

A fly fisherman is shown in a river, standing in the water and holding a fishing rod. The fisherman is wearing a blue cap, sunglasses, a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, a tan fishing vest with various pockets, and tan waders. The fishing rod is held in his right hand, and the line is cast into the water, forming a loop. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage, creating a dense, natural setting. The water is dark green and reflects the surrounding environment.

FISHING BREAKS

THE VERY BEST CHALKSTREAM FISHING IN ENGLAND

time is precious. use it fishing

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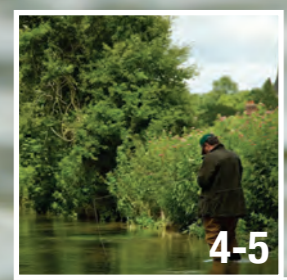
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Dear Fly Fisher,

I grew up on the chalkstreams and all my formative fishing years were spent on the River Meon, a tiny stream in the east of Hampshire. As my angling horizons expanded it came as something of a shock to discover that not all rivers were gin clear, full of fish you could see and eager to take a well chosen fly when the hatch was on.

The more I have travelled and the more I have fished the more I have come to realise how very special our English chalkstreams are. I would not be as arrogant as to tag them as 'the best fishing money can buy' as every angler has a different benchmark as to how they judge such things, but the chalkstreams are undeniably unique for all the very best of reasons.

In the twenty years since I started Fishing Breaks it has been my pleasure to fish across the length and breadth of England. However, being able to share with you the enormous thrill of fly fishing on some of the most beautiful chalkstreams you will ever feast your eyes upon remains for me the reason for being in this business.

I really do hope you have the chance to fish with us sometime very soon.

Best wishes,

Simon Cooper

SIMON COOPER
FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Without question Fishing Breaks is the leader in your field. We have fished with you now four times and have never felt the need to look elsewhere. I think that's what is called happy repeat business.

DEAN WILLIS
SEPTEMBER 2011



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COVER: RIVER ALLEN, DORSET

River Test & the South

The Hampshire chalkstreams are the epicentre of fly fishing. It is on these exact rivers that angling pioneers like F.M Halford and G.E.M Skues honed their skills to invent modern day fly fishing.

It is truly no exaggeration to say that when you fish rivers such as the Test or Itchen you are following in the footsteps of those very angling pioneers. Glance at one of the sepia photographs from the Victorian era when they made their discoveries to see a river and countryside that is immediately recognisable as the places you are fishing today. But history aside the chalkstreams are not just about being famous for being famous, but for being in a single word, beautiful. Nowhere on the planet will

the angler experience water of such clarity, fly hatches of such variety and fish on the fin waiting, framed against the bright gravel river bed, ready to take a well cast fly.

Hampshire is blessed with hundreds of miles of chalkstreams, some major names like the River Test, others barely known brooks but none the worse for being obscure. At Fishing Breaks we have them all, bringing to the visiting angler a wealth of choice and fishing opportunities.



RIVER TEST, WHITCHURCH FULLING MILL, HAMPSHIRE

“ **Every section is maintained to perfection and the beat scores 10/10 on every point: ambience, maintenance and stocking.** *The best beat I've fished on the Test in nearly 20 years.* ”

MARC RUDDLE
JULY 2011

- RIVER TEST 1
- RIVER DEVER 2
- RIVER ANTON 3
- WALLOP BROOK 4
- RIVER DUN 5
- RIVER ITCHEN 6
- RIVER MEON 7



Wessex & Dorset

Moving to the west away from the famed rivers of Hampshire, the counties of Wiltshire and Dorset open up a whole new world for the adventurous fly fisher.

The grand old man of this region is of course the River Avon, immortalised by Frank Sawyer the most famous river keeper who ever lived and the inventor of the Pheasant Tail Nymph. The Avon starts as a tiny stream, gathering size as it flows across Salisbury Plain almost in sight of Stonehenge. As it passes beside the towering spire of Salisbury Cathedral famous tributaries such as the Wylde join the main river until it eventually joins the sea some sixty miles from the source.

Across into Dorset and Thomas Hardy country the pace of life slows, which is reflected in rivers like the Allen, Frome and Piddle. To think Dorset rivers is to think less of manicured banks and grand fishing huts. Here the cow parsley, purple loosestrife and clusters on golden mimulus grow wild on the banks releasing clouds of damsel fly as you make your way upstream.

- RIVER FROME 1
- RIVER AVON 2
- RIVER ALLEN 3
- RIVER NADDER 4
- RIVER WYLDE 5



RIVER FROME, WRACKLEFORD, DORSET

“
A mild day
 not too sunny
 and not too overcast,
 a good pub lunch
 and we left the water
 as we found it,
crystal clear
 and more fish than
 we have seen for a
 year or two.
Excellent
 and four very
 happy chappies.
 Now looking forward
 to the next!
 ”

COLIN FIELD
 MAY 2011

Derbyshire & Yorkshire

The chalkstreams are often thought of as strictly southern rivers but the geological seam that runs down the eastern side of England before cutting under the Chilterns to head south west, starts its journey in Yorkshire.

The Eastern Wolds have quite literally dozens of chalkstreams, some so small and obscure that they barely have a name. Some however are right up in the premier league, most notably of all the Driffield Beck. This is the northern river that nearly all the angling greats made their way to having heard the tales of the exceptionally pellucid, or translucently clear, water. None came away disappointed, favourably comparing the Beck to Hampshire's River Itchen.

Down and across into Derbyshire the steep valleys that come off the crags and tors in the Peak District National Park feed the limestone rivers, the most notable of which are the Dove and Wye. The River Dove can trace its angling history back over five centuries to the late 1600's when Izaak Walton wrote of it in The Compleat Angler when he fished with his collaborator, Charles Cotton. The association is marked by the fantastical Fishing Temple on the banks of the river to which only our fishermen have access.

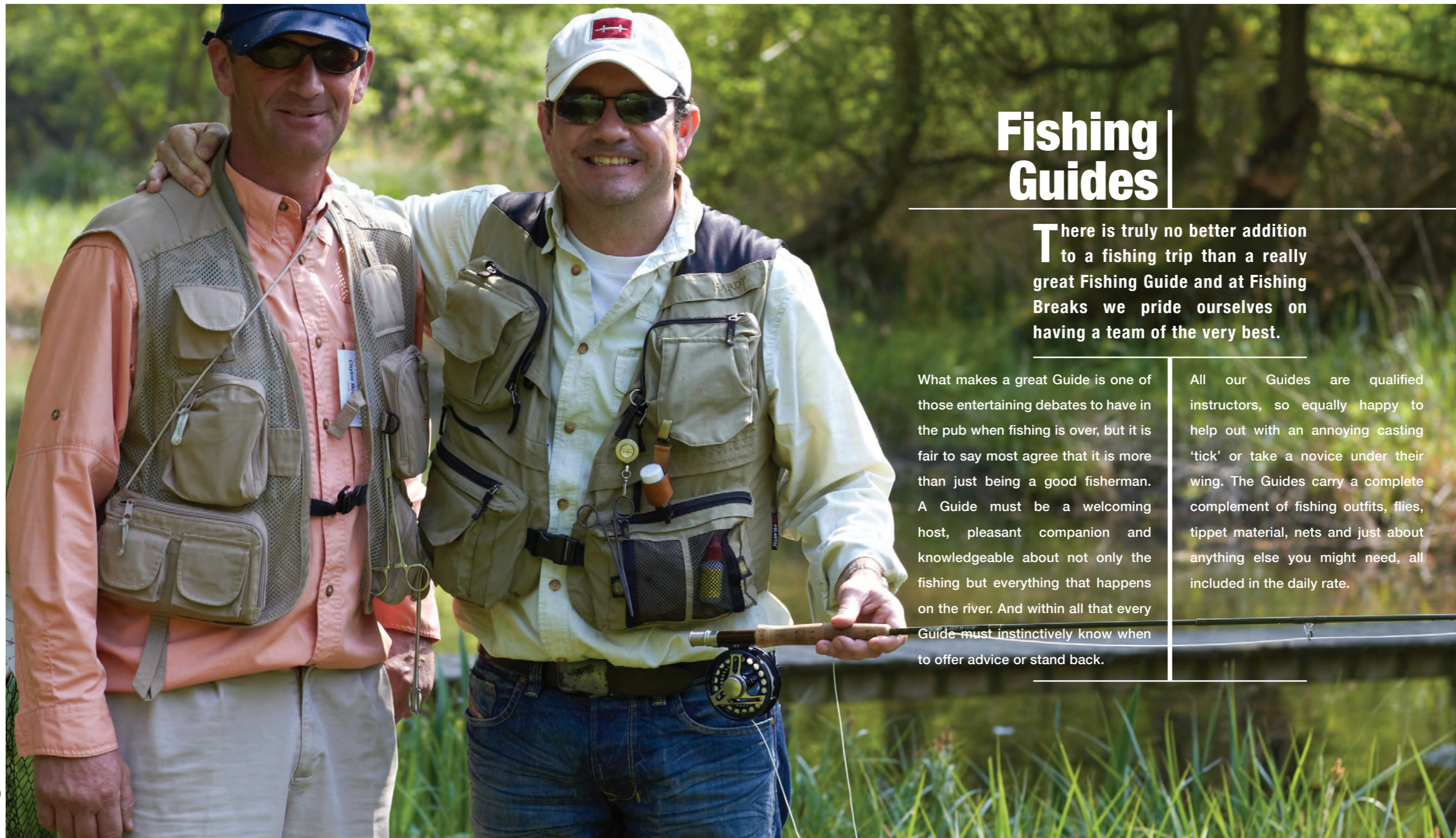
DRIFFIELD BECK 1
RIVER DOVE 2

DRIFFIELD BECK, MULBERRY WHIN, YORKSHIRE

“ THE location was superb, well maintained and above all peaceful... one of the best days fishing I've ever had. Thank you.

JONATHAN WHITEHEAD
APRIL 2011





Fishing Guides

There is truly no better addition to a fishing trip than a really great Fishing Guide and at Fishing Breaks we pride ourselves on having a team of the very best.

What makes a great Guide is one of those entertaining debates to have in the pub when fishing is over, but it is fair to say most agree that it is more than just being a good fisherman. A Guide must be a welcoming host, pleasant companion and knowledgeable about not only the fishing but everything that happens on the river. And within all that every Guide must instinctively know when to offer advice or stand back.

All our Guides are qualified instructors, so equally happy to help out with an annoying casting 'tick' or take a novice under their wing. The Guides carry a complete complement of fishing outfits, flies, tippet material, nets and just about anything else you might need, all included in the daily rate.

“
**Friendly,
 helpful
 guides
 make a
 HUGE
 difference.
 ALL WAS
 perfect.**
 ”

GEORGE ROGERS
 JUNE 2011

Fishing School

Learning to fish, wherever or however you do it, may sometimes be one of those life defining moments. The time when you discover a passion that stays as something you do as often or as rarely as you choose, but you will forever more think of yourself as an angler.

Nether Wallop Mill, nestling beside the burbling Wallop Brook at the head of the Test valley, is the ideal place to try your hand at fly fishing. As with learning all new skills there are some basics and humdrum routines to be drilled but the overriding aim is to equip you with enough knowledge at the end of the day to say, without fear or favour, "I can do that and do it well".

The school set up at The Mill has everything required for the perfect

introduction to fly fishing; a well stocked trout lake, a small stream with wild brown trout, a thatched fishing lodge and all the latest kit. However, most importantly you will find our team of qualified instructors patient, helpful and with unfailing good humour as they guide you through each day.

Nether Wallop Mill is open April to October for Foundation Courses, Private Tuition, Family Days and Small Groups.

“ **ALAN MIDDLETON**
(the instructor) was *fantastic*. Thanks Alan, *what a teacher!* ”

IAN SMITH
SEPTEMBER 2011





Corporate Days

A day fishing will always be the surprising hit in the corporate entertaining year. For guests who fish it is a great way to indulge a passion. For those who don't it is a great way to try it out. Be prepared for reciprocal invites in years to come as your guests copy your idea!

Fishing Lodges

The Edwardians invented the great sporting house party, though it did become a byword for draughty houses and tepid bathwater. Fortunately today the houses, cottages and lodges have every modern convenience with an array of sporting opportunities. Available all year for salmon and trout fishing, shooting and stalking.



Overseas Destinations

Never before has anyone with the 'have rod - will travel' attitude had such a huge array of destinations and species from which to choose. Across the globe there are still vast, unexplored tracts of our planet offering unique access for the adventurous fisherman. Through our overseas partners Roxtons, Fishing Breaks are able to offer full service trips to the best saltwater and freshwater destinations.



Places to Stay

The quaint inn or small country house hotel are still the perfect antidote to busy lives. After a successful day on the river all will seem right with the world with your feet up in front of a blazing fire and a glass in hand. Fishing Breaks offers comprehensive advice on where best to stay.

Destinations

Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, Christmas or special occasion. Personalised, valid for two years and good for the entire Fishing Breaks range they may be ordered on-line or by phone.



“This place is a jewel. I will be there again. The fish are there to be seen, the greeting you get with an explanation of where and how to fish the river was refreshingly good, as are the facilities.”

**BRIAN HAYCOCK
AUGUST 2011**



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FISHING BREAKS 2013 PRICE LIST

DIFFICULTY

Easy
 Moderate
 Difficult
 Expert

TRANQUILITY

Some intrusion
 Rural setting
 Total bliss

HAMPSHIRE

Whitchurch Fulling Mill - River Test

April 29 - May 12 £203
May 13 - June 9 £283
June 10 - July 31 £225
August 1 - September 30 £196

Wading 1 - 2 Rods

Private Label No. 1 - River Test (min 3 rods)

April 26 - May 12 £400
May 13 - June 9 £500
June 10 - July 31 £400
August 1 - September 30 £350

1 - 4 Rods

Bullington Manor - River Dever (Test tributary)

April 22 - May 12 £185
May 13 - June 9 (min 2 rods until June 30) £319
June 10 - July 31 £213
August 1 - October 13 £185
October 14 - November 30 (grayling) £87

1 - 10 Rods

Middleton Estate - River Test

May 1 - May 12 £260
May 13 - June 9 £325
June 10 - July 31 £215
August 1 - September 30 £199

1 - 5 Rods

Wherwell Priory - River Test

April 27 - May 12 £263
May 13 - June 9 (min 3 Rods) £357
June 10 - July 31 £263
August 1 - October 13 £227

1 - 8 Rods

Mottisfont Abbey - River Test

(Minimum booking 2 Rods until August 1)
April 27 - May 12 £275
May 13 - June 9 £475
June 10 - July 31 £275
August 1 - October 14 £225
October 15 - November 30/December 31 £95/£75

1 - 6 Rods

School Farm - River Dun (Test tributary)

(Minimum booking 2 Rods all season)
April 22 - May 12 £279
May 13 - June 9 £363
June 10 - July 31 £297
August 1 - October 13 £236

1 - 3 Rods

HAMPSHIRE cont.

Kimbridge Meadows (Test carrier)

May 1 - October 13 £134

1 - 6 Rods

Dunbridge - River Dun (Test tributary)

April 20 - May 12 £185
May 13 - June 9 £315
June 10 - July 31 £225
August 1 - October 13 £185

1 - 2 Rods

The Parsonage - River Test

May 1 - May 12 £175
May 13 - June 10 £295
June 11 - July 31 £205
August 1 - October 13 £175

1 - 6 Rods

Broadlands - River Test

April 3 - May 12 £160
May 13 - June 10 £240
June 11 - July 31 £160
August 1 - October 13 £140

1 - 6 Rods

Broadlands - Carrier

May 1 - May 12 £93
May 13 - June 10 £144
June 11 - July 31 £117
August 1 - October 13 £93

1 - 2 Rods

Woodington - River Blackwater

April 3 - October 15 £59
October 16 - March 15 (grayling) £37

1 - 3 Rods

Exton Manor Farm - River Meon

April 3 - June 15 £95
June 16 - September 30 £75

Wading 1 Rod

HAMPSHIRE cont.

Upper Clatford - River Anton

May 1 - May 12 (price for 2 Rods) £156
May 13 - June 9 (price for 2 Rods) £198
June 10 - September 30 (price for 2 Rods) £156

Itchen Stoke - River Itchen

May 1 - September 30 First Rod £775
Additional Rod(s) £575

Price includes one Fishing Guide

Avington - River Itchen carrier

April 3 - October 31 £60

1 - 3 Rods

BERKSHIRE

Barton Court - River Kennet

May 1 - 14 £109
May 15 - June 15 £143
June 16 - July 31 £109
August 1 - September 30 £98

1 - 6 Rods

Benham Estate - River Kennet

May 1 - 14 £175
May 15 - June 15 £225
June 16 - July 31 £175
August 1 - September 30 £150

1 - 4 Rods

Donnington Grove - River Lambourn

April 16 - May 16 £100
May 17 - June 14 £140
June 15 - July 31 £100
August 1 - October 15 £80
October 16 - December 31 (grayling) £55

1 - 2 Rods

DERBYSHIRE

Cotton's Fishing House - River Dove

April 15 - May 31 £79
June 1 - June 15 £129
June 16 - October 15 £79

Wading 1-2 Rods

Bank Top - River Dove

March 18 - October 7 £24

Wading 1-2 Rods

DEVON**Hannaford Fishery - River Dart**

March 14 - September 30 £47/one £70/two

Weekly tickets available - poa

 Wading 1 - 2 Rods**DORSET****Wimborne St Giles - River Allen**

May 1 - June 15 £150

June 16 - September 30 £115

 1 - 4 Rods**Wrackelford - River Frome**

April 1 - 30 £105

May 1 - 16 £125

May 17 - June 20 £155

June 21 - July 31 £125

August 1 - October 15 £95

 1 - 6 Rods**GLOUCESTERSHIRE****Coin St Aldwyns - River Coin**

April 3 - September 30 £94

October 1 - March 15 (grayling) £49

 1 - 3 Rods**SUSSEX****Great Bentley - River Ouse**

May 1 - September 30 £35

Passport Ticket £275

 Wading 1 - 2 Rods**WILTSHIRE****Avon Springs - River Avon**

April 14 - October 14

River Ticket £60

River Ticket plus 2 fish lake ticket £70

Lake ticket (4 fish - all year) £48

 1 - 4 rods**Compton Chamberlayne - River Nadder**

April 26 - May 14 £153

May 15 - June 11 (min. two Rod) £208

June 12 - July 31 £153

August 1 - October 13 £129

 1 - 4 Rods**Fisherton de la Mere - River Wylfe**

April 17 - May 17 £98

May 18 - June 16 £133

June 17 - October 15 £98

October 16 - December 31 (grayling) £65

 1 - 2 Rods**YORKSHIRE****Mulberry Whin - Driffield Beck**

April 1 - April 25 £45

April 26 - May 11 £55

May 12 - July 18 £65

July 19 - September 30 £55

October 1 - February 28 (grayling) £35

 1 - 4 Rods**2013 fishing school****Foundation Course** £195/person**Introduction to Chalkstream Fishing** £225/person**Private Tuition**

Private tuition for one £295

Private tuition for two £375

Each additional person £75

Father & Sons Day

1 adult plus 1 child under 16yrs £295

2 adults plus 2 children under 16yrs £375

Family Day

1-2 adults plus 1-3 children under 16yrs £385

Half Day Taster £95/person**Birthday Party** (group of six) £365
additional guests £45/person**Salmon Spey Casting** £275/one
£325/two**Fishing school day includes:**

Times: 9.30am - 5.30pm

Tackle: All fishing equipment, flies, waistcoat, hat, glasses & wellies.**Fishing Licence:** You are covered by our block licence**Location:** Nether Wallop Mill, except Introduction to Chalkstream Fishing (Bullington Manor) and Salmon Casting**Dates: Season runs from April 1 - October 31**

Please call, email or check website for dates

saltwater fly fishing**Sea bass fishing with Tony King**

A day Sea Bass fishing from his boat with guide, Tony King.

One person £275

Exclusive use of the boat (max. 3 Rods) £495

Location: Weymouth Harbour, Dorset

Dates on request from June – October

Saltwater fly fishing school

Fishing from the flats or shore with guide, Tony King.

Full day for one or two Rods £225

Half Day for one or two Rods £150

Location: Weymouth, Dorset

Dates on request from June – October

fishing guides**Hampshire, Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire
Sussex and Wiltshire** £285**Derbyshire** one person £175
shared by two £250**Devon**
Half Day or Night time session (4 hrs) £145**Sussex**
Half Day (4 hrs) £145**Yorkshire**
Half Day (9am - 1pm) £95
Full Day (9am - 4pm) £175The Guiding rate is for a full day 9.30am - 6pm except where stated
Tackle and Flies are provided. Guides are fully qualified instructors.
Recommended ratio of one guide : two fishermen.

Local transportation by arrangement at no extra cost.

holiday lets with fishing**Dinton Mill - River Nadder, Wiltshire**

Mill House with fishing every day

from £2,100 per week April - October

Higher Hannaford Yurt - River Dart, Devon

Yurt on the edge of Dartmoor within earshot of the Dart

from £60/night May - September

Mulberry Whin - Driffield Beck, Yorkshire

Cottage or B&B with fishing on the Beck

from £50/night April - February

The Boathouse - River Test, Hampshire

Cottage on the banks of the Test

from £469 for two nights with one day fishing. May - October

Wrackelford Shooting Lodge - River Frome, Dorset

At the heart of a sporting estate

from £800 for three days or from £1,100 per week. April - October

2013 gift vouchers

'Your Choice' vouchers

Our biggest selling voucher. Any value from £50 upwards

£50, £75, £100, £150, £250, £350, £500, £750, £1000

A Day on the River Test

A day on the most famous chalkstream of all

Mayfly period (mid May - early June)	£295
Prime period (May - July) *	£205
Peak period (August - October)	£185

* excludes Mayfly period

A Day on the River Test with a Fishing Guide

Making a special day that extra bit special

Location: Hampshire Season: May - October

Mayfly Period (mid May - early June) £575/one Rod
£875/two Rods

Prime Period (May - July)* £485/one Rod
£695/two Rods

Peak Period (August - October) £465/one Rod
£650/two Rods

* excludes Mayfly period

Introduction to Chalkstream Fishing

Trout fishing in gin clear waters

One Day Introduction to River Fishing £225/person

Foundation Course

The perfect way to learn fly fishing

One Day Foundation Course £195/person

Half Day Taster

A quick way to try your hand at fly fishing £95/person

Private Tuition

A dedicated instructor just for you

One-to-one	£295
Two People	£375
Each additional person	£75

2013 gift vouchers

Family Days

Share the fun with all the family

April - October 1-2 adults and 2-3 children £385

Father & Son Days

Capture the excitement of that first fish

April - October 1 adult and 1 child £295
2 adults and 2 children £375

Birthday Party

It's the party with a catch!

April - October party of six additional guests £365
£45

Sea Bass Fishing

Britain's hardest fighting fish... and on the fly too!

June - October 1 person £275
exclusive use of the boat (max 3) £495

ALL VOUCHERS VALID FOR TWO YEARS

corporate and group fishing days

BERKSHIRE

Benham Estate - River Kennet party of ten from £3,250

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Coln St Aldwyn's - River Coln party of ten (fishing only) £1,250

HAMPSHIRE

Broadlands - River Test party of nine from (fishing only) £1,250

Bullington Manor - Upper River Test

party of six from £2,500

School Farm - River Dun

party of four from £1,750

The Parsonage - River Test

party of four from £1,695

Wherwell Priory - River Test

party of six from £2,750

LAKE DAYS

Nether Wallop Mill

party of six £995

Fish and Shoot

per head from £250

Lake fishing

per head from £150

CORPORATE AND GROUP PRICES ARE PLUS VAT

TIME is
precious.
USE IT
FISHING

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