

# GLEN TANAR

Deecastle Beat



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In Spring, both banks from the top of Pol Slachd downstream to the foot of the Boat Pool (shared with Dinnet Estate). In the Summer, south bank only.

The beat has 5.2 kilometres (3.2 miles) of fly-fishing, with 22 named pools on the south side of the Dee. There is a bank and ghillie sharing agreement with the Dinnet beat opposite that allows fishers to enjoy both banks of this fantastic stretch of river doubling the length of river available in the Spring season. The beat winds its way through wonderful farmland and woodland scenery. There are five huts and shelters on the beat with more on the Dinnet side. Fishing is available by the week part week or on a daily basis. The beat is managed jointly between Glen Tanar and Dinnet Estates.

The beat has three main fishing periods, early Spring, Spring and Summer. The early Spring period is for the month of March when four rods fish the beat. From 5 April to 19 June, six rods fish the beat then it reverts back to four rods. The beat sharing agreement is for the Spring period. In the Summer, from 5 July to 30 September, two rods fish the beat from the Deecastle (south) side. From the beginning of the season until 3 July the beat has the services of a full-time ghillie, after which ghillying is by arrangement with the estate office.

Access to the beat is by car along tracks to most of the beat. There are also paths along the riverside on both banks that allow access to all parts of the beat on foot. Dinnet Bridge is the main crossing point between banks and is near the bottom of the beat.

The beat has fly fishing only and a complete catch and release policy.



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## GLEN TANAR SALMON FISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

Fishings 2010 – River Dee  
Deecastle/Dinnet: 2- 6 rods

- 1 All salmon fishing on Glen Tanar beats is **100% catch and release** in conjunction with the Dee Conservation Code 2010
- 2 The Deecastle fishing beat is from the top of Pool Slachd to the bottom of the Boat Pool.
- 3 The **meeting point** for the beat is the lay-by just to the north of Dinnet Bridge. The bridge is just south of Dinnet village on a short link road between the B976 south Deeside road and the A93 Aboyne to Ballater road. All parties must meet at 9.00 am.
- 4 **Access** to the beat is by car on certain routes and on foot for the remainder. The route past Dinnet House is only available from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday and cars must travel slowly. Access to the north bank outwith these hours is via the North Lodge directly from the A93. Care is to be taken to avoid disturbance or damage to livestock or crops.
- 5 **Fishing system:** The beat has four periods, early spring, mid-spring, late spring and summer. The periods run: 1 March to 3 April 2010 (4 rods), 5 April – 19 June 2010 (6 rods), and from 21 June – 3 July 2010 (4 rods). The summer fishing period is from 5 July - 30 September 2010 (2 rods). For the three spring periods there is a bank sharing agreement with the Dinnet beat opposite.  
  
In the three spring periods the beat is split into six sections. Fishers rotate round the sections on a daily basis. The changeover to the following day's water takes place at 5.00 p.m. each day. The ghillie will explain the system on arrival.  
  
In the summer fishing period only two rods fish the beat, from the south side. There are no restrictions on sections or timings.
- 6 **Fishing etiquette:** When starting in a pool a minimum separation from fishers on the opposite bank of one hundred metres upstream or fifty metres downstream should be maintained. Fishers should maintain a steady progress through a pool. Fishers should avoid other fishermen when they are playing a fish. Fishers must also respect other people's use of the water or land they are on and act responsibly. Dogs are not permitted on the river bank unless kept under control.
- 7 **Rod sharing:** rod sharing must be agreed in advance with the estate. The estate reserves the right to restrict the period fished by shared rods to a reasonable fishing period, which as a maximum shall be no more than ten hours a day.
- 8 **Fishing methods:** Fly fishing only is permitted. All hooks should be barbless or the barbs crimped. Treble hooks are not permitted.
- 9 **Injured or damaged fish:** All injured or damaged fish are to be handed to the proprietor or his representative.
- 10 **Ghillie:** The services of a ghillie are provided from 9am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday 1 March to 3 July. From 5 July to 30 September a ghillie is only provided by arrangement. The ghillie is in charge of the fishery when present and instructions from the ghillie or other member of staff must be complied with.
- 11 **Catch returns:** Correct detailed records, showing dates on which fish were caught and killed, and which were released, their weights, names of pools, and from which bank taken, must be submitted to this office. These records are normally kept by the ghillie in the spring period, but it is your responsibility to ensure that appropriate records are kept for your fishing party.
- 12 **Safety & Disease Control:** Please ensure that all fishers comply with the safety code laid out on the Angling Safety Sheet a copy of which will be sent to you with the confirmation of your booking. All fishers should supply and wear a suitable buoyancy aid while fishing.  
  
To help prevent any potential outbreak of the devastating salmon disease **Gyrodactylus Salaris** all rods will complete a declaration on the hygiene and sterilisation of their fishing equipment. The declaration will be required immediately prior to fishing if they have used their equipment in an area at risk (abroad) in the previous three months. Equipment will be sterilised or banned if no declaration is forthcoming.
- 13 **Law & Other Issues:** The law of Scotland shall apply to this contract. No terms may be changed without written permission. We reserve the right to refuse a booking. Your acceptance of the contract will occur when you make the payment. Tenants must ensure all guests have read and understood these terms and conditions.