

Fishing – Bangour Fishery a fine early-season venue

Bangour Fishery has been restored and claims to provide anglers with everything they need for a great day on the water.

The well-maintained venue is 700 feet above sea level and lies in the south-east part of Bathgate Hills near Livingston. It is surrounded by woods.

Originally, Bangour Reservoir was built as a water supply for Bangour Hospital, and was stocked with brown trout to keep the water pure.

When the hospital closed, the reservoir was syndicated until the syndicate broke up, but the new owners have it in mint condition.

Rainbows, browns, blues, tigers are available in the 7.5 acres of water but there are also a number of carp, originally introduced in the 60's, that can reach the 20lbs-plus range.

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Open: seven days

Times: 9am to 5pm

Car park: for around 20 cars

Directions: take Junction 3 from the M8 motorway, head for Broxburn then Dechmont and at the east end of Dechmont you will find a signpost for the fishery. From Linlithgow follow the signs for The Beecraigs Restaurant, head past Beecraigs Loch and out of the Country Park and at South Mains Farm follow the signs for Dechmont. This will take you right past the fishery.

Species: brown, rainbow, blue and tiger trout (stocked weekly)

Basic prices: eight hours, four fish kill then C&R £26; six hours, three fish kill then C&R £22; four hours, two fish kill then C&R £19

Concessions: £2 discount for over 65

Age limit: under-16 must be accompanied by an adult

Rod hire: no

Catching method: fly only

Pegs: maximum 28

Boats: none

Outings: call Pauline on 01506 811335

On-site food: pot noodles, chocolate and cans of juice

On-site fishing equipment: hooks, line, flies and tippet material

Bothy: with microwave for heating up snacks plus tea and coffee making facilities and sink

Toilets: yes

Coaching: available on request