

Fishing – casting around on The Avon



Book free coaching on the canal

More big names confirmed for Glasgow Angling Centre open weekend

Fishing articles in The Edinburgh Reporter are reaching out and The Avon Angling Club (ACC) in South Lanarkshire have been in touch to say that The RiverLife project on the Almond and Avon is not the only one in Scotland to assist with the enhancement of the environment for fish.

The 40-year-old Avon club is one of a number of organisations who have been involved in the construction of two fish passes and this project opens over 200km of spawning ground.

The Avon flows from Dungavel until it meets the River Clyde at Hamilton. AAC have the salmon lease for the full river and has leases for trout fishing from Browns Bridge down to the confluence with The Clyde.

The club has a hatchery which is used all year round to grow trout eggs to fry. These fish are then released in to the surrounding burns which feed into the main stem of the river.

AAC recently supplied trout eggs to the Clyde In The Classroom Project which uses the life history of a native Scottish species, the brown trout, to promote awareness of river ecology among young people across the River Clyde catchment.

The project is delivered by the Clyde River Foundation and their webmaster said it is a great basis for outdoor learning.

If anybody is interested in fishing the AAC water then permits

can be purchased via their website or local permit outlets.

Migratory permits are by application only and all details can be found on their website at www.theavonanglingclub.co.uk.

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Meanwhile, a half-hour session with a qualified coach (Heather Lauriston) is available between 11am and 4pm on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, at the canal near Glasgow Angling Centre, Saracen Street, Glasgow G22 5HT.

Email heather-lauriston@ghof.org.uk to book and all sessions are free with fishing tackle provided.

Nearby, Glasgow Angling Centre are hosting their Open Weekend featuring deals, free tuition and free demos featuring a host of celebrities including Scottish fly tying maestro David McPhail (Fulling Mill) and international angler and broadcaster, Hywel Morgan, a consultant for Daiwa, a Lanarkshire-based fishing tackle manufacturer, plus sea angler and TV presenter, Dave Barham.

Other VIP guests scheduled to be there include Paul Little (Partridge), Scott MacKenzie (MacKenzie DTX), Barry Ord Clarke and Ian Mackenzie (Veniard), Ian Gordon and Stevie Munn (Hardy/Greys), Gary Scott (Shakespeare) and Craig Barr (Wychwood).