

# FISHING IN BOWLAND

A diverse range of fishing localities in and around the Forest of Bowland AONB



# Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally protected landscape and is internationally important for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. The AONB is managed by a partnership of landowners, farmers, voluntary organisations, wildlife groups, recreation groups, local councils and government agencies, who work to protect, conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of this special area. Visit [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com) for more information.**

This leaflet provides details and a location map of places to fish in and around the Forest of Bowland AONB. The Forest of Bowland is blessed with four of the most scenic and unspoiled rivers in the country, the Ribble, Hodder, Wyre and Lune. All are mainly game fish orientated with salmon, sea trout and brown trout being the staple but with a growing popularity for grayling fishing, particularly on the upper Hodder.

For the still water angler Stocks Reservoir is the largest and perhaps the most dramatic of locations being at the headwaters of the Hodder. Rainbows, blues, browns and the occasional wild brownie are on offer; but the smaller venues should not be ignored as they all have their own

character and many also offer accommodation. With such a diverse range of fishing and accommodation available, why not turn your fishing trip in to a holiday.

A directory of other places to fish in the area is also available on the Environment Agency Website at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Some of the fishing venues can offer access for all in the form of a Trampler – an all-terrain electric wheelchair facility for access to bank side angling. This might be useful for those who may have difficulty negotiating uneven footpaths. Please ask about this when making enquiries





The Lune Habitat Group started in 1998, and in 2008 became the Lune

Rivers Trust. We are an environmental group of volunteers dedicated to the protection and improvement of the Lune Catchment. Over the past 13 years we have carried out over 80 miles of habitat improvements which help fish stocks by reducing pollution and by increasing available food and shelter. We have removed or eased manmade impediments to fish migration such as weirs, fords or pipe bridges and we have many more projects in hand for the coming year.

For more information visit [www.luneriverstrust.org.uk](http://www.luneriverstrust.org.uk) or phone Sarah Littlefield, the Trust Secretary on 015242 22174



The Ribble Rivers Trust is a local environment habitat group set up to help the rivers and streams of the Ribble Catchment to recover their former condition and provide self sustaining fish stocks once more. The Ribble Catchment covers more than half of the AONB. Along with carrying out a series of projects to improve rivers and brooks for fish life, Ribble Rivers Trust also run an Angling Passport Scheme which opens up new waters bringing the joy of river fishing to more people. The scheme uses token payments and so is ideal for day visitors looking for somewhere new to fish. For further information visit [www.ribbletrust.org.uk/passport/ribble/](http://www.ribbletrust.org.uk/passport/ribble/)

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## Listings Key

 ★★ Visit Britain Star Rating

 **Gold**  **Silver** Visit Britain Gold & Silver Awards

 National Accessible Scheme Mobility I

 Green Tourism Business Scheme Award

 Pets Welcome Award

 AA ►► AA Pennant Rating

 **HQA** Taste Lancashire Highest Quality Assured Award

 David Bellamy Gold Award

 AA Rosette


## Bank House Fly Fishery



2½ acre water designed with fly-fishing and wildlife in mind. 12 small islands are scattered over the water giving the fishery a network of swims and pools; rich in both aquatic and terrestrial insect life. Fishing lodge with tackle hire and tuition available and with big rainbow, blue, brown and tiger trouts on the prowl you never know what you might catch.

**Low Mill, Caton, Nr Lancaster LA2 9HX**

web: [www.stocksreservoir.com](http://www.stocksreservoir.com) tel: 01524 770412



## Barnsfold Water



Barnsfold Water Trout Fishery is situated in the shadow of Beacon Fell Country Park and is approximately 6 miles from junction 32 on the M6. Two lakes – Barns and Beacon – each about 11 acres, offer excellent bank fishing. Facilities include boat hire, toilets, tackle shop and hire. Casting tuition is available.

**Barns Lane, Goosnargh PR3 2NJ** tel: 01995 61583

web: [www.barnsfoldwaters.co.uk](http://www.barnsfoldwaters.co.uk) email: [jfcasson@hotmail.com](mailto:jfcasson@hotmail.com)

### 3 Cleveley Mere Lakeside Lodges



The lake at Cleveley Mere is a totally unique lakeside boutique lodge holiday destination. Set in our very own 24 acre lake in our 34 acre nature reserve. Day tickets available, or why not extend your visit and stay in either a self catering lodge, tree house or Huf Haus - available for short and longer breaks.



**Cleveley Bank Lane, Scorton PR3 1BY** tel: **01524 793644**  
web: [www.cleveleymere.com](http://www.cleveleymere.com) email: [enquiries@cleveleymere.com](mailto:enquiries@cleveleymere.com)

### 4 Dales Anglers



Angling supplies for fly fishing and coarse, including weights, hooks, nets, lines, reels and general accessories. Mepps, flying C's and flies made in-shop to your specifications. Weekly permits are available for the River Wenning. Helpful staff with local knowledge. Call in at the back of Slipped Disc record shop to see us!

**1 Grove Cottage, 44A Main Street, Bentham LA2 7HN**  
tel: **01524 261612**

### 5 Slaidburn (King – Wilkinson) Estate



Forrest Hills offers both lake and river fly fishing in a beautiful and peaceful location with excellent access. Beginners fly-fishing tuition available, which can also be incorporated into corporate training and teambuilding days. Also, visit the recently opened low carbon resource centre including a café to sample some delicious homemade, local produce.

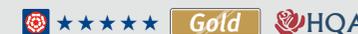


**Hazelrigg Lane, Ellel, Lancaster LA2 0PL** tel: **01524 752566** or **07941 473469**  
web: [www.forrethills.co.uk](http://www.forrethills.co.uk) email: [colin@forrethills.co.uk](mailto:colin@forrethills.co.uk)

### 6 Inn at Whitewell



The Inn at Whitewell sits high on the banks of the River Hodder; a beautiful 17th century coaching Inn with 23 bedrooms (plenty with four posters) and wonderful peat fires. Recognised by the AA as a 5-star Inn and by the Good food Guide for its excellent foods. Guests can fish the five miles of the Hodder for trout, sea trout and salmon.



**Whitewell, Near Clitheroe BB7 3AT** tel: **01200 448222**  
web: [www.innatwhitewell.com](http://www.innatwhitewell.com) email: [reception@innatwhitewell.com](mailto:reception@innatwhitewell.com)

### 7 Bank House Fly Fishery



Fishing is available on a 2 1/2 mile stretch on the River Hodder at Slaidburn on specified banks between Hammerton Hall and Great Dunnow. Full details are available at the Central Stores in Slaidburn – opening times Mon-Fri 8.00 to 17.30, Sat 8.30 to 17.00, Sun 9.00 to 12.00. Daily, weekly or seasonal tickets.

**Central Stores and Post Office, Slaidburn BB7 3ER**  
tel: **01200 446268**

### 8 Red Pump Inn



This traditional country Inn in the Bowland countryside offers excellent local produce in the restaurant, superb ales in the bar; three beautifully appointed 4-star guest rooms and exclusive fishing on the River Hodder (grayling, trout and salmon) for residents.



**Clitheroe Road, Bashall Eaves BB7 3DA**  
web: [www.theredpumpinn.co.uk](http://www.theredpumpinn.co.uk) tel: **01254 826227**

### 9 Riverside Caravan Park



Riverside Caravan Park is a secluded park on the banks of the River Wenning, set in a delightful part of the countryside. Daily, weekly and seasonal permits for the private stretch on the River Weening are available from reception. We also have two self-catering holiday cottages.



**High Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7FJ** tel: **01524 261272** or **07711 587 428**  
web: [www.riversidecaravanpark.co.uk](http://www.riversidecaravanpark.co.uk) email: [info@riversidecaravanpark.co.uk](mailto:info@riversidecaravanpark.co.uk)

### 10 Stocks Reservoir



The largest fly fishery in the North West and lying within the AONB, Stocks has a wild, unspoiled quality. 25 boats fitted with petrol outboards. Tuition and guiding available. Lodge open from 8am until dusk, with a member of the team on duty to offer help and advice. Well-stocked tackle shop and café.

**Catlow Road, Slaidburn BB7 3AQ**  
web: [www.stocksreservoir.com](http://www.stocksreservoir.com) tel: **01200 446602**



## Wyresdale Park



There are four beautiful wooden 'clinker' rowing boats, several jetties dotted and plenty of brown trout, rainbow trout and carp. The water is 17 acres in total and very peaceful. Fishing is charged by the day and arranged at the Hall, there is also the Apple Store cafe which is open Wednesday to Sunday for delicious homemade food and drink.

**Snowhill Lane, Scorton PR3 1BA**

web: [www.wyresdalepark.co.uk](http://www.wyresdalepark.co.uk) tel: **01524 791874**



## Wyreside Lakes



A beautiful award-winning haven of fishing lakes and nature trails covering 120 acres. A mixture of carp, pike and coarse fishing, offering a variety of species and size – a challenge to both the professional and novice angler. All combined with a 4-star rated caravan and camping site makes it a number one fishing and holiday venue.

**Sunnyside Farmhouse, Bay Horse, Lancaster LA2 9DG** tel: **01524 792093**

web: [www.wyresidelakes.co.uk](http://www.wyresidelakes.co.uk) email: [wyresidelakes@btconnect.com](mailto:wyresidelakes@btconnect.com)

For full information about facilities view an Interactive Map of the Forest of Bowland AONB at [www.forestofbowland.com/interactivemap](http://www.forestofbowland.com/interactivemap)

## Map Key

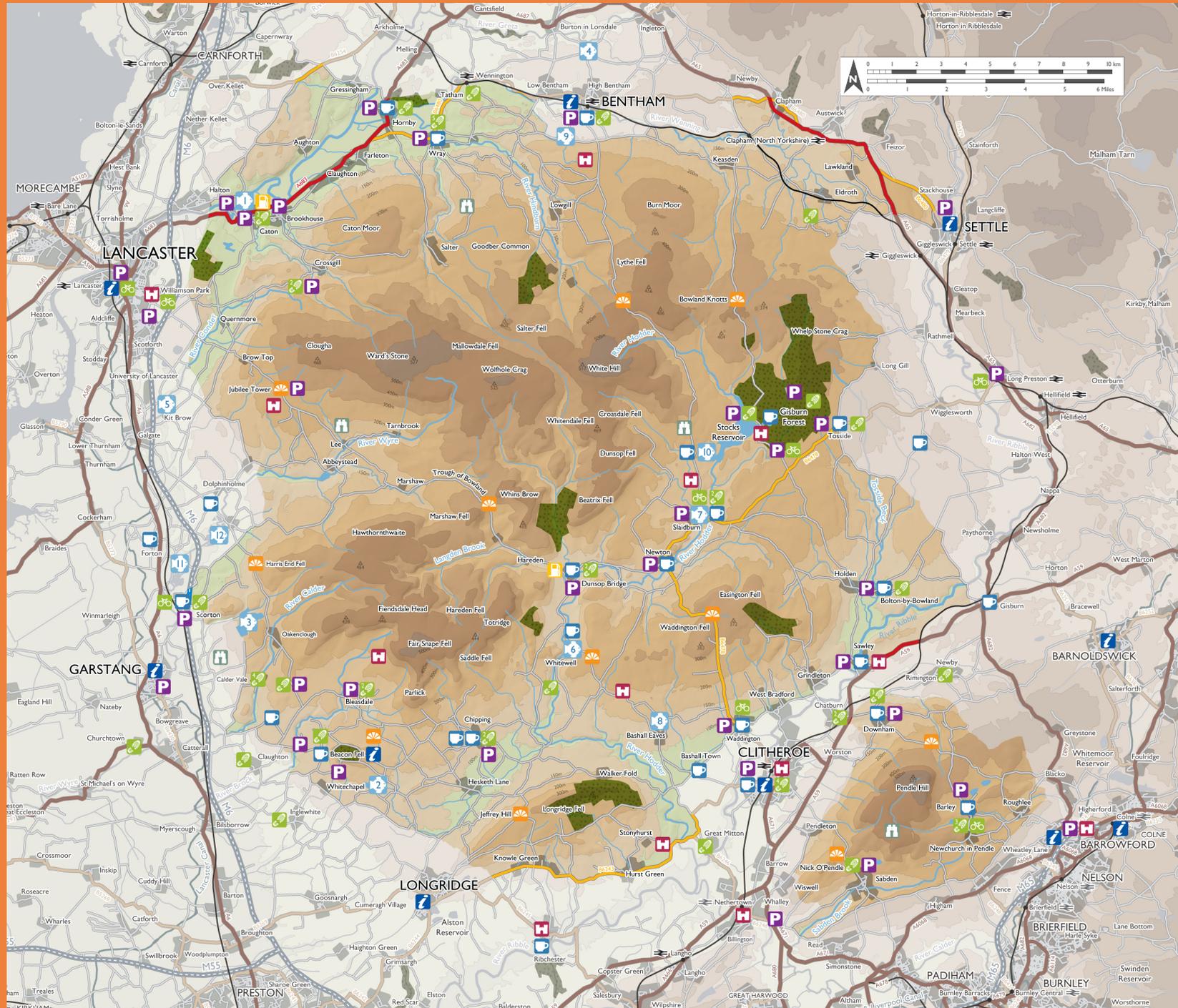
-  Fishing Locations
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-  Information Centres
-  Parking
-  Historical Interest Sites
-  Viewpoints
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-  Walking Route Start Points
-  Cycling Route Start Points
-  Elevation Height Above Sea Level
-  Station

## Fishing Locations

-  Bank House Fly Fishery
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-  Barnsfold Water
-  Red Pump Inn
-  Cleveley Mere Lakeside Lodges
-  Riverside Caravan Park
-  Dales Anglers
-  Stocks Reservoir
-  Slaidburn (King – Wilkinson) Estate
-  Wyresdale Park
-  Inn at Whitewell
-  Wyreside Lakes



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visit [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com) or stay in touch via [twitter.com/forestofbowland](https://twitter.com/forestofbowland)

Forest of Bowland AONB, The Stables, 4 Root Hill Estate Yard, Whitewell Road, Dunsop Bridge, Lancashire, BB7 3AY

Tel: **01200 448000** email: [Bowland@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Bowland@lancashire.gov.uk)

All those enjoying the Forest of Bowland AONB are asked to follow the Countryside Code at [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk) and adhere to signs, particularly at sensitive times such as the lambing and birding nesting seasons during spring and summer.

For other information about places to visit and things to see and do in the area, contact **Visitor Information Centres:**

**Bowland Visitor Centre** – Beacon Fell Country Park, 01995 640557

**Barnoldswick** – Fernlea Avenue, 01282 666704

**Bentham** – Town Hall, Station Road, 01524 262549

**Clitheroe** – Platform Gallery & Visitor Information Centre, Station Rd, 01200 425566

**Colne** – Boundary Mill Stores, 01282 856186

**Garstang** – Cherestanc Square, Off Park Hill Road, 01995 602125

**Lancaster** – The Storey, Meeting House Lane, 01524 582394

**Pendle Heritage Centre** – Park Hill, Barrowford, 01282 661701

**Preston** – The Guild Hall, 01772 253731

**Settle** – Town Hall, 07129 825192

Also visit:

**Marketing Lancashire** [www.visitlancashire.com](http://www.visitlancashire.com)

**Welcome to Yorkshire** [www.yorkshire.com](http://www.yorkshire.com)

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Ordnance Survey Map Explorer OL41, Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale covers this area as well as a Harvey Map: Forest of Bowland for walkers, cyclists and horserider.

Leaflet available in large text format on request.

[www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)