

Home Beat

Beat Notes

Home Beat is the stretch of water at the bottom of the hotel grounds. It offers easy access and a good mix of varied water that can appeal to the angler pursuing either trout, sea trout or salmon.

Its upper boundary is Eggesford Bridge and its lowest is the railway bridge downstream beyond Pete's Paddock. Due to its length it can be fished as two halves. The bottom section is often good to fish if there is a lot of sun on the water due to the shelter of the trees.

Access and Parking

Parking is available at the hotel, or near the bridge past the train station, on the side of the road. At the hotel, follow the footpath down to the river for fishing in either direction. From the bridge, climb over the stile and down the ladder to the concrete fish-ladder to walk the left (west) side of the river down to the halfway point where the forest starts.

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



Fishing Notes

The lower section (for trout) is best fished against the far bank (true left bank as you look downstream). A fly cast as tight as possible to the bank will often be rewarded by a trout and sometimes a day time sea trout. On the bottom section Orchard Pool and Bateman are the most notable for migratory fish. There are a number of small pools that provide interesting trout fishing.

The upper section involves starting by fishing against the true right bank (as you look downstream) at the head of Bateman's pool. Salmon and sea trout will hold here. As you walk upstream there is some good fishing against the high bank for trout before entering Barbara's Pool. For the trout angler fishing upstream casting against the true left bank (as you look downstream) there is some good fishing but be wary of the large back eddy and the bushes behind you that will take a fly in an instant. It is a good pool for salmon too.

Walking further upstream you will see a pool on the true right bank (looking downstream). This is Browning's Pool and can hold migratory fish. Just up from here there are some shallows where there will often be rising trout.

Up from here we have Oak Tree Pool. Please take care with wading in this pool.

Home Beat Map

KEY

- Fishing path
- Foot path
- Railway line
- River
- - - - - Leat
-)—— Bridge
- Tunnel
- ⊕ Stile
- ⊕ Ladder
- |— Gate

POOLS

- A Bridge Pool**
Salmon often towards right bank shade
- B Signal Box Pool**
Brown and sea trout hold here with salmon towards left bank
- C Oak Tree Pool**
Mainly brown trout here
- D Browning's Pool**
Occasionally salmon by the right bank
- E Barbara's Pool**
Good for brown trout but salmon and sea trout will hold here
- F Bateman Pool**
Noted for salmon and sea trout
- G Orchard Pool**
Many brown trout with occasional sea trout

