

# Fishing – Allandale Tarn – a venue for all seasons



Blowing a gale but they fish on at Allandale Tarn. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Allandale is a member of the Association of Scottish Stillwater Fisheries (ASSF) and the spring-fed lakes have excellent water quality, ensuring a great range of fly life all year round. It is a sheltered location and is stocked daily.

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Address: Allandale Tarn Fisheries, Gavieside, West Calder, West Lothian EH55 8PT

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Open: Wednesday to Monday each week all year (currently closed on Tuesday)

Times: Gates open at 8am, fishing begins at 9am each day. Closing times vary depending on time of year but currently 9am to 4:30pm. Times will be extended from Easter onwards.

Car park: up to about 45 cars and there is a secure overflow car park opened for use on competition days.

Species: brown trout, rainbow trout, blue trout, tiger trout and arctic char.

Basic prices: from £14 (cash transactions only). Concessions for juniors and seniors.

Age limit: juniors under 16 should be accompanied by an adult otherwise no age or experience limit.

Rod hire: equipment for fly or bait available to hire at £5 for the day.

Catching method: separate fly and bait fishing available.

Pegs: fly side 29 spaced platforms available. Bait side up to nine rods allowed normally but there is room for a few more if a group wishes.

How many boats: None, bank only.

Bait: artificial baits for sale but no live bait sold on site. Bait anglers are advised to bring worm/maggots with them. Other essentials like floats, weights, hooks and such are available on site.

Outings: costs/contact: Bait fishing permits start at £16.50. Contact the fishery direct on 01506 873073 or [check on the website](#).

On-site facilities: shop stocking snacks, tea/coffee etc, fishing accessories, some tackle, large fly selections mostly tied on site and fly tying material.

Bothy: facilities include a toasty log burning fire, seating and shop.

Food available: general snacks, hot and cold drinks. A number of local stores/tearooms provide sit in and takeaway meals.

Toilets: separate male and female facilities. Ramp access available if required.

Optional extras: Bait fishing pool

Coaching: available from Paul Buchanan, a Scottish international who has had articles published recently in [The Edinburgh Reporter](#).

Disabled: facilities available on request.