



Taw Fishing Club

Devon



Membership Pack



Thank you for your interest in joining the Taw Fishing Club (TFC).

The club was formed in 1912 to provide its members with excellent fly fishing. This remit has not changed for over one hundred years and we continue to be a club owned and managed by a small group of fly fishing enthusiasts.

Our waters include over 5½ miles of the most unspoilt and tranquil waters of the Upper Taw - 3 miles stretching from Brushford bridge to Hawkridge wood and 2½ miles of river upstream from Bridge Reeve which contains a variety of pools with salmon, sea trout and wild brown trout.

We welcome new members who share our passion for fly fishing but also conservation which is an important part of being a member. Not only do we enjoy fly fishing for truly wild fish but we actively maintain our beautiful waters throughout the year. This also gives us the opportunity to come together and enjoy good company.

Membership fees are £100 per annum with new members paying a one-time joining fee of £100. Fees are payable by January each year and all members can fish as many times as they wish during the fishing season, which runs from March to September.

Membership is limited to forty full members. In the event that we're unable to confirm your membership now, we'll ensure that your application is added to the waiting list and notify you of a space as soon as possible.

We hope you will apply to join us and we look forward to receiving your application form.

Yours Faithfully

Gordon Murray

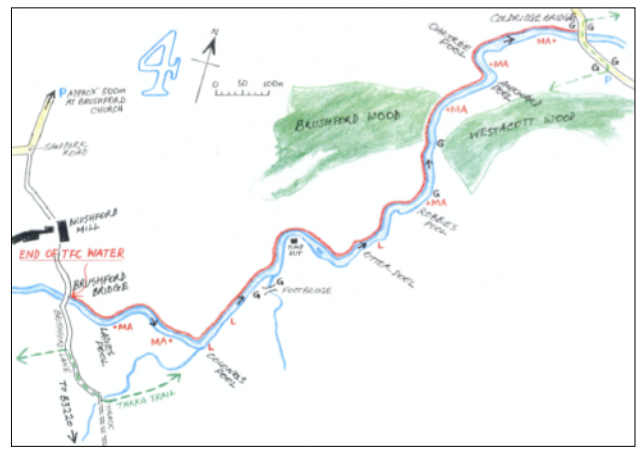
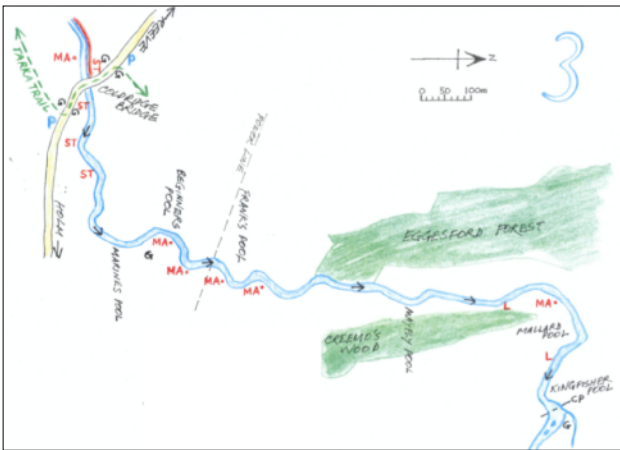
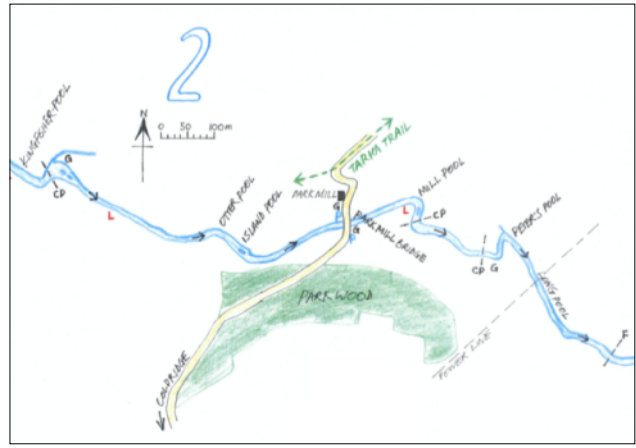
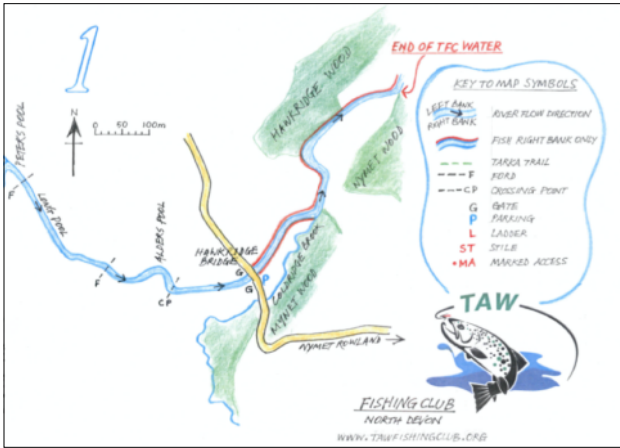
Prof. Gordon Murray OBE
Chairman, Taw Fishing Club

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Our Waters

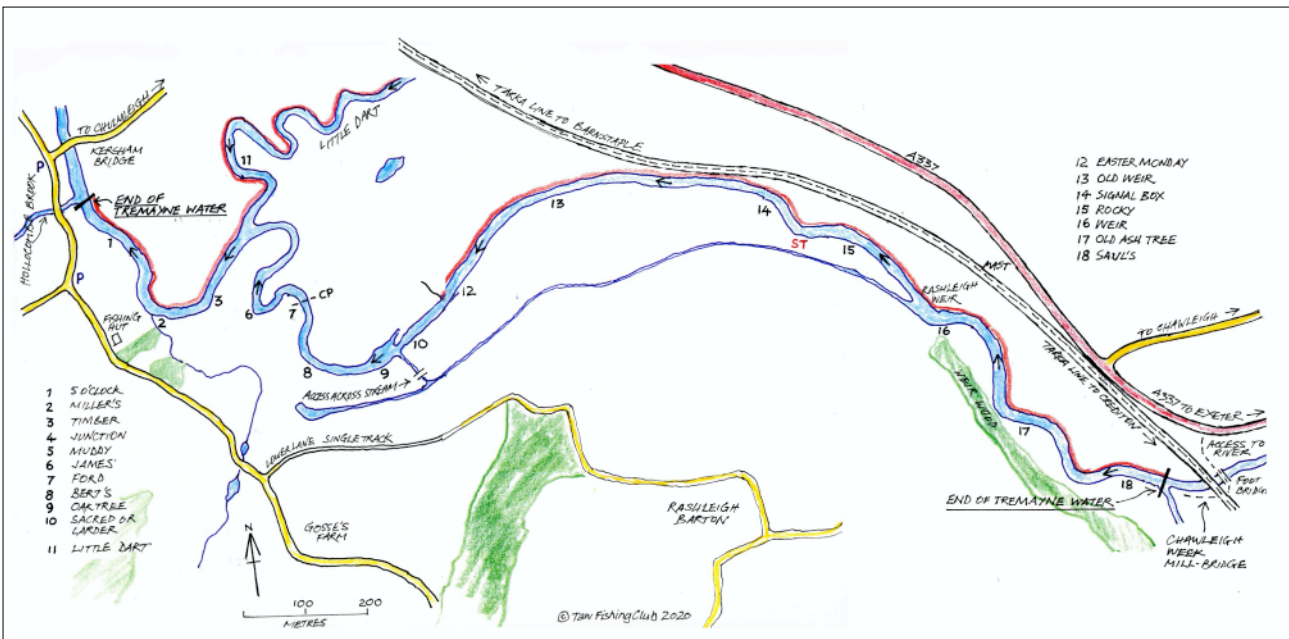
Upper Taw Waters

From Brushford bridge to Hawkridge wood



Tremayne Waters

From Bridge Reeve to Chawleigh Week Mill Bridge



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Membership Rules

Membership

- Full Members. A maximum of forty full members who pay the full annual subscription of not less than £100 per annum (the actual amount to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting). New Full Members also pay a one-off joining fee equivalent to the annual subscription.
- Emeritus Members who do not fish regularly but would still wish to support the club and its objectives. Emeritus Members pay £50 per annum and can fish up to ten days per annum. This membership is restricted to existing Full Members.
- Junior Members, up to age 20 years - Free fishing but all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.
- Honorary and Honorary Life members may be elected by an Annual General Meeting. They will not be asked to pay a subscription.

Subscriptions

- The joining fee for a new (Full) member is presently the equivalent of the appropriate annual subscription. In the case of a past member seeking re-election, the question of the entrance fee shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
- Subscriptions are due to be paid by the 1st January each year and members are asked to pay by direct transfer.
- If a member has not paid their subscription by the 1st March the Secretary is empowered to accept a new member in their place. The case of the defaulting member shall be dealt with by the Committee.
- No member's ticket shall be issued until the subscription, and where applicable, the entrance fee has been paid and the previous season's catch return made.

Tickets

- Each member will receive one non-transferable member's ticket for their own use. In addition, three daily tickets will be issued to all except Junior members. The member is responsible for signing and dating any daily ticket they may give to guests and will be responsible for the person using it.
- Fishing tickets and Rod Licences must be shown by anglers on demand of any member of the Club who produces their own ticket, and also, if required, be shown to the Water Bailiff and owners or tenants of land or their agents.
- Holders of Club fishing tickets are required to purchase an Environment Agency Rod Licence.
- Landowners, who give fishing rights to the Club, shall be entitled to one non-transferable season ticket for their own use

General Fishing Rules

- The season is from **15 March to 30 September**.
- The Club waters extend from Brushford Bridge to Hawkridge Bridge (including Coldridge Bridge) plus a further 400 metres below Hawkridge Bridge on the right bank only. Full access is itemised in the Members' Handbook (and will soon be added to this website).
- No bait is to be used for Trout or Sea Trout except artificial fly.
- Anglers are requested to return all fish gently into the water. On no account should fish be dropped or thrown into the river, as such treatment generally kills them. The use of knotless mesh nets and of barbless/de-barbed hooks is mandatory.
- Members may fish for Salmon or Sea Trout provided they hold an Environment Agency Rod Licence for migratory fish. Fly only. No spinning or bait fishing. Catch limits for Salmon and Sea Trout, which are to be observed by members, are set out in Environment Agency Bye-Laws.
- Members are not to sell or otherwise dispose of their fish for profit.
- Members are to ensure that gates are secured behind them.
- In order to assist the Committee and the Environment Agency in monitoring fish populations, members are to return to the Secretary by 31 October their member's ticket completed to show fish caught/killed during the season. The return is to include any fish caught/killed by persons using members' guest tickets.
- The committee may, in its absolute discretion, cancel any ticket if it is satisfied that the owner has contravened any rule of the Club, any provision of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act or Environment Agency Bye-Laws.

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Membership Application

If possible, please complete your application online. [Click here](#) or go to: **www.tawfishingclub.org/apply**

Alternatively, complete the form below and return to the Club Secretary by email at hello@tawfishingclub.org

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____
(if under 20)

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Tell us something about yourself _____

How did you hear about TFC? _____

What is your experience level of fly fishing? Novice Intermediate Experienced

I have read the rules of the Taw Fishing Club (Tick to confirm)

I agree to opt-in to occasional emails from TFC (Tick to confirm)

I agree to abide by all the rules of the Taw Fishing Club as supplied to me with the membership pack (and available to inspect at the Taw Fishing Club web site). All (able) members are expected to help with at least three bank clearing half-days each year, at which we look forward to meeting and welcoming new members.

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Signature _____

Date _____