

Abercorn Estates Fishery

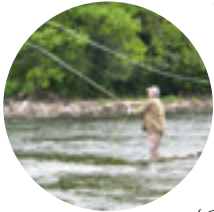
The Abercorn Estates fishery on the River Mourne has been a well kept secret. The only people who have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed sport on this water have been a local syndicate of twelve rods or friends of the family. The water has therefore been very lightly fished.



The Fishing

The River Mourne, flowing from the Derg Junction to Strabane, is part of the Foyle Fishery System. It is believed to have the potential to become one of the best salmon rivers in Northern Europe, now that the drift nets have been lifted from the Irish Sea.

As a guest at Baronscourt you will have direct access to the estate water which comprises four beats with a total of over 20 named pools.



The most renowned and famous pool is the Snaa which is similar in appearance to 'the Junction' on the River Tweed. The other pools such as 'Carniquin', 'the Half Water', and 'Blackstone' are every bit as good, each beat offering exciting sport. The estate water is best described as a 'fisherman's river', wading is essential. The river is wide enough to justify a 14/15ft rod but not big enough to intimidate a novice. There is clear definition of the pools with the water being easy to read. Expert local advice can be sort from the estate ghillie. It is fly only water.

This high quality fishery also enjoys excellent access to

the river. Two fishing huts, situated along the Snaa and Half Water beats, are fully served by excellent car-parking facilities. In addition, both huts are located alongside recently installed steps, which provide easy and direct access to two pools.



The Estate operates a rotating beat system with water divided into 4 beats. Two beats are fished each day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, the next day this changes to the other two beats.

Spring salmon are best from April to mid May with the bulk of the grilse and summer salmon arriving from June to July. August is typically a wet month and great fishing can be had. September through to the end of the season in October has in past years produced good results.



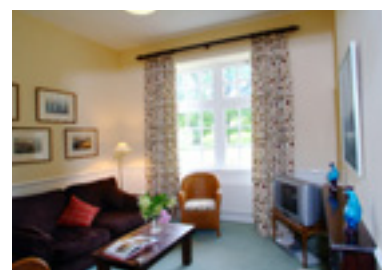


The Accommodation

The two storey Clock Tower forms part of the Baronscourt Stable Yard and dates from 1890. This charming building has been completely refurbished and can comfortably accommodate up to four people. It has attained a Northern Ireland Tourist Board 4 star rating.



On the first floor there is a large comfortable living room with wood-burning stove, television, and DVD. Guests are welcome to sit out on the lawn,



which overlooks unspoilt parkland. The two twin bedrooms are situated either side of the living area, one with an ensuite bathroom, the second with a shower room with power shower.



There is a small cloakroom with a heater to dry clothes.

The ground floor is open plan, extremely spacious and with a fully equipped modern kitchen and dining area including electric cooker, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine and separate tumble drier.



prepare your meals, including a picnic lunch which can be eaten at the hut at the famous Snaa pool.

Although this is self-catering accommodation a cook can be arranged to come and

Equipment

Rod

A double handed rod 14-15ft, rated to 10-12 weight is perfect for fishing on the Mourne.

Lines

In the early part of the season from June to early July you might need a sinking line. For the rest of the season a floating line and sink tip is mostly used. However it is always a good idea to have a selection of fly lines to give you more options and match the conditions at the time.



Flies

This is a list of the most popular flies from the last few seasons and is by no means definitive. It is always a good idea to bring your own favorites.

- Irish Black Shrimp
- Irish Red Shrimp
- Cascade
- Ally's Shrimp
- Gary Dog
- Collie Dog and Sunray Shadow (for low water).

Other Items

In spite of the relatively mild climate, you should bring warm clothing and, most importantly, quality rainwear and a windcheater. Chest waders and wading shoes are essential on the Mourne.

- Life jacket
- Wading stick
- Wader repair kit
- Polarised sunglasses
- Forceps/clippers
- Tape measure

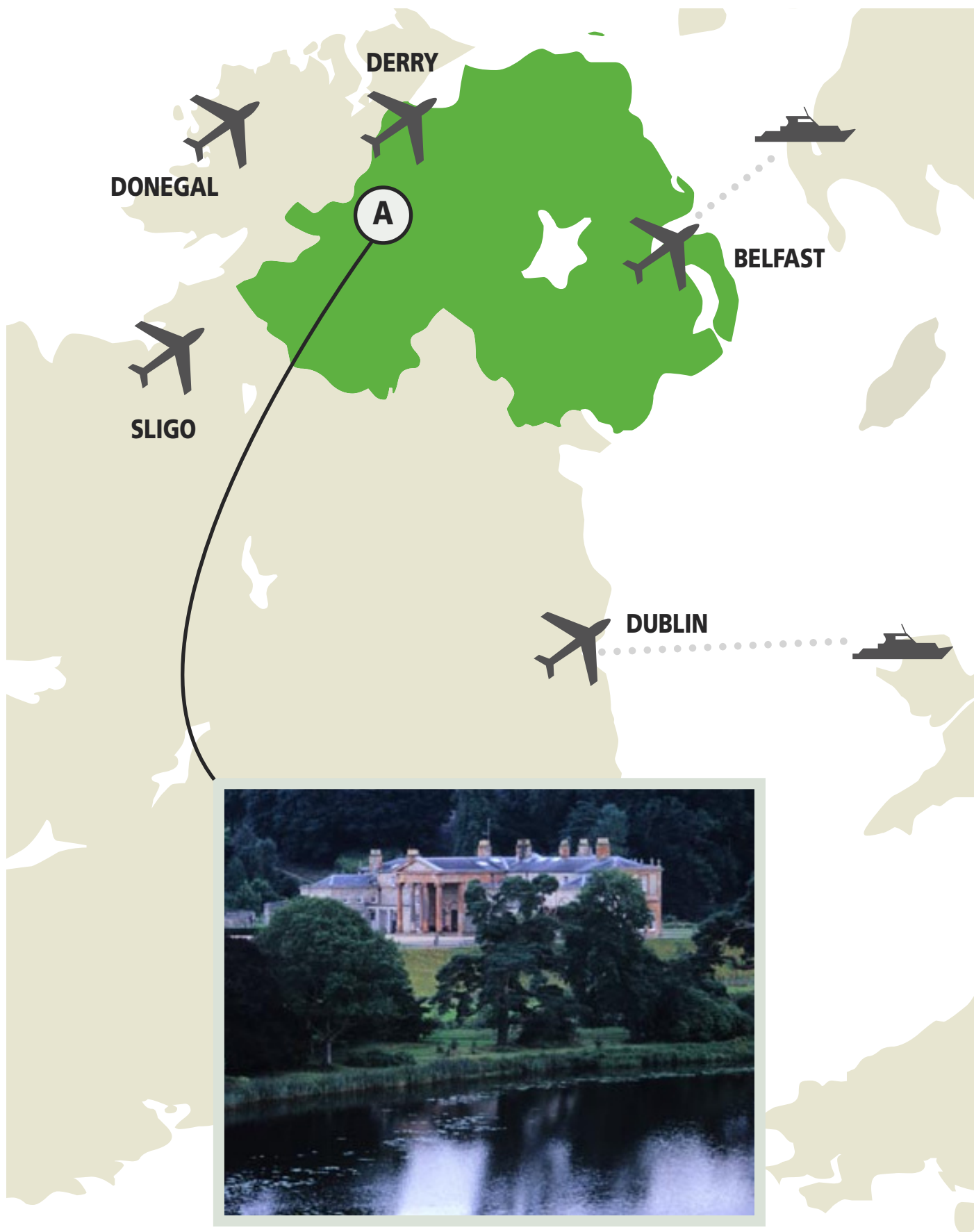


Booking Terms and Conditions

1. 50% deposit is needed at the time of booking to secure your requested dates for fishing and accommodation. Once you have paid your deposit the balance is then due 30 days before your arrival. The Estate Office will issue you with an invoice and confirmation of booking by letter and or email. Once booked you cannot change your dates or number of rods. If you need extra rods or days, they can be booked separately if available. If you need less rods or days, or decide not to come after all, then we can try to relet them for you, but cannot guarantee to do so. If successful you will be charged a 10% cancellation fee + VAT, and the balance of the money returned to you.
2. Rods may not be shared on any day without prior permission of the ghillie or the Estate Office, which is often refused and should never be relied upon.
3. You cannot relet the fishing you book without the Estate's permission.
4. Please note that in line with general practice, we cannot give refunds for fishing spoilt by inclement weather or poor water conditions.
5. If you have any problems with the standard of service provided by the Estate, please tell the ghillie or the Estate Office straightaway, so we have time to act before you leave. Failure to do so will severely hamper any chances of fair redress for you after your departure.
6. All bookings are also subject to the estates rules, terms and conditions and safety notes.
7. Abercorn Estates reserve the right to immediately withdraw fishing without compensation from anyone who breaks these or associated conditions, or flouts normal standards of behaviour or fishing etiquette.
8. Abercorn Estates can not accept liability for personal injury or illness or loss or damage to luggage or other belongings or for any delay, inconvenience or other loss. A proper respect for the nature of the terrain and facilities and the vagaries of the Northern Irish weather must be accepted. You and your party will be solely responsible for your and their personal safety and without prejudice to that generality any equipment that is used is entirely at the risk of the sportsmen using it.
9. Without prejudice to the responsibilities on you and your party in terms of the Clause, you will be required to have Third Party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000 (Two Million Pounds Sterling) for you and any member of your party.



Where to find us





Further Information

Please contact Abercorn Estates for any further information on the fishery, availability of beats and up to date advice on current catches of the fishery.

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