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Fly Fishing - Scotland, Tweed 6-11.11.2012

Fly fishing trip to one of the best salmon rivers in Europe, Tweed River. Fishmaster will arrange a hosted fly fishing trip to the Tweed on 6-11th November 2012. This is absolute prime time of the autumn season, during our 2010 November trip we caught 37 salmon and 2 seatrout. The destination will be the Nest beat in upper Tweed and the host will be Jouni Rauha who is the head guide of Fishmaster company. We have also a local fishing guide, ghillie who helps us with fishing.

Tweed. The Tweed is located in the Southern border of Scotland and is one of the best salmon rivers in Europe, average of 15000 salmon will be caught there every year. It is very famous and one of Scotland's big four salmon rivers. The Tweed fishing season starts already on 1 st of February and there is good spring fishing season from March until the end of May but the main salmon run is from September to November. The fishing on the Tweed is mainly catch and release fishing. In October and November many salmon over 20 lb mark are taken each autumn. Tweed certainly has the big numbers of salmon. The best of back end fishing is from early October to the end of November.

Fly Fishing. Our fly fishing group will fish the Nest beat on upper Tweed, close Galashiels. The Nest beat is on the left bank and is approx 2,5 km long, and maximum number of rods is 5. The beat consists of 5 pools: Rampy Pool, Boat Pool, House Pool, Policeman and Gullets. Only fly fishing is allowed and there are pools for all water levels. Both beats are beautiful and easy to wade and cover well with fly. There is also a small comfortable fishing hut.

Fly Fishing Tackle. For fly fishing for salmon on Tweed we recommend 12-15' feet double handed rods for lines #8-11 and suitable fly reels with good quality brakes. Sink tip or intermediate shooting heads are most used fly lines but please bring also sinking fly line for high water conditions.

Flies. Good salmon fly patterns for Tweed are: Black Sheep, Willie Gunn, Black & Yellow, Munro Killer, Thunder & Lightning, Allys Shrimp and Garry.

Accomodation for guests will be in charming Scottish house. In the cottage there is a toilet, a shower, a living room, a well equipped kitchen and several single and double bedrooms. We will cook the food together in accomodation or dine at local pubs.

Travel Arrangements. Fishing trips to Tweed river are always hosted trips. Anglers will first take flight to Edinburgh. At the airport they will meet host Jouni Rauha and continue to Tweed valley by car, it is only an hour drive. During the fishing trip host Jouni Rauha will take care of all car transports.

Trip length: 4 fishing days/5 nights

Group size: Host/guide + 4 persons, total 5 fishermen

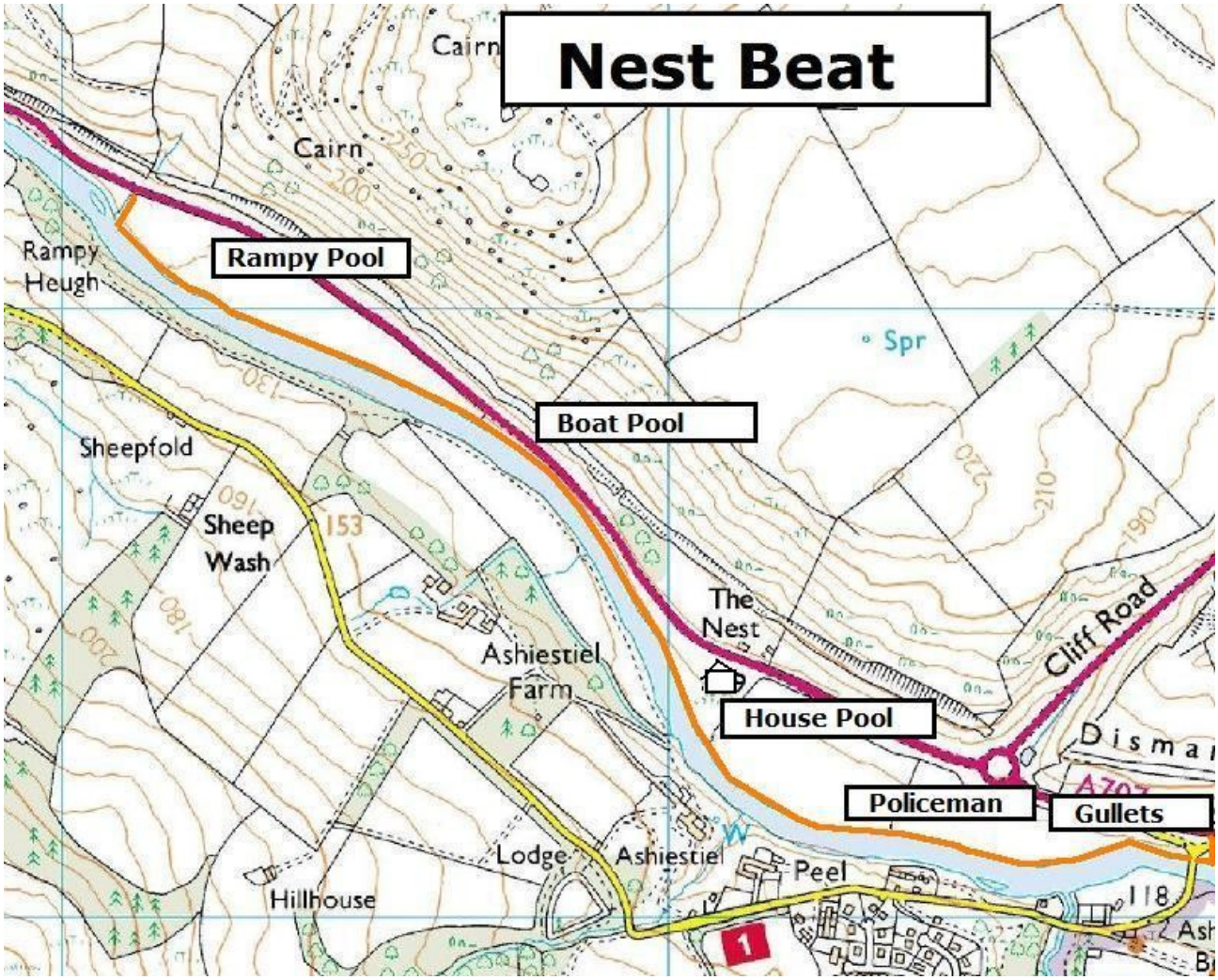
General information. The price includes accomodation, guiding, fishing licences and car transports from and back to Edinburgh airport also other car drives at Tweed valley if needed. The price doesn't include flights, food and drinks and tipping for ghillie (approx 50£). Please book the flights for yourself. Try to find flight that will arrive to Edinburgh between 11-15 hours on Tuesday afternoon to avoid too long waiting in the Edinburgh airport. After you have booked your flights, give the flight numbers and schedules for Fishmaster/Jouni by e-mail: jouni@fishmaster.fi. Take with the tackle listed. Please pack the luggage into a big soft bag, it's easier to back them into a car.

Trip Schedule

6.11. Tuesday. Gathering at the Edinburgh airport in the afternoon. Try to find a flight that will arrive to Edinburgh between 11-15 hours on Tuesday afternoon. Meeting guide Jouni from Fishmaster and other fishermen at the airport. Car transport from Edinburgh to Tweed valley. Showing the house and beat. Evening dinner at local pub in Innerleithen.

7-10.11. Wednesday - Saturday. Fly fishing for salmon at Nest beat. Breakfasts at accomodation, lunch at fishing hut. Dinners at local pub.

11.11. Sunday. Leaving the house in the morning and heading back to the Edinburgh airport. Flight back home according to everyone's flight schedules. Try to find flight that will departure from Edinburgh airport between 11-15 hours on Sunday.



Tweed Flies

Tube flies with 4-8 cm wing is normal size

Black Sheep
Tag: Red
Butt: Red
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Hackle: Blue
Wing: Black and Yellow arctic fox
Head: Red or black conehead

Willie Gunn
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Front hackle: Blue
Wing: 1/3 yellow arctic fox
1/3 light orange arctic fox
1/3 black arctic fox
Head: Black

Dee Sheep
Tag: Red
Body: Black floss
Rib: Oval Silver
Front hackle: Blue soft hackle
Wing: Bright Yellow and Black arctic fox
Electric Yellow Angel Hair
Head: Red

Golden Killer (Black & Yellow)

Body: Gold
Wing: Yellow and Black arctic fox
Yellow angel hair between yellow and black hair

Cascade
Tag: Red and yellow bucktail, 4 pearly flashabou accent
Body: 1/2 silver, 1/2 black floss
Rib: Oval Silver
Wing: Black squirrel, 2-4 silver flashabou accent
Front hackle: Yellow and Orange hackle
Head: Black

Tweed Tackle List

General

Warm hat with bill
Polarized sunglasses
Long sleeve shirts, sweaters, fleeces
Short sleeve shirts, t-shirts (several)
Underwear
Warm, long underwear to use under waders
Fleece pants, fleece shirt
Long pants
Warm socks, several
Sandals or camp shoes
Raingear or wading jacket
Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, battery charger
Backpack (to carry camera & other gear)
Small flashlight
Mobile phone
Garbage bags or waterproof bags for laundry and wading boots.
Books, magazines
Passport
Airline tickets and other travel documents
Pre-trip information, maps, Fishmaster phone number (+358-400-824530)
Cash, English pounds for drinks, tipping, gift shopping etc.
Credit card
Notebook and pen
Toiletries, including; tooth brush, shampoo, hand lotion, bandages, roll of athletic tape
Razor
Alarm clock
Pain killers, Prescription medications
Adapter for electronic equipment

Fishing Equipment

Fly rods, rod tubes (Rods 12’-16’ # 9-12)
Fly reels, reel covers
Spare spools
Fly lines, leaders (Fly lines: Floating, Floating with sink tip, intermediate, normal sinking)
Fly boxes, flies (Good fly patterns: Black Sheep, Willie Gunn, Black & Yelleow, Thunder & Lightning, Munro Killer, Allys Shrimp, Cascade and Garry. Fly sizes 2-8, doubles or tube flies)
Waders, wading belt, repair kit for waders
Wading boots
Pliers (rustproof)
Hook hone/file
Extra spools monofilament: 0.30, 0.35, 0.40
Needle clippers
Hemostats
Tape measure