

Fishing
in Cardiff Bay

Cardiff Harbour Authority





cardiffharbour.com

CARDIFF
CAERDYDD
HARBOUR AUTHORITY
AWDURDOD HARBWR

Fishing in Cardiff Bay

Cardiff Bay offers a unique experience for anglers with coarse and sea fishing within a stone's throw of each other.

Coarse fishing

Cardiff Bay has developed into a healthy coarse fishery with a good diversity of habitats and fish species to maintain the interest of both novice and expert anglers. Species present include roach, chub, dace, perch, bream, carp, rudd and pike.

At present, fishing is permitted between Grangemoor Park and Sanatorium Park on the River Ely, on our fishing platform at Channel View Leisure Centre on the River Taff, and on the Barrage Embankment, as shown on the map on page 4.

A DDA-compliant fishing platform is situated at Channel View Leisure Centre, along with accessible parking and facilities. All anglers aged 13 and over must have a Cardiff Harbour Authority (CHA) Fishing Licence. Licences can be purchased from Channel View Leisure Centre and selected local angling stores.

Please visit cardiffharbour.com for details. Concessions are available.

To purchase a CHA Fishing Licence, all anglers aged 13 and over must have a Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Rod Licence. Details can be found at: naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/buy-a-fishing-rod-licence

Sea fishing

Sea fishing is available on the North Arm of the Barrage (see the map on page 4).

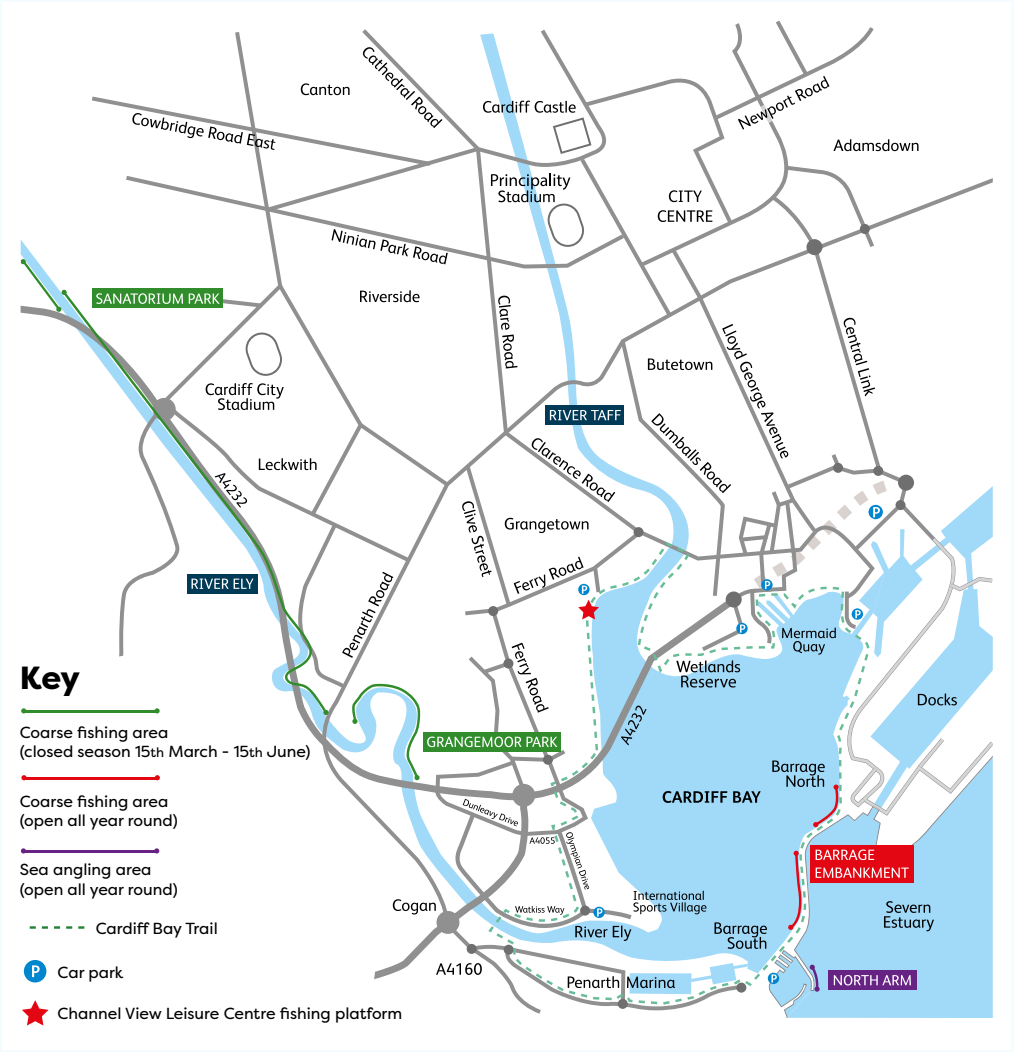


Coarse fishing rules

1. Fishing without a valid CHA Fishing Licence is a criminal offence, punishable by a financial penalty. The CHA Fishing Licence is not transferable. It must not be lent, sold or otherwise transferred to any other person. CHA Fishing Licences must be made available for inspection on request from a CHA Officer.
2. In order to purchase a CHA Fishing Licence, all anglers aged 13 or over must produce a valid NRW Rod Licence. Fishing without an NRW Rod Licence is a criminal offence, punishable by a financial penalty.
3. Anglers under the age of 13 must be accompanied at all times by an adult over the age of 18 in possession of a valid CHA Fishing Licence.
4. Fishing is only permitted within fishing areas designated by CHA. A detailed plan is available for inspection if you are unsure. Fishing outside of a designated area is a criminal offence, punishable by a financial penalty.
5. The coarse angling closed season is in force on the River Ely from 15th March to 15th June. Other designated fishing areas in Cardiff Bay are open all year round.
6. Fishing is only permitted from an hour before sunrise to an hour after sunset.
7. Fishing from boats or any other vessels is not permitted.
8. Game fishing (salmon and sea trout) is not permitted.
9. All fish caught must be returned alive to the water.
10. The use of live bait is not permitted.
11. All equipment must be thoroughly cleaned after use to prevent the spread of disease and unwanted species (eg zebra mussels) to other waters. The use of keep nets is not permitted.
12. Anglers must respect other members of the public, including other water users, and keep disturbance and noise to a minimum. Anglers must not disturb other wildlife or damage vegetation. Sites must be kept clear of litter.

Any breach of the above rules may result in your CHA Fishing Licence being terminated and/or may result in CHA refusing to issue you with further Fishing Licences.

Permitted fishing zones in Cardiff Bay



This document has been produced by Cardiff Harbour Authority in English and Welsh.

cardiffharbour.com
T: 029 2087 7900
E: CardiffHarbour@cardiff.gov.uk

Date of publication: October 2026