

Fishing Experiences

Rothes Glen is the luxury Speyside castle in the heart of the finest fishing in Scotland.



A Scottish Sporting Estate

In 1870 Captain Edward Dunbar and wife Phoebe purchased the Birchfield estate (renamed the Glen of Rothes), comprising just under 3,000 acres. After a fire they rebuilt it in 1893 with an inner courtyard replete with gunroom, game larder, kennels, walk-in cold room, fishing room and woodshed.

Within easy reach of the Spey river, the Dunbars often sought solace in Scotland's most famous salmon river, and even had its image captured on the walls of the dining room.

The family moved out in 1921, although continued to make use of the estate for their holidays. Otherwise, Rothes Glen was largely leased out for the sporting season until 1938.

Salmon and trout fishing

We can arrange salmon fishing within easy reach of Rothes Glen on some of the finest beats on the Spey, including Arndilly, Ballindalloch, Carron, Craigellachie, Delfur, Gordon Castle, Kincardine, Kinermony, Knockando, Orton, Tulchan and Wester Elchies. Salmon and trout fishing on the Findhorn is especially popular, with beats on the Altyre, Logie and Moray Estates.

The salmon season (not on Sunday)



The trout season

Brown Trout	15 March to 06 October
Sea Trout	
Grayling, Freshwater & Rainbow	Year round

Loch fishing

There are several fishing lochs across the Moray Speyside region, with the closest being the excellent Glen of Rothes Trout Fishery.

Sea fishing

With the Moray Firth coast just 10 miles north of Rothes Glen, there are sea fishing options both east and west of Elgin. You can fish from the mouth of the Spey, and can take fishing charters. Fish commonly caught are cod, ling, mackerel, flat fish, pollack, coalie, wrasse and scorpion fish. The Scottish sporting calendar season allows sea fishing throughout the year – the only limit is the weather.

The Rothes Glen Macnab

The Macnab Challenge is based on the 1925 John Buchan novel 'John Macnab'. Three friends decide to issue a challenge to three Highland estates – that they will, within 48 hours, remove a salmon or stag undetected, and return them to the respective houses. The Rothes Glen Macnab challenge is to catch a trout, shoot a pheasant and stalk a stag between dawn and dusk on one day.

Costs

- To fish on the River Avon and Spey at Ballindalloch Castle are in the Additional Activities price list.
- For sea fishing and trout fishing at the Glen of Rothes Fishery are in the Additional Activities price list.
- All other fishing is priced individually.

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