

The Fortland Fishery

The Fortland Fishery near Easkey village is private and offers over 6km of exclusive fishing set in the woodlands of the Fortland Estate.



This stretch has over twenty pools and is limited to 12 anglers per day.

Accommodation options (with or without angling) are also available.

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Easkey Village Stretch

This fast-flowing stretch runs from the bridge in Easkey village down to the sea, a distance of 700m.

Notable spots include 'the Falls', 'the Bench' and 'the Wall'. The lower section is tidal.

This stretch can be both popular and productive when the fish are running.

Access is by a concrete path along the eastern side of the river. Parking is at the sea between the river and the 'Castle'.

Permission: not usually required.

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THE RIVER EASKEY

The River Easkey is one of the many undiscovered delights of County Sligo



Season:

Salmon: 1st February to 30th September

Sea Trout: 1st February to 12th October.

Brown Trout: 15th February to 12th October.

Please note that the River Easkey is a designated salmon river and as such, a State Licence must be obtained before fishing.

These can be purchased on-line or from the Inland Fisheries Ireland Offices in Abbey Street Ballina, at

Introduction

The River Easkey rises in Lough Easkey and flows roughly northward for 29 km before meeting the sea near Easkey village.

Between Lough Easkey and the Workhouse Bridge on the N59 Sligo-Ballina road, the river flows through moorland with occasional streams, pools and deeper stretches. Below the bridge, the river flows over limestone, with deep gorges in places.



The River Easkey is a spate river and can rise and fall in a day or two after rain. This means that the river can enjoy good fishing conditions soon after heavy rain while other rivers in the region remain in flood.

The River Easkey is primarily a salmon river and enjoys a run of grilse and summer salmon. The best of the fishing is between June and September, given suitable water conditions.

From the bridge in Easkey village upstream to Fortland Falls, a distance of 3km, the fishing is private. Most of the rest of the fishable river is managed by the River Easkey Angling Association (REAA).

River Easkey Angling Association Waters

The River Easkey Angling Association (REAA) was formed in 2013, to protect, promote and develop angling on the River Easkey

The REAA manages approximately 12km of double bank fishing on the River Easkey, from its confluence with the Gowlan river downstream to Hanley's Falls, which is approximately 1km below the Workhouse Bridge on the N59 Sligo-Ballina road. (See OSI map 24)

The REAA offers some of the most inexpensive, yet productive salmon fishing in the country. Access to the REAA waters is from the Workhouse Bridge and from the roads which run south from the N59 on either side of the river.

Please note that membership of the REAA or holding a permit, insures anglers and entitles them to fish REAA waters. It does not entitle anglers to cross all private lands to access the river.

Most landowners have no objection to this. Others require being consulted beforehand. If in doubt, keep to the riverbank, or seek the permission of the landowner before crossing private property.

For permits/membership/Information, call the REAA: +353 (0)87-698-3970; +353 (0)89-419-2629 or +353 (0)89-963-1237.

Lough Easkey

Lough Easkey lies high in the Ox Mountains and is over 100 Hectares in area. Access is along the Lough Easkey Road, between Dromore West and Mullany's Cross.

There is roadside parking by the north-east corner of the lough.



The lough has a large stock of small, but free rising brown trout, with occasional salmon and sea trout in high water.

There is, at present, no boat or slipway on the lough, but it is possible to fish from the shore along the Lough Easkey Road on the eastern side and at the northern end of the lough.

Access to the rest of the lough is more difficult and even dangerous in places.

Permission is not usually required.