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## RIVER CARRON (BRAELANGWELL FISHING) ROSS-SHIRE

SITUATION. The Angling is situated about 1½ miles from Ardgay to the Lower Reaches.

There is a railway station at Arday. Also a Post Office.

FISHINGS. These salmon and sea trout fishings, which are well known, consist of the exclusive right of fishing from the left bank of the River Carron so far as it bounds Braelangwell Shootings, a stretch extending to about eight miles and containing about 30 good pools. There is ample fishing even in the early part of the Season (February) for two or three rods and for more in the later months as the fish ascend.

In the eleven years from 1920 to 1930 inclusive, 958 salmon and grilse were caught, an average of 87. in 1927 the catch was 195.

Sea trout run from June onwards.

In addition to the River Angling, there are also four hill lochs, one well stocked with brown trout and with a boat and boat-house. Two rods can fish from one boat and one rod off-shore.

The Lower Reaches are approximately 5 miles in length northwards from the Invercharron March to Braelangwell Lodge, while the Upper Reaches extend to approximately 3 miles.

Fishing is by fly only. NO WADING is permitted.

The number of rods on the UPPER AND LOWER Reaches of the River Carron is as follows.

	Upper Reaches	Lower Reaches
February	-	1
March	-	2 LET
April	2 LET	3 LET
May First Half	2 LET	3 LET
May Second Half	2	3
June	2	2
July	2	2
August	2	2
September	2	2

NOTE. The month of April on the Lower and also the first half of May on the Upper Reaches is let on lease until 1956.

The first half of May until 1958 is also on lease, but the second half of May on both the Upper and Lower Reaches is available.

Recent takes are as follows:-

	Salmon	Grilse	Sea Trout	Loch Trout
1948				
February	UNLET	-	-	-
March	2	-	-	-
April	20	-	-	-
May	15	-	-	-

June		6	-	11	-
July		4	8	34	45
August		13	-	6	39
September		20	1	31	1
1949					
February		3	-	-	-
March		16	-	-	-
April		63	-	-	-
May		31	-	-	-
June		15	-	-	-
July		7	-	1	68
September		16	1	15	3
				Kept in proprietors hands.	
1950					
February	1 day	1 rod	1	-	-
March	11 days	3 rods	16	-	-
April	23 days	3 rods	49	-	-
May	12 days	3 rods	42	-	-
June				Kept in proprietors hands.	
July				Do.	
August				Do.	
September	13 days		14	3	5
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1951					
March	1 day	1 rod	1	-	-
April	Odd days	1 rods	6	-	-
May		3 rods	63	-	-
June	Odd days	1 rod	5	3	-
July	Odd Days	1 rod	3	4	17
August			10	1	4
September				Kept in proprietors hands.	

NOTES: In March the weather conditions were extremely wintry and in April there were heavy snow showers. During June very wet weather prevailed and the river was in spate. A very dry spell in late July kept the river rather low. In August very unsettled weather conditions.

1952					
February	- ghillie		2		
March	- ghillie		2		
April			15		
May			15		
June	- proprietors		22		
July	- proprietors		21	2	
August			15	3	4
September			31	6	36

NOTES: In March the weather was very unsettled and there was no angling after the 10<sup>th</sup>. The water level was low and there were cold east winds. April: River very low and bright

sunshine which were not ideal angling conditions. May: Owing to the long dry spell all over Scotland the river was very low. June and August: The tenant was not well owing to a severe operation and did not do much fishing, only being able to go out for a period of half an hour. September: Up to the 6<sup>th</sup> September - 8 fish were caught - 4 days 2 rods. After the 6<sup>th</sup> September the river was in the proprietor's hand, and guests fished.

ACCOMMODATION: There is limited accommodation at Ardgay House but at Bonar Bridge there are several comfortable Hotels, the two best being the "Caledonian" and the "Bridge". There is also Braelangwell Shooting Lodge which has been completely modernised and furnished except for linen and cutlery, at an extra rental.

RENTS ETC	Lower Reaches	Upper Reaches
February - 1 rod	15/- per rod/day	
March	LET	
April	LET	LET
May - 1 <sup>st</sup> half	LET	LET
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	£3.3/- per rod	£3.3/- per rod/day
	£17.5/- per rod/week	£17.5/- per rod/week
	£70.6.0d per rod/month	£70.6.0d per rod/month

If these fishings are taken as a whole unit (4 rods) the rate will be £250.

June - 4 rods	As for 2 <sup>nd</sup> half May	
July - 4 rods	As above	
August - 4 rods	£2.2.0d per rod/day	£2.10.0d per rod/day
September 4 rods	£2.2.0d per rod/day	£2.2.0d per rod/day

NOTE: The services of the ghillie are included for lets of one month for 4 rods otherwise they are available at a small extra charge.