

Beginners Guide- Where to fish

The fishing “hotspots” in our towns.

New to fishing? Here’s a selection of popular, easy to get to sites in towns that you may want to visit. Don’t forget you need a rod licence!

To fish at some of the sites you need to be a member of a fishing club. This is usually a very easy process. Just call the contact provided, they will help and advise you about how to join. They can often give further advice on the best sites to fish, local tackle shops and anything else fish related that you need to know!

Anyone can fish from accessible fishing platforms; but please be courteous and vacate the platform for wheelchair users and less mobile anglers to fish in these areas, if there are standard platforms available use these instead.

South Forty Foot, Wyberton High Bridge Accessible Platforms, Boston

National Grid Reference - TF 30447 43337

You need to be a member of Boston & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01205 760666 for more information.

The South Forty Foot Drain at Wyberton High Bridge (near Downtown) is a popular hot spot for Boston anglers. Accessible fishing platforms are great for novices and wheelchair users. A large, jetty style platform is great if you are going along with someone to help you get started. Parking is available at the site (a RADAR key is necessary for high sided vehicles). Access this site off the A52/A1121 at Wyberton near Boston.

Fish to catch – roach, bream, perch and tench.

Sibsey Trader, Sibsey Northlands, Boston

National Grid Reference TF 34435 53204

You need to be a member of Boston & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01205 760666 for more information.

The Sibsey Trader has always been a popular spot for fishing. At the top of this stretch, near Northlands Bridge ten large, easy access platforms with steps and handrails down the bank have been provided. The platforms are ideal for coaching, or for parents to supervise their children during angling activities. Parking on site.

From Boston take the B1183 north towards Horncastle and turn right onto the B1184 towards Sibsey Northlands. Turn right at the first main crossroads, the platforms start immediately downstream of Northlands bridge.

Fish to catch – roach, bream, tench, perch and the occasional carp.

Stonebridge Drain Accessible Platforms, Sibsey, Boston

National Grid Reference TF 33333 48513

You need to be a member of Boston & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01205 760666 for more information.

These accessible fishing platforms on Stonebridge Drain are great for coaching and for novices. They have been used for many years by anglers needing easier access to the steep banked rivers and drains in the area. From Boston take the northbound A16 (towards Louth) turn left after Hilldyke onto Willows Lane; turn left at the first main crossroads, the platforms are immediately downstream of the bridge. Car parking is available at the site.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench, perch and the occasional carp.

The Bargate Drain, Windsor Crescent, Boston

National Grid Reference TF 33444 43790

You need to be a member of Boston & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01205 760666 for more information.

Platforms here run right into the centre of Boston on the Bargate Drain. A footpath runs down the side of the drain at this point. From the south take the A52 through Boston onto John Adams Way, join the A16 at Bargate Bridge and turn immediately right onto Church Road, then right off here onto Windsor Crescent. Roadside parking is available.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench, perch.

The Maud Foster, Horncastle Road, Boston

National Grid Reference TF 32827 46395

You need to be a member of Boston & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01205 760666 for more information.

Situated just north of Boston town centre, Horncastle Road boasts lots of "easy to get to" fishing platforms running along the Maud Foster Drain down into the town. The banks here are wide and shallower than other areas and are great for coaching. From the north approach Boston on the B1183 (the Horncastle Road) and cross the railway line. The fishing platforms are on the left hand side over the railway line. Certain areas are un-fishable due to power cables, these are clearly signed. Roadside parking is available.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench, perch.

Bourne Eau, May Sluice, The Slippe, Bourne

National Grid Reference – TF 106 199

To fish here you need to be a member of a local club (no day tickets are available). Call Bill on 01476 575628 to find out more.

This small stretch is relatively easy access and good fishing for people who live in Bourne. Access is via the Slippe, which runs alongside the River Welland. Parking is available along the Slippe.

Fish to catch - roach, perch, tench, pike, bream.

River Ancholme, Brigg, North Lincolnshire

You need membership of Scunthorpe & District Angling Association to fish here. Just call Mike on 07717 748523 for more information.

The River Ancholme in and around Brigg provides some good all year round fishing, and is particularly good throughout the winter months. Numerous fishing platforms can be found at most of the main access points throughout the entire river length. From Brigg follow the A18 to Scunthorpe. As you pass over the River Ancholme the facility is accessed from Brigg Leisure Centre on the right hand side.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, pike.

Grantham Canal, Earlsfield Estate, Grantham

National Grid Reference – SK 90566 34776

To fish here you need to be a member of Grantham Angling Association. Call Simon on 01476 590512 for more information.

There are numerous wheelchair accessible / easy access platforms at this site, ideal for beginners.

From A1 North bound, exit at Grantham and follow the A607 into Grantham following Harlaxton Road until you reach the traffic lights. Turn left onto Trent Road and the Grantham Canal is 200m on the right.

Fish to catch - tench, roach, common bream, perch, pike and occasional carp.

Queen Elizabeth Park, Grantham –STILLWATER

National Grid Reference – SK 91708 36884

Pensioners, Junior & Disabled anglers only

To fish here you need to be a pensioner, a junior or disabled angler and a member of Grantham Angling Association. Call Simon on 01476 590512 for more information.

This is a well-stocked still water aimed at encouraging young anglers to the sport

From the A1 take the A52 into Grantham then the A607 towards Lincoln. Turn right at the traffic lights before the hospital down Hill Avenue. Access to the pond is on foot through Queen Elizabeth Park.

Fish to catch - roach, common bream, tench, crucian carp.

River Witham, Five Mile Bridge Accessible Platforms, Lincoln

National Grid Reference – TF 05786 71482.

For information & tickets call the Witham & District Joint Angling Federation on 01472 508639.

Eight new accessible fishing platforms with a purpose built path.

The site is on the south bank of the River Witham, 5 miles east of Lincoln. It can be accessed by road from Five Mile Lane, off the B1190 near Washingborough (turn off near the Barn Nursery & tea room); or by foot/ bicycle five miles from Lincoln town centre on the riverside path.

Fish to catch – roach, bream, tench.

River Witham, Stamp End Fishing Platforms, off Monks Road, Lincoln

National Grid Reference SK 98707 71036

Ten platforms here on the eastern edge of the city centre and are great for people who live near the city. From Lindum Hill turn left onto Monks Road, turn right down Baggholme Road and left at the river. Carry on under the railway bridge and past the road bridge. The platforms are on the right just after the road bridge.

Roadside parking is available on site.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench.

River Witham, Russell Street Accessible Platforms, Lincoln

National Grid Reference SK 96715 68997

Ten fishing platforms off Russell Street in the St Catherine's area to the south of the City. The fishing platforms here are accessible by wheelchair users and are absolutely great for beginners and for those needing coaching as they are big enough to allow several people to fish at once. From the A46 at the Bentley Hotel take the A1434 (Newark Road) through North Hykeham. Travel through Bracebridge and Russell Street is on the left hand side approaching the city. Limited parking is available.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench.

River Witham, Dixon Street, Lincoln Town Centre

National Grid Reference - SK9691470253 - SK9693369808

You need to be a member of Lincoln & District Angling Association to fish here. Just call 01522 720777 for more information.

No formal platforms are available at this site but the banks are flat and very easy to access for those living in the town centre. Take a comfortable seat and enjoy the fishing! Travel north on the A46 until the A57 roundabout. Turn right onto Carholme Road towards the City Centre and travel to the end. Turn right onto the B1273 over the bridge and right at the traffic lights onto the B1003 (Tritton Road). Turn left (by the Nosey Parker pub) onto Dixon Street, straight on at the first set of traffic lights. The site runs in both directions from the pedestrian crossing by Dixon Way. Limited parking is available on Dixon Way. This site is easy to access on foot.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, tench.

River Witham, Bracebridge, Lincoln

National Grid Reference - SK9662868206

You need to be a member of Lincoln & District Angling Association to fish here. Call 01522 720777 for more information.

The River Witham around the Newark Road area at Bracebridge provides good access for fishing on both banks. Perfectly placed for anglers in the south of the city who don't want to travel far for some excellent river fishing. From the A46 at the Bentley Hotel take the A1434 (Newark Road) through North Hykeham. Travel into Bracebridge and the site is either side of the bridge over the River Witham where Newark Road, Brant Road and Rookery Lane meet. Parking is awkward in this area but the site is easily accessible on foot.

Fish to catch - roach, bream, perch.

Charles Street Pond, Charles Street, Louth - STILLWATER

National Grid Reference - TF3292387803

You need membership of Louth JACKS to fish here. Just call Mick on 01507 604310 for more information.

This is a great pond for beginners and novices and is controlled by Louth Jacks. Travelling north on the A16 near Louth turn right onto the B1520 (Northholme Road) carry on until you take a right turn onto High Holme Road and then a left onto Hawthorne Avenue. Turn right at the bottom onto Charles Street; the site can be accessed through the sport area. Parking is available on local streets. The site is easy to access on foot.

Fish to catch - crucian carp, roach, rudd, carp and tench.

Lollycocks Pond, Cogglesford Mill, Sleaford - STILLWATER

National Grid Reference – TF 07240 45986

COMMUNITY FISHING MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM SPRING 2008. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JINNY FIGGITT AT NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON 01529 414155

The pond is part of Lollycocks Field Nature Reserve, owned by North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) and managed by Hill Holt Wood. Renovations to the pond will take place during 2007.

Travelling east on the A17 to Boston take the A153 then B1517 (East Road) into Sleaford and turn left at Cogglesford Mill. Car parking is available at Cogglesford Lock (Pay & Display) and access to the fishery is on foot, following the public foot path back towards Sleaford. Lollycocks Pond is situated 150m on the right.

River Welland, Town Centre, Spalding

National Grid Reference – TF 256 236 - TF 248 225

Free fishing - Don't forget your rod licence

This is a popular spot for match fishing so it's a good idea to check with a local tackle shop before you go fishing.

Parking along the High Street (A151) adjacent to the river.

Fish to catch - roach, pike, bream, tench, perch.

River Welland, Coronation Channel, Town Centre, Spalding

National Grid Reference – TF 245 217 – TF 262 237

To fish here you can buy a day ticket from a bailiff on the bank or you can become a member of a local angling club. There are 5 bridges on the Coronation Channel and there is good access at every bridge. For day tickets and more information contact Bill on 01476 575628.

Fish to catch - roach, pike, bream, tench, perch.

River Welland, opposite the Yacht Club, Spalding

National Grid Reference – TF 241 210

Free Fishing on the banks here. You just need your rod licence with you!

This is a great spot for fishing and very easy to access.

From the south off the A16, take the B1173 into Spalding turn left 200m before first bridge down a gravel road. Parking at the site by the Welland.

Spalding Fishing Club has the west bank all the way to four mile bar. There is reasonable access along this bank.

Fish to catch - roach, pike, bream, tench, perch.