

Tavy Walkham and Plym Fishing Club

River Walkham Beat 5 - Magpie - Grenofen 1.6K

Permits to fish this beat are available from the Tavy, Walkham and Plym Fishing Club and their agents.

The beat stretches 1.6 kilometres and fishing from the left bank only between Bedford (Magpie) Bridge and Grenofen Bridge. Fishing from both bridges is prohibited and fishing with any natural bait is prohibited. Access to the water is from the top or the bottom of the beat where there is adequate parking. Toilets are situated at the Magpie Bridge Car Park.

This can be a very productive beat but its ease of access makes it a popular spot for picnics and dog walking. Expect to be disturbed on sunny summer week ends. It is best fished early in the morning or on wet days. When the river rises with Autumn rain it has been very popular with salmon fishermen.

Expect salmon in high flows, sea trout run through and can be caught at night in the lower pools. The run into Pawsons Pool at Grenofen Bridge is a popular night fishing stand. Remain well upstream of the bridge and fish the run down to bridge. Casting down under the bridge can be counter productive. The beat has some history and most of the pools have been named. H.S. Joyce describes fishing the beat and catching large trout in the Corner Pool in the 1947 classic A Trout Anglers Notebook. In more recent times the feat was repeated by a young lad from Horrbridge named Shane O' Sullivan. Shane caught a 2.5lb brown trout from the same pool on a dry fly in the 1990s.

