



## ACT Fishing Permit Rules 2026

1. A permit is required to fish all ACT waters. The permits allow you to fish on all waters.
2. Fishing with a rod and line only is permitted between 15th March and 6th October inclusive each year.
3. Fishing shall be by fly only, using a hand-held fishing rod. Spinning, bait fishing, live baiting and other methods are strictly prohibited for all adults. Other methods may be allowed for Under 16s, but please check first with administrators as some lochs are particularly sensitive.
4. Non-local live fish not to be taken to or introduced to any waters.
5. Boat permits allow up to but no more than three adults to occupy a boat. Under 18s cannot use boats unless accompanied by an adult.
6. No launching or use of boats other than those provided by the Assynt Crofters' Trust is permitted without prior permission.
7. Life jackets are provided free of charge for boat users and must be worn at all times. The primary boat renter must sign a declaration acknowledging that all persons using the boat have been offered a life jacket and anyone failing to use one does so at their own risk.
8. Fishing is permitted on Sundays only in locations which are away from roads and houses. This means that fishing on the following lochs is not permitted on Sundays: Maiden Loch, Loch an Ordain, Loch an Aigel, Lochan Sgeireach (Stoer), Loch na Claise, Loch na Bruthaic, Loch Drumbeg and others that may be determined from time to time.
9. Anglers shall exhibit their permit on demand by any warden who produces their warrant card or Assynt Crofters' Trust representative.
10. Anglers must complete a basic catch return provided at the end of their fishing.

**Please also see our ACT Fishing Good Practice Guidance so that anglers can help ensure a sustainable future for our fishing.**