

The River Cree

The River Cree rises in Loch Moan and meanders through moorland and forest before entering the sea near Newton Stewart. The Cree has a number of important tributaries which include Water of Minnoch, Water of Trool, Penkiln Burn and the Palnure Burn. Each of these tributaries has its own unique characteristics and fishing each section of the



Cree is memorable for its own reasons.

The Cree is a spate river like the other Galloway rivers and fishes best after a good

fall of rain. The season for salmon runs from the 1st of March until the 14th October. There are spring salmon in the Cree in the early part of the season and summer salmon can be caught from May/June. The grilse run is considered very productive but numbers seen are heavily dependent on water levels. Most of the sea trout fishing on the Cree is confined to the lower river and the larger sea trout enter the river around May/June.

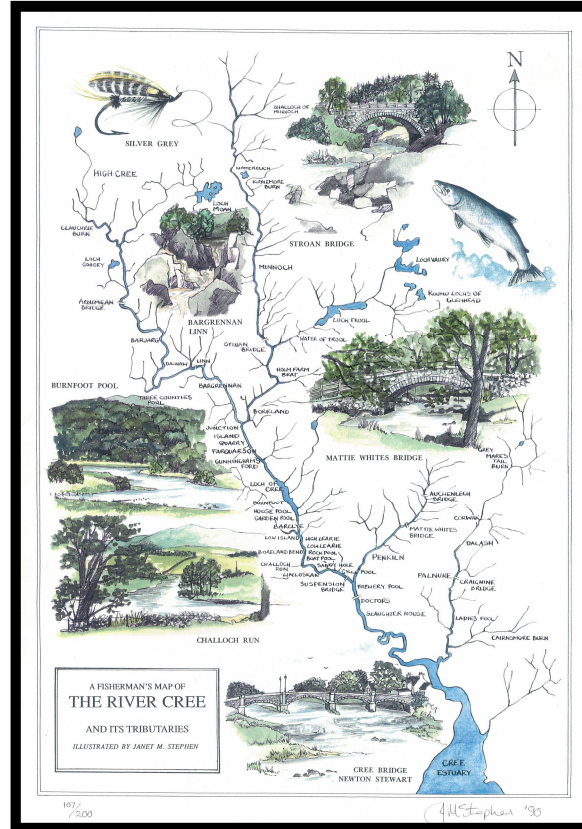
The Water of Minnoch in the upper part of the catchment can hold a good head of fresh fish which continue to run until the end of the season. Each year, very good numbers of salmon and grilse are caught on the Minnoch. The High Cree has an excellent brown trout population in parts, whilst the Palnure Burn can produce good salmon and sea trout. The Penkiln Burn is an important spawning tributary and is surprisingly productive for salmon considering its small size.



Sulwath Connections Landscape Project

This large project covers the Scottish Solway Coast and is mainly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Scottish Natural Heritage. Within the overall project, the Galloway Fisheries Trust runs the 'Galloway Rivers Bankside Habitat Enhancement' project. This project aims to spend nearly £180,000 improve substantial areas of spawning and parr nursery habitat across Galloway rivers, which includes the Cree.

More information on the project can be found at www.sulwathconnections.org



Cree Fishing Season:

Salmon 1st March until 14th October
Trout 15th March until 6th October

- River Board rules apply
- No Sunday fishing on any rivers in Scotland

Beat descriptions and contact details

The Cree offers a wide range of angling to cater for most tastes. On the river day and week permits are offered on many beats, with excellent accommodation readily available nearby. Further details on all beats, prices, ticket availability and on-line booking see www.fishgalloway.co.uk

Newton Stewart Angling Association (NSAA) - fishing on eleven pools of the Lower Cree, including tidal sections, which can be very productive for both salmon and sea trout. The fishing is situated in and around Newton Stewart. Call **01671 403404** for details.

Galloway Estates - situated over four prime beats, the Galloway Estate offers quality salmon fishing throughout the year. Call **01671 402887**.

Linloskin - one and a half miles of very productive fishing, including the famous Linloskin Pool. This beat is suitable for fly and spinning given suitable water. Good beat for big salmon. Call **01671 402646**.

Glentrool Estates - productive salmon fishing on five miles of the Water of Minnoch in picturesque surroundings. Call **01671 840275**.

Forestry Commission (Scotland) - double bank fishing on the upper Water of Minnoch. Fishes best with high water. Call **01671 402420**.

Palnure Burn

Forestry Commission (Scotland) - single bank fishing on this burn, renowned for its sea trout and also productive for salmon. Call **01671 402420** for details.

Mochrum Park Holidays - fish for salmon and sea trout. Experienced guide available. Fishing also available on the lower Cree (Machermore) although usually only available with holiday house let. Contact **01671 830471** for details.

See www.fishgalloway.co.uk for recent catches and river flows

The Cree DSFB strongly encourages 'Catch and Release' until the 1st of June to protect spring fish. If you return fish, you may qualify for a free side of smoked salmon - see www.gallowayfisherstrust.org for details

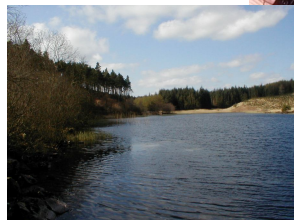
The Cree and its surrounding area offers a wide range of fishing experiences, whether your interest lies in game or coarse fish. For the coarse angler, the Forestry Commission (Scotland) has lochs Spectacle, Garwachie and Eldrig which provide quality fishing for pike, perch, roach, tench and rudd. Loch of the Lowes provides wild brown trout of very good quality. Call 01671 402420 for details. Near to Newton



Stewart, the Newton Stewart Angling Association (NSAA) offers day tickets on Wee Glenamour Loch for rainbow trout. The loch's easy access makes it suitable for disabled anglers and children. Other waters with rainbows includes Fyntalloch Loch which lies north of Newton Stewart. Excellent brown trout fishing can be had from the NSAA on Kirriereoch Loch, whilst Bruntis Loch and Loch Ochiltree provide sport for stocked rainbows and brownies. Tickets for all NSAA waters can be purchased from Galloway Guns and Tackle 01671 403404.

Further information, recent catch information & booking online for these fisheries can be found on

www.fishgalloway.co.uk



Galloway Fisheries Trust (GFT), formerly West Galloway Fisheries Trust, was the first fisheries trust to be established within Scotland. The Charitable Trust was launched in 1989 by four District Salmon Fishery Boards (DSFBs) in southwest Scotland, with a remit to administer the Rivers Luce, Bladnoch, Cree and Fleet.



Rivers which today fall within the area administered by the Trust now also include nearly all of those situated on the Scottish side of the Solway Firth (Border Esk, Annan, Kirkcudbrightshire Dee and Urr) and the GFT works

closely with these DSFBs and their environmental managers. The Trust is also actively involved in the management of many of the region's still waters.

As the Trust's responsibilities have changed, it has expanded from serving only the interests of salmon and now actively works to conserve all of the fish populations in Galloway, including coarse fish species.



The aim of the GFT is to restore and maintain aquatic biodiversity in Galloway by means of practical, responsible and sustainable approaches to land, water and fishery management, based on sound science, for the benefit of the community as a whole.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Trust using the details below.

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