

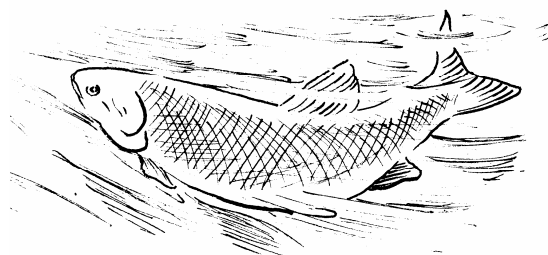


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## Fish and Fishing

Rhayader, or Rhaeadr Gwy to give its Welsh name, means Waterfall on the Wye, and indeed it is a town surrounded by fantastic upland rivers, streams and reservoirs. It was also renowned in years past for its wily salmon poachers!

The best places to try and see fish are from the river bridges that can be found just off the A470 at Marteg and Llanwrthwl, off the B4518 to Elan Valley at Dolfallen and in the town itself in the Gro Park, Waun Capel Park and Cwmdauddwr Bridge. The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust also arrange special events to watch the leaping salmon at Gilfach Nature Reserve in the autumn – for details telephone: 01597 823298.



**ELAN VALLEY RESERVOIRS** - Situated in the heart of the Cambrian Mountains, 3 miles west of Rhayader, lies a series of four wonderful Reservoirs and Dams: Caban Coch, Garreg Ddu, Pen-y-Garreg and Craig Goch that together create a total of 850 acres of wilderness water. Each of these reservoirs support an abundance of wild brown trout and are also stocked with brown trout from the local angling association's own hatchery. Fly fishing only is permitted on the Elan Valley Reservoirs.

**LLYNGWYN** - Llyngwyn is a 16 acre spring fed natural lake situated in a secluded area 3 miles east of Rhayader, accessible off the A44 and the A470. As long ago as the 12th century this lake was stocked with Carp by the Cistercian Monks from nearby Abbey-Cwm-Hir. The lake was fished by the Monks on their travels from the Abbey at Strata Florida. The same strain of Carp still exists in the lake today. Fishing for these Carp is allowed in the bay of the lake (from the landing stage to the island). Llyngwyn is mainly a Rainbow water but there are also some Brown Trout. The lake is stocked regularly with Rainbow Trout. Fly fishing only for Trout. Access is for anglers only.

**RIVER WYE** - Excellent Brown Trout and Grayling fishing is available. Apart from the natural head of Brown Trout the river is also stocked with brown trout from the local angling association's own hatchery. The Wye is also renowned for its Salmon fishing with the Salmon reaching the upper parts of the Wye towards the end of the Season.

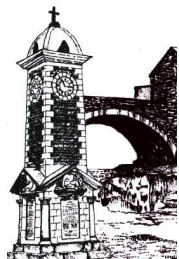
**RIVER ELAN** - This river is one of the main tributaries of the Upper Wye running from the Elan Valley Reservoirs and joining the Wye 1½ miles south of Rhayader. The Elan provides excellent opportunity for catching Pike, Grayling and Brown Trout and is also stocked with Brown Trout. When the water in the Wye is too high for fishing, the Elan provides a good alternative as the level of water in this river is regulated by the Elan Valley Dams.



**RIVER MARTEG** - The River Marteg is a small stream and runs into the River Wye 3 miles north of Rhayader. This supports a good stock of small wild Brown Trout and is famous for its run of spawning Salmon in the autumn.

### ***RHAYADER & ELAN VALLEY ANGLING ASSOCIATION***

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