

Church Beat

Beat Notes

Church Beat is the stretch of water above the bridge at Eggesford train station to the next railway bridge. It offers excellent fishing opportunities but access is limited due to the deeper water and high banks.

Anglers may occasionally see dalmations on the property. They are not aggressive, but they are working dogs, and the owner has asked that anglers just ignore them.

Access and Parking

Parking is available near the bridge past the train station, on the side of the road. From the road, climb over the stile, on the upstream side, cross over the concrete fish-ladder and climb up the ladder on the other side. Fishing is from the south bank only with several ladders providing access to the water from the bank.

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR Code for a Google Maps pin of the parking location.



Fishing Notes

At the bottom of the beat, the trout angler may look and think there is little of interest, but come back to the beat later in the day and watch a hatch taking place and the water will be alive with rising fish. Wading here can be difficult especially in higher water so care must be taken. Weir Pool, as it is called, is a perfect spot to hold both salmon and sea trout. It is an ideal resting place for migratory fish that have passed through the salmon ladder at the bridge. There will often also be resident fish.

As you walk upstream you will see the trees against the far bank are the ideal place for sea trout to hold. Rising trout can also be caught from the bank and will travel from the bottom of the river to the surface to take the right dry.

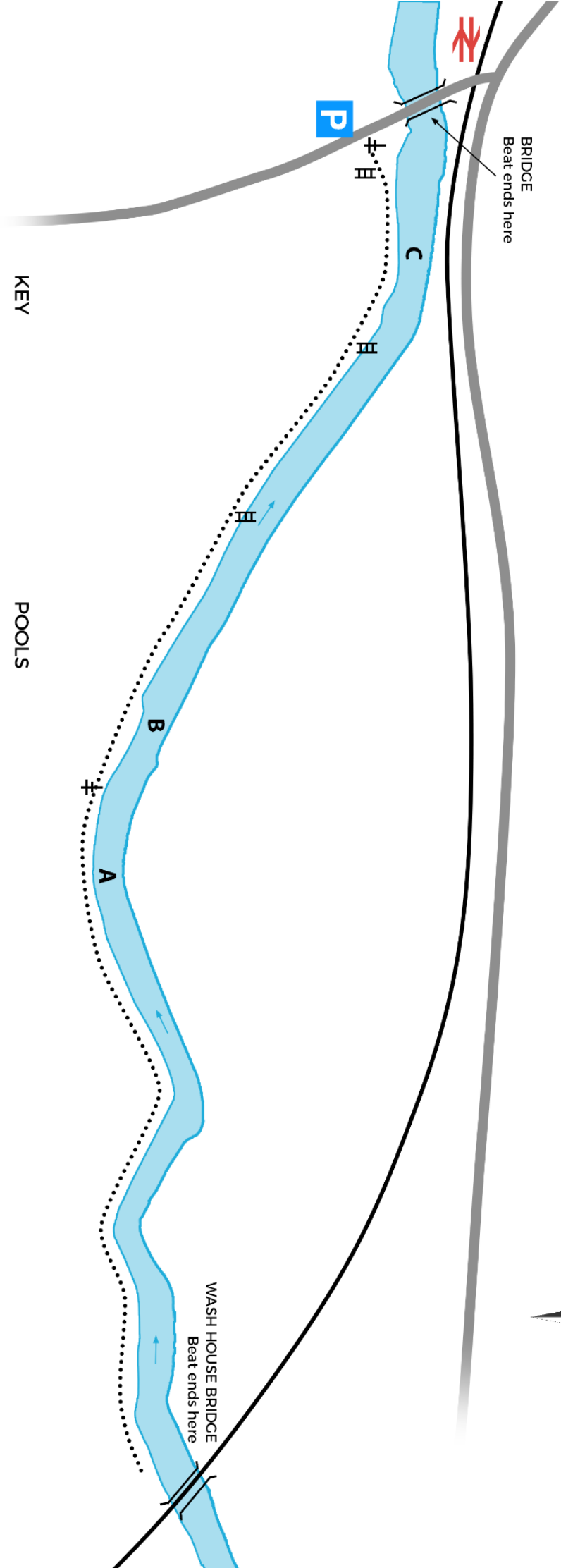
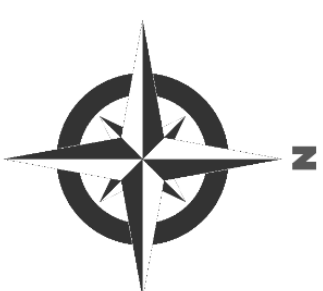
Walking further upstream you will need to pass over another style and drop down. After doing so looking downstream you'll see trees on your bank (left as you look downstream) this spot will often hold sea trout.

Walking back upstream again the far bank can offer some good trout fishing. There are also some old bridge supports that provide shelter for migratory fish.

Walking further up and looking at the bank you are walking on there is some good fishing for trout against the bank (true left as you look downstream) and into the corner of what is called Church Pool. The river bends to the left as you look upstream and then to the right before you will reach the top of the beat at Wash House Railway Bridge. There is some excellent trout fishing all the way to the bridge.

PLEASE: NO DOGS | STAY ON DESIGNATED PATHS | SUBMIT YOUR CATCH RETURN
Fish at your own risk. Use a buoyancy aid and wading stick. Take care while wading and using ladders, styles and pathways. Contact: 01769 580345

Church Beat Map



KEY

- Fishing path
- Railway line
- River
- Bridge
- Stile
- Ladder

POOLS

- A Church Pool**
Good trout fishing and excellent all the way upstream
- B Rose Cottage Pool**
Good for brown trout
- C Weir Pool**
Good for both salmon and sea trout



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