

Water of Leith: Permit to Fish

Your name

Season: 1 April to 30 September 2021

This permit gives the holder permission to fish for brown trout and grayling in the Water of Leith between Balerno Bridge and West Bowling Green Street Bridge, Leith, excluding private stretches around Balerno/Currie/Juniper Green. You can see details on our website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/fishingpermit.

Permit holders must adhere to the below conditions:

- Fishing is permitted seven days per week.
- The permit is not transferable.
- You must always carry this permit (digitally on your phone or print this permit) when fishing on the Water of Leith and, if asked, show it to Council officers, Police and authorised fishery officers.
- Permits are not granted to young people under 12 years of age.
- **Catch and release only: you must return fish to the river.**
- **You must always use barbless hooks.**
- Methods of fishing
 - a) Balerno to Boggs Bridge - fly fishing only
 - b) Boggs Bridge to Leith - fly or bait fishing
 - c) Spinning is prohibited
 - d) Fixed line fishing is prohibited
 - e) Fishing is restricted to one rod per person. The rod must be hand-held when in use.
- To safeguard all wildlife, please take all discarded line and tackle away with you.

Please note if you do not comply with these conditions this permit will be invalid. You can find more information on fishing on the Water of Leith on our website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/fishingpermits.

Pollution

Please report pollution direct to SEPA on 0800 80 70 60 (24 hour). For any other enquiries, phone us on 0131 529 2401.

Details of fish caught

We value your support for fishing on the Water of Leith and would appreciate a catch return following every successful outing. Please email your catch records to naturalheritageservice@edinburgh.gov.uk.

You can use the table below or send the information in an email. Thank you in anticipation.

Date of catch	
Location(s) of catch	
Total number of trout caught and returned	
Weight of largest fish/where it was caught	
Any other species/wildlife sightings	