WELSH WATER Adventures

Trout Fishing

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Llyn Brenig, Llyn Aled, Cronfa Alwen & Llyn Cowlyd

PERMITS

Fishing is by permit only, to be obtained prior to fishing. Permits are not transferable.

Permits for Llyn Brenig, Llyn Aled, Cronfa Alwen, and Llyn Cowlyd are available at **Llyn Brenig Visitor Centre, Cerrigydrudion, LL21 9TT, tel: 01490 389222**

Permits are also available to book on-line by visiting **llynbrenig.com/llyn-brenig-fishing**

ROD LICENCE

A fishing permit is not valid unless the holder has an appropriate Rod Licence issued by the Environment Agency.

NON-RETAINABLE SPECIES

Pike to be safely returned.

LEAD BAN

There is an absolute ban on the use of lead at all sites, including lead incorporated into fly dressing.

TROLLING

Defined as the pulling of a fly or lure behind a boat under power of either oars or engine is prohibited at all times.

PRIVATE BOATS

Fishing is prohibited from all craft other than Welsh Water's fishing boats at Llyn Brenig.

CATCH & RELEASE

Only barbless/de-barbed hooks are permitted for catch and release.

No double or tandem hooks may be used. Make every effort to minimise handling, keeping the fish in the water at all times as prolonged exposure to air will reduce survival rates.

LITTER

Anglers are requested to take their litter home or use litter bins where provided. Nylon monofilament is dangerous to wildlife and must not be discarded.

WADING

Wading deeper than the thigh is prohibited. Anglers are warned that wading can be dangerous due to submerged objects and boat wash. Anglers wade at their own risk.

TOILET FACILITIES

Anglers must use toilet facilities for all sanitary purposes.

GATES

To avoid escape of livestock, all gates must be closed behind you, even if you find one open.

FISH CLEANING

Anglers may not clean fish at the lakeside or on the boat. A fish cleaning room is provided at the Brenig Visitor Centre.

BIOSECURITY

Only clean and well dried equipment may be used on site to prevent the spread of undesirable organisms.

For boat fishing, only the provided drogues and landing nets may be used. No visitors are allowed on to the Llyn Brenig fish farm unless escorted by a member of staff to minimise the biosecurity risks.

CUSTOMER BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour judged by any member of staff to be abusive, threatening, aggressive, racist, homophobic/ transphobic or sexist will not be tolerated. Nor shall willful damage to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water property. Any visitor displaying unacceptable behaviour, including but not limited to those mentioned above, will be required to vacate the site immediately and will have their permit cancelled with no refund.

CATCH RETURNS

At Llyn Brenig, Cronfa Alwen and Llyn Aled, all anglers (including season permit holders) must submit an accurate record of their catch after each visit and before leaving the reservoir, including nil returns. Boxes are provided for this purpose at the exits and near to the jetty.

RESALE

No fish caught at any of our lakes may be sold. Any angler found contravening this rule may be banned from future fishing and purchasers reported to the local trading standards office.

Fishing AT LLYN BRENIG

Fishing is only allowed by means of artificial fly or dapped natural insect. Treble hooks are not permitted.

The use of g round bait and swim feeders, sweetcorn and maggots is prohibited. Each permit authorises the use of only one rod and line at any time. There are a maximum six fish catch limit in place from March to October. You may only take one Brown Trout. Fish over 12" (Measured from tip of the nose to the fork of the tail) may be retained. During the winter period (November - February) only three trout can be retained.

When the permit bag limit has been reached, anglers may be continuing to catch and release a further 12 fish, after that another permit must be bought. Boats and bags searches may be carried out by the Rangers at any time and infringement of any rules may result in an immediate ban from fishing and possible prosecution. Bank anglers may not commence fishing in the line of a boat already fishing a drift.

Fishing AT LLYN ALED

Fishing is only allowed by means of artificial fly, spinning and single natural worm. Treble hooks are only permitted for spinning. The use of ground bait and swim feeders, sweetcorn and maggots is prohibited.

Rainbow Trout over 12" (Measured from tip of the nose to the fork of the tail) may be retained. Brown Trout to be safely returned. When the permit bag limit has been reached, anglers may continue to catch and release a further 12 fish, after that another permit must be bought. Only one rod and line may be assembled.

Bags searches may be carried out by the Rangers at any time and infringement of any rules may result in an immediate ban from fishing and possible prosecution.

Fishing AT CRONFA ALWEN & LLYN COWLYD

All legal coarse fishing methods except live baiting are permitted. Only one rod and line may be assembled. Treble hooks are only permitted for spinning. At Cronfa Alwen, only fly fishing is permitted beyond the wooden bridge at the North end of the reservoir. The use of ground bait and swim feeders, sweetcorn and maggots is prohibited.

Bags searches may be carried out by the Rangers at any time and infringement of any rules may result in an immediate ban from fishing and possible prosecution.

Boat Fishing AT LLYN BRENIG

Boat Safety

Each boat can carry a maximum of two anglers: 235kg including kit and provisions. At least one angler must be an adult. Each person fishing must be in possession of a valid permit and a rod licence.

Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times on boats and on the jetty. Where anglers opt to wear their own personal buoyancy aids or life jackets they must have a minimum buoyancy of 65 Newtons and be in full working order. Buoyancy aids are available for hire.

Anglers must not stand whilst fishing from a boat. This is dangerous as it renders the boat unstable and the angler more likely to fall in the water.

Waders are not recommended for use on boats. Boats may not be used by anyone under the influence of alcohol or medication which limits the ability to operate machinery safely.

All boat users must adhere to any safety instructions issued by Welsh Water staff.

COURTESY

Boat anglers may not approach within 40m of a fishing boat or bank angler who is already fishing. Fishing boats must give way to sail boats. Fishing boats must not drift within 50M of the Sailing Club green race buoys.

Boat users must avoid other users of the lake such as paddleboards and kayaks. Boats are prohibited from entering the Open Water Swimming area when sessions are being held.

NO FISHING ZONES Llyn Brenig (SEE MAP)

No fishing is permitted adjacent to the Dam, around the fish farm or the nature reserve (all marked off with red buoys). Boats should avoid fishing within 100m of the quarry. Boats may not approach closer than 50m (54 yards) of the draw off tower. Fishing from any jetty is also prohibited. The front of the visitor centre is prohibited for bank fishing. All boats must remain outside the 150m exclusion zone surrounding the Osprey Nest. Other temporary restricted zones may be implemented for time to time.

ON-BOARD

No cooking stoves, radios, or televisions are allowed on board. Fishing boats must not be moored to any buoys or other structures within the Reservoir; the use of anchors is also prohibited.

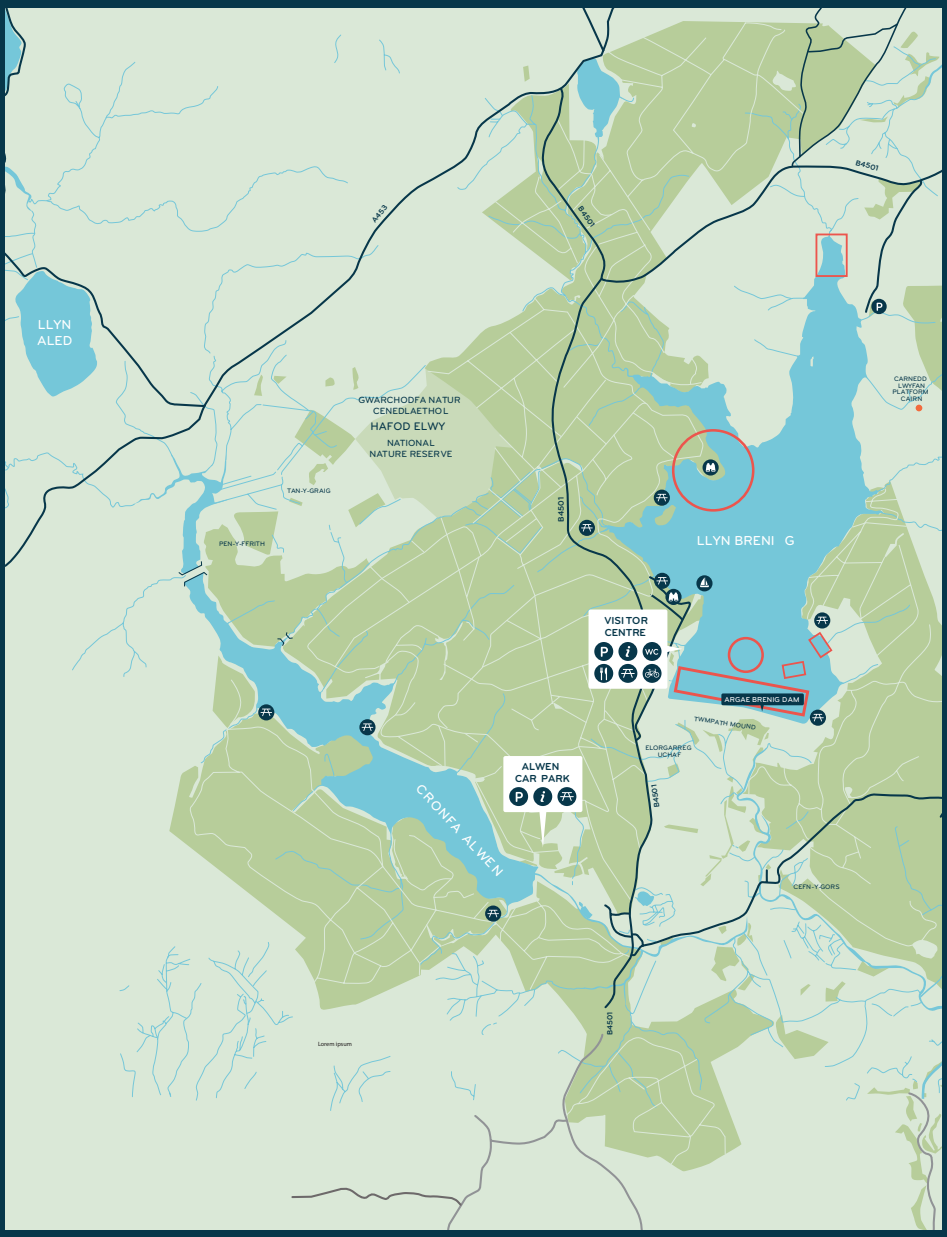
LANDING

Anglers may only land at the boat jetty. Landing is not permitted on any other shore unless in emergency.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Fishing boats will be withdrawn if weather conditions are unsuitable. Restrictions will start to be introduced once wind speeds reach force 5 (17mph). All boat fishing will cease once the wind exceeds force 5 (25 mph).

All boats must be returned to the jetty and properly secured at, or before the designated time. Failure to return by the stated time may result in anglers not being allowed to hire boats on future occasions. Buoyancy Aids must be returned to the store.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