

Pontoon Bridge Hotel Fishing School



Beginners Courses

For Beginners, it is essentially our objective to ensure that the basic skills are mastered and the groundwork laid for continuing successful development.

- Learning angling etiquette
- Learning about angling safety
- Learning about the fish and their environment
- Learning to assemble the rod and reel
- Learning to tie correct knots
- Learning to cast
- Learning basic watercraft
- Learning to present a fly (wet / dry)

Experienced Anglers Courses



For more experienced anglers, courses may follow a different pattern, such as:

- Correction and improving casting
- Polishing techniques
- Examining alternative angling styles
- Tailoring the session to what you would like to improve on.
- Fly tying

Equipment

- Fishing rods are provided and included in the price of the course (check).
- A selection of popular flies are also provided for use on the day. Anglers wishing to build their own fly collection can purchase from the large range of trout and salmon flies at the hotel reception.
- Life Jackets are also provided for use when going out on the lake.

- Please bring with you a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and a pair of Wellingtons. If you are unable to bring your own, you can arrange to hire from the hotel at minimal cost.
- It is recommended that you bring a hat or cap; sun glasses (even in dull weather) and sunscreen.

The Venue

Anglers for all over the world come to Pontoon as it is well known for its location, facilities and angling hospitality. The hotel has been catering for anglers since it first opened in 1890.

The hotel has hosted many well-known international anglers and several prestigious fly fishing competitions.

The hotel has the following onsite angling facilities:

- Own fleet of boats and engines
- Team of local and experienced ghillies (boatmen) who can be hired on ½ day or full day basis.
- Large Rod room and locker facilities
- Drying room
- Fly rods and spinning rods for hire
- Wet gear, waders, Wellingtons for hire
- Tackle shop with good selection of essentials
- Extensive selection of trout and salmon flies from the Donegal Fly Company
- Advice galore

As we are situated on the narrow peninsula between Loughs Conn and Cullin, we are located in the heart of an angler's paradise. The River Moy drains Lough Conn – a beautiful lake of some 12,000 acres with many bays and islands and noted for its free rising trout. Surveys have shown that it holds a stock of up to 500,000 wild brown trout. Conn enjoys a good run of spring salmon and an excellent run of grilse. One of the great western lakes, Conn extends nine miles from north to south and varies in width from two to six miles.

For more information on the fishing, please click on our fishing tab. For anglers visiting Pontoon Bridge, there is an abundance of fishing opportunities other than the popular venues like Lough Conn, Cullin and the River Moy. From the river trout angler to the pike angler and from deep sea fishing to fly-only salmon loughs, there are options to suit all tastes and all fisheries are within easy drive of the hotel.

Please note that lunch is not included in the price of the day, as some anglers prefer to order a packed lunch or return to the hotel bar for lunch.



Dates in 2011/2012

You can book dates directly with the hotel and our instructor can tailor tuition to specifically suit you. This can be for one, two or more persons.

Please note that the above detail is a broad outline only and specific requirements can be discussed directly with the hotel.

Cost

Prices range from €130.00 per day for a single person (one-on-one tuition).

For two or more persons, the prices range from €95 per person per day.

Maximum number of people per boat is two persons plus instructor.