



RIVER WYE
Flowing 152 miles between England and Wales, the River Wye is a match fishing favourite but its diverse stock of species will thrill any river angler. The lower reaches are renowned for salmon fishing, while upriver of Hereford is ideal for targeting a mixture of coarse species, like barbel, pike, chub and more. Hereford and District Angling Association control several beats throughout the river and offers a variety of different membership types and day passes. Prices vary. hdaa.org.uk

CHESIL BEACH
Stretching 18 miles from West Bay to Portland, Dorset's Chesil Beach is one of the UK's most popular coastal angling spots and its list of potential target species is huge, including mackerel, bass, cod, turbot, plaice and others — just pay attention to the tides. Highlights include Abbotsbury and the nearby “Dragon’s Teeth”, known for early-season cod, while West Bexington offers mackerel in summer and bass in autumn. Fishing is generally free, but some areas are private. visit-dorset.com

RIVER SEVERN
Running from the Welsh Cambrian Mountains through Shropshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire before emptying into the Bristol Channel, the River Severn is the country's longest river. Best known for coarse fishing, particularly barbel and chub in the middle reaches, it's also one of the most important rivers in the country for migratory fish like eel, salmon and trout. Local angling clubs offer day and season tickets. Prices vary. visitsevernvalley.uk

RIVER TAY
The River Tay is Scotland's largest and most accessible salmon river, covering 119 miles across central and highland Scotland. If you're chasing the “king of fish”, this is undoubtedly the best spot, although you can also find coarse fish species and wild trout. Salmon season typically runs from mid-February to October. Salmon fishing is subject to rules on catch limits, mandatory release periods and using appropriate bait. For the latest guidance, refer to local council websites.

TOP UK SPOTS FOR CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

If your catch of the day is more about cracking clay, head to one of these UK shooting spots — suitable for all levels.

BISLEY, SURREY
Ideal for novices and seasoned pros alike, Bisley's Long Siberia ground is home to the UK's highest clay tower. Sign up for clay shooting lessons, automated pay and play or annual memberships. bisleyshooting.co.uk

PURDEY AT THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE, BERKSHIRE
The grounds at Royal Berkshire encompass unspoilt woodland and quintessential English countryside with a variety of shooting drives. Currently undergoing refurbishment, it's still open for tuition and events, including simulated day games. purdey.co.uk

COUNTY CLAYS, PERTHSHIRE
The prestigious County Clays in Perthshire is home to the largest sporting clay pigeon range in Scotland. Suitable for beginners and experienced shots, it offer a range of all-level activities and experiences. countyclays.co.uk

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The sumptuous and inviting setting plays host to an array of enticing hospitality options, catering for intimate groups seeking a fine-dining experience in the restaurant or private dining room, with locally sourced ingredients and seasonal menus. For those interested in a more laid-back option, the conservatory lounge has an informal menu full of hearty guilty pleasures. The bar and cellar are both equally well stocked, with friendly and knowledgeable staff on hand to create your favourite tippie.

With a team of expert shooting instructors ready to guide complete novices or seasoned shots, the venue allows for a clay pigeon experience to be remembered. The Holland & Holland team host several fun and relaxed events, some of which have remarkable prizes available for those keen to test their competitive spirit. The venue is open all year round and is a fun day out for all

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