

# Fishing – Linlithgow Loch – a spectacular setting with worldwide appeal



Catch returns so far this season from this stunning water have been exceptional so far this season. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

In the shadow of stunning Linlithgow Palace, the loch is a spectacular place to fish and the water attracts anglers from around the world.

Although once famous for large brown trout, now most of the sport tends to be provided by stocked rainbows, released regularly throughout the season.

The fish rapidly gain in both weight and condition, providing excellent sport for 19 boats. Bank fishing is also available.

Fishing is from 9am to dusk and a full day boat is £57 Monday to Thursday and £59 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for two anglers.

Half-day and evening boats are available. Concession rates apply.

It is fly fishing only (excluding bubble float and trolling) and fish of less than ten inches should be returned to the water.

Regular reports are posted on their website and the water is administered by The Forth Area Federation of Anglers.

They are a group of volunteers who have a passion for angling

and they first became responsible for the fishing in Linlithgow Loch in 1962.

The Bank of Scotland, as part of their Tercentenary celebrations, presented a disabled anglers boat to the Federation and in 1996, after receiving Lottery Grant funding through the Scottish Sports Council, and some financial assistance from Lothian and Edinburgh Enterprise Ltd and West Lothian District Council, the Fishing Lodge was built.

Councillor James McGinley, who officially opened the lodge in March 1996, gave the then committee tremendous support in the project.

There is free parking adjacent to the lodge and there are barrows for bringing gear to the pontoon for loading onto the boats.

The address is Forth Area Federation of Anglers, Linlithgow Loch Lodge, Linlithgow, EH49 7ES and the season ends on 31 October.