

Watersports at Ross Priory



The Watersports Section of Ross Priory Club offers members access to the Loch shore for a variety of different activities all within in a spectacular setting and at an affordable price. Currently this includes dry berth storage and day launching for boats and slipway use for other activities such as kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding and sailboarding. In addition, the section is now (Spring 2022) developing an open-water swimming division.

Future developments at the Loch shore will see the section gain an increased storage area. We are keen to recruit new members whether they are interested in using powerboats, sailing, fishing on the loch, wild swimming, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding or daytrips and picnics.

Watersports Membership only available with a valid Ross Priory Club membership. There is currently a waiting list for dry berths but we hope to be able to accommodate new members in the coming season. Please email Alastair Wilson rosspriory-watersports@strath.ac.uk if you have any queries about Watersports or wish to be added to the waiting list for a dry berth.

Watersports Fees

- For those accessing the slipway and/or shoreline for launching without a trailer the fee is £40 per member per year (£25 for paddleboards only)
- For those using a trailer for launching the membership is £70 per year.
- A berth currently costs £175 for the year which includes a designated dry berth and access to launching for the season.

For those wishing to use the facilities for day launching only there are two strands of membership.

If you are interested in joining **open water swimming group** please contact Monica Porciani rosspriory-watersports@strath.ac.uk Please note that all members participating in open water swimming from Ross Priory must join the group. This allows us to advise on times and areas for swimming and also to safely allocate times for group activities.

Membership of Watersports at Ross Priory allows us to control access and maintain a safe environment for all users. Membership funds go towards the improvement and upkeep of the facilities.

Please note that jet skis are not permitted and there is no swimming from the jetty area.

Angling at Ross Priory



The Angling Section of Ross Priory Club obtains two permits, issued annually by The Loch Lomond Angling Improvement Association (LLAIA).

These are held at Ross Priory and should be carried by Angling Section members when fishing on the Loch and shown to Water Bailiffs when requested.

Membership of the Angling Section incurs an annual fee of £25.00 payable at the time of the Annual Club Subscriptions.

A daily charge of £3.00 is levied for members of the Angling Section to use the permits and is payable at the main house.

A daily charge of £10.00 is levied to those who are not members of the Angling Section, for example, other club members or temporary residents staying at Ross Priory.

Game Fishing

The game fishing season for salmon and sea trout runs from 11th February until 31st October annually. There may be variations for some of the feeder burns but these dates apply to the River Endrick and River Leven and to the Loch.

The Brown Trout season (and possibly also Char) is 15th March to 6th October annually.

While legal methods of fishing are permitted, the LLAIA restricts the use of certain baits (prawns, shrimps and live bait - see website for current limitations).

Trolling is the most common method of boat fishing on the Loch, especially early in the season.

Both barbed and debarbed hooks are used, the latter especially by those intending to return fish to water.

Coarse Fishing

No closed season is applicable to coarse fish in Scotland but the fish are in their best condition over late autumn, winter and early spring.

Normally coarse fish caught are returned.

Permits

The permits held at Ross Priory are full LLAIA permits and entitle members to fish all of the waters controlled by the LLAIA.

Details of the fishing and other information can be found at:

[The Loch Lomond Angling Improvement Association](#)

As far as is known, no limit exists to where members can fish on the Loch, although there may be restrictions on where boats can be landed.

The permits held at Ross Priory apply to the angling and retention of game fish and all other fish caught should be immediately returned. In the recent past, the LLAIA were encouraging catch and release.

Coarse Fishing Permits

A separate coarse fishing permit is required which might be checked to see if it allows the retention of coarse fish.

It is known that coarse fishing permits are available locally (for example, Gibson Store in Balloch) and information is contained on the website showing where they may be obtained.

Pike are found in the Loch and, although a fish with many bones, it is edible and appreciated by some

To join the Watersports and/or Angling Sections, please contact

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