both help to facilitate bookings.

Time for Thymullas

by Paul Procter

With the end of the trout season fast approaching, our thoughts instantly turn to grayling. Once considered a pest the European grayling, *Thymullas thymullas*, is currently enjoying favour amongst fly fishers, especially those who seek to extend their season. Remaining active throughout the colder months, grayling can provide us with memorable sport even in the depths of winter.

If blessed with kind weather then flurries of large dark olives or small stoneflies should keep grayling looking up during October and November. Now, slender CdC dressings or parachute patterns will score. As for those preferring wet flies, look no further than a brace of waterhen bloas and perhaps an orange partridge, or snipe & purple. Conversely,



when faced with extreme cold, or high water, weighted nymphs are likely to be our saviour. Such heavy bugs are best presented using rods of 10 feet and even longer, as these afford superior line control over the business end of things.

Fairly widespread, grayling can now be found in many UK river systems. However, those worth trying north of the border include the Annan, Clyde, Tweed and Teviot. Naturally the Dales rivers

in Yorkshire should also be considered with the Wharfe, Ure and Swale always proving popular. Let's not forget a clutch of Welsh rivers either, in particular the Dee, Severn and Wye have produced some thumping specimens over the years. Those lucky enough to spend a day on the southern chalkstreams will often find grayling in a receptive mood as more stable water temperatures promote longer feeding periods for this graceful fish.

Sea Angling In Iceland



Some of the largest fish stocks in the North Atlantic are found in Icelandic waters, including the cod stock. There are many species of fish for the angler to catch, such as halibut, monkfish, mackerel, saithe, haddock, pollack, ling and catfish just to name a few. In addition to the sheer number of fish there are also very many large specimens to be caught – many of which would be national records elsewhere!

Deep-sea angling from charter boats is readily available all along the Icelandic coastline, however, depending on which species you want to fish for, there are certain seasonal aspects to consider.

For more information please contact the FishPal office or visit our global online booking and information website www.fishpal.com

Mobile FishPal

On the move but want to stay up-to-date? Check out FishPal's mobile pages, including latest catches and ticket availability. Fishing news from the bankside to your mobile 24/7.

Rod Availability

Search by area, species, price, country and much more. Lists are updated every hour. FREE Rod Alert service keeps you informed of all the availability added to our global booking system.

Do I Need A Permit?

When you book your fishing with FishPal your confirmation email doubles as your fishing permit. It also gives directions, fishery rules, contact names etc. You should carry this with you during your fishing trip.

Largest Salmon

The Savills Malloch Trophy is awarded to the angler who lands and returns the biggest fly-caught salmon in Scotland. Entry forms are available from The Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board, tel 01738 583733.

The Water Wolf by Paul Little

There is something mystical and even magical about the fish that sits at the top of the freshwater food chain called *Esox lucius*. The literal translation from Latin being 'Water Wolf'; the name I think says it all.

Could the pike's persona of what is essentially a shy fish have anything to do with the fact that few anglers pursue pike fishing? It may be the weather as some of the best times to hunt these large predators are during the cold months of winter.

Boat fishing using lures and the fly can be an enjoyable experience. This style of fishing 'pursuing the pike' allows your fishing to change by the minute, new areas can be investigated at the drop of a hat.

Whilst wading for pike puts the angler right into the world of the predator. The thrill of a pike following the fly and taking under the rod tip at the last minute is for the angler the ultimate experience; the angler is often left soaked as the fish turns on the fly at the last moment in an attempt not to lose their prey. Takes on the fly

using a floating line are always very visual and there is nothing better than seeing the fly line disappearing in front of you as the fish disappears into the depths.

To locate and book pike fishing in Scotland, Ireland or England visit www.fishpal.com.

The Pike Anglers' Club of Great Britain (www.pacgb.co.uk) is working towards the future of pike.



Northumbrian Water Casts a Line with FishPal

We are proud to announce that Northumbrian Water Fisheries, the leading provider of still water game fishing in Northern Europe are now on the FishPal global booking system.



Over the years Northumbrian Water have built an outstanding reputation in the market place, providing top quality fishing for everyone from bait to fly. Its fisheries boast some of the best scenery in England, friendly, helpful staff, plus well stocked fisheries and tackle shops.

For those wanting to try fishing the 'try it' sessions for beginners have made it easier for newcomers to get started. During 2009 Northumbrian Water were proud to have introduced 3,500 junior anglers to the sport.

Every ticket choice is available to purchase online, from single, group, couples permit etc, including free fishing for two juniors under 17 with the 'family days out' ticket. The FishPal system will keep you up-to-date on Northumbrian fisheries from catches, competitions, events, opening hours, prices etc. During the next few months FishPal will be adding more still water fisheries to the system from across the UK.



Fishing In Ireland

Anglers are spoilt for choice when it comes to Ireland. Game, coarse and sea angling can be enjoyed at various locations, always near delightful scenery. Game fishing in Ireland offers the usual species with the added bonus on the River Bann system for dollaghan, a unique species of migratory brown trout. Trout season runs from 1st March until the end of October. Dollaghan run from July to the end of October.

As well as being one of Europe's top venues for coarse fishing, the Lower Bann provides some of the best wild coarse fishing in Europe, with large, mixed bags being the norm, (wheelchair access for many of the pegs). Ireland has a long coastline offering a wide range of sea angling opportunities with some surprising species to be found in the warm Gulf Stream.

Whilst Ireland may at first appear as a small country, the sheer number of rivers both large and small, not to mention a whole host of loughs and smaller waters, can often overwhelm an angler wondering where to fish.

Often the best way to find the most suitable fishing in a particular location and time of year is to employ a guide. Guides are eminently qualified through experience to take you somewhere that suits the conditions at the time. They will look after and advise you throughout your day, ensuring you get maximum enjoyment from it.

Our new section on www.fishpal.com will list the main guides and allow you to book and pay for days with them online.

FishPal ONLINE

Fishing Guides

To compliment our world-class online booking system, we are introducing a guides and instructor service covering all fishing types, from October onwards. Leading names from the world of angling: Eion Fairgreave, Gary Scott, Paul Procter, Jock Monteith etc will be included.

Non-fishing Activities

At FishPal we aim to keep both fishers and non-fishers fully entertained during their trip. Our site offers information for all the family, from tourist attractions and shops, to restaurants and accommodation, etc.

Online Tackle Hire

A brand new online tackle service will be available from next month. Not only will you be able to hire a rod and reel but also waders and other safety items from a selection of outfitters.

World recognised Speycaster, Eoin Fairgreave, will also be selecting a number of products – including rods, reels and flies – which can be purchased online as part of the integrated booking service.



Gift Vouchers

Personalised gift vouchers are a great way to celebrate any special occasion, birthdays, Christmas, anniversary or as a 'thank you' and are the perfect gift for any angler. Versatile for the recipient, they can be used for a range of products from fishing days, rods, tuition, guiding etc. Visit the website for more details.

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