

Duchy of Cornwall - Dartmoor Fishery

The Westcountry Rivers Trust is delighted that the Duchy of Cornwall fishing on Dartmoor is again available through the Westcountry Angling Passport.

This partnership aims to maintain access to the excellent fishing on Dartmoor's rivers and also deliver long-term benefits to the environment and native fisheries of Dartmoor. Practical and continuous river improvement works have taken place throughout the fishery since 2010.

The East and West Dart rivers and their tributaries provide some of the best wild brown trout, sea trout and salmon fishing in the UK - there are over 25kms of river to be explored and we hope this brochure will be a useful source of information for local and visiting anglers.

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DUCHY of CORNWALL

West Dart (& tributaries)

The West Dart flows through one of the most beautiful valleys on Dartmoor and, although slightly shorter than the East Dart, it is a bigger river due to the influence of several major tributaries. It contains some of the largest pools and glides on Dartmoor, providing excellent brown trout fishing throughout, along with some opportunities for salmon and sea trout fishing. There is so much water to explore - boulder strewn sections, long glides and runs, deep pools and lots of pocket water - we suggest you take your time and fish the river by sections, using the access points to fish up or downstream.

Parking & Access: To fish the upper river, go to ① (Two Bridges), for the middle river go to ② (off the B3357) and follow the footpath (east of Dunnabridge Fm.) or ⑪ the small quarry close to Prince Hall Hotel and Dartmoor Training Centre (please note space is limited here). For the lower river go to ③ (Hexworthy Bridge), or ④ (Dartmeet). If you park at ④, you have to walk across the road bridge and take the public footpath between the houses before fishing up the W. Dart. N.B. There is no fishing on the right hand bank (looking downstream) from Hexworthy Bridge to below Dartmeet, or in the last 50 metres left hand bank before the confluence with the E. Dart.

Blackabrook

One of the largest of the Dart tributaries, it has good brown trout fishing with the best water being found between the confluence with the W. Dart and Oakery Bridge (on the B3212).

Parking & Access: The lower water can be reached by parking at ⑪ the small quarry close to Prince Hall Hotel and Dartmoor Training Centre (please note space is limited here) and walking upstream along the W. Dart, or you can park in Princetown and take the Dartmoor Way footpath, past Bachelor's Hall, to the river. To fish the upper water, park near Blackabrook Bridge, on the B3357. N.B. There is no fishing on both banks between Blackabrook Bridge and Oakery Bridge.

Cherrybrook

One of the most well known brown trout streams on Dartmoor, it contains lots of good water, the best being found from the confluence with the W. Dart to the Lower Cherrybrook Bridge.

Please note the 600m below the Higher Cherrybrook Bridge does not form part of the Fishery.

Parking & Access: For the upper section, park at ⑤ (Higher Cherrybrook Bridge) and walk up or downstream. For the lower section park at ⑥ (Lower Cherrybrook Bridge) and walk up or downstream or at ⑪ the small quarry close to Prince Hall Hotel and Dartmoor Training Centre (please note space is limited here), and walk downstream along the W. Dart.

Cowsic

A small tributary providing brown trout fishing. It features a number of baffles that have created long stretches of glide. There is a steep section at the bottom end which is very tough walking, so anglers may want to start a bit further upstream.

Parking & Access: Park at ① (Two Bridges) and either walk up the W. Dart or walk up the B3357 towards Princetown and take the second track on your right towards Beardown Farm. After 200m the track crosses the Cowsic and you can fish upstream from here. N.B. The upper reaches are within the Holmings Beam military ranges and live firing occurs during the season (look out for red flags). Please check the MOD website www.gov.uk/government/publications/dartmoor-firing-programme or call 0800 458 4868.

Swincombe

A small tributary, it starts life just to south east of Princetown and there is a dam in the middle to upper reaches. Fishing for brown trout through boulder strewn sections and pocket water.

Parking & Access: Park at ② (off the B3357) and follow the footpath (east of Dunnabridge Fm.) down the W. Dart, and then continue up the Swincombe. Alternatively park near Hexworthy and walk along the Dartmoor Way footpath until you reach the river, but note you are at the top of the fishing here. N.B. There is no fishing from upstream of the dam to the 'Dartmoor Way' footbridge.

East Dart (& tributaries)

The East Dart provides many miles of classic brown trout fishing. Set amongst beautiful moorland, good sport can be had right up to its headwaters. The best of the salmon and sea trout fishing is found in the middle to lower reaches (between ⑧ and ④) and fishing through pots and boulder runs is required to cover the lies. We recommend anglers explore the whole of this lovely river by fishing between the access points, and nearby footpaths are available should anglers not want to retrace their steps along the river.

Parking & Access: For the upper river go to ⑦ (Postbridge), for the middle river go to ⑧ (Believer) and for the lower river go to ④ (Dartmeet).

N.B. There is no fishing on the left hand bank (looking downstream) from the confluence of the Wallabrook to below Dartmeet. There is no fishing on the right hand bank from 250m upstream of Dartmeet to the confluence with the W. Dart.

Wallabrook

A small tributary offering challenging fishing for brown trout. The more accessible water is found in the 1km or so below Pizwell Br. on the right hand bank (looking downstream) and around Runnage Br. Only brook rods are needed.

Parking & Access: To fish the upper and middle reaches go to ⑨ (Runnage Br.) and for the lower river go to ⑩ (Pizwell Br.). N.B. There is no fishing on the left hand bank from Pizwell Br. down to the confluence with the E. Dart.

Stannonbrook

A very small stream offering fishing for brown trout. The best fishing is found in the lower reaches, although this is technically challenging due to the abundance of natural flora and the size of the stream. Take only brook rods.

Parking & Access: Anglers should park at ⑦ (Postbridge) and fish upstream.

How to buy your Permit

Go to one of the agents listed overleaf. You will be handed your fishing permit and blank catch return. Fill in your details on the permit. **Get fishing...tight lines!**

After fishing - **complete a catch return** -

This can be done on line at www.westcountryangling.com

Alternatively drop it into one of the agents or post it to: Westcountry Rivers Trust, Rain-Charm House, Kyl Cober Park, Stoke Climsland, Callington PL17 8PH.

Dartmoor fishing prices (season, week & day permits)

Salmon/sea trout:	Season: £150	Week: £85	Day: £30
Brown trout:	Season: £70	Week: £30	Day: £10

Fishing Seasons:

Salmon: 1 Feb - 30 Sept. Sea trout: 15 Mar - 30 Sept. Brown trout: 15 Mar - 30 Sept.

Please note:

Valid Westcountry Angling Passport tokens can be used as payment or part payment when purchasing Dartmoor fishing permits.

- Anglers must keep their fishing permit with them at all times when fishing.
- Please observe the conservation measures and regulations detailed overleaf.
- **Anglers must complete a catch return - it is a requirement of your Dartmoor permit.** This can be completed online at www.westcountryangling.com
- For further information on permits or fishing please go online to: www.westcountryangling.com

