

## River Derwent

**Rules:** Catch and Release, No Lures and Barbless hooks

Thank you for joining us here on Haddon Estate, to fish the River Derwent on a day ticket. We hope you enjoy your time with us. Here is some useful information to get the most out of your day.

The Derwent gives the angler the opportunity to use a variety of different techniques as, unlike the Wye, you can fish flies below the surface along with wading being permitted.

Please take care whilst wading in the Derwent, we would recommend using a wading staff.

There are large numbers of wild brown trout and grayling, as well as a growing number of resident wild rainbows which have dropped down from the Wye. The Derwent fishes well throughout all four seasons and is an excellent water for anglers of all abilities.

The river can be accessed either from the car park of the hotel, or by turning down School Lane (opposite the hotel), then onto Woodhouse Lane (sign posted 'Private Road').

The fishing on the river extends to over three miles of prime double bank fishing, with the Baden Powell hut on the downstream access offering a place to rest and relax during your time on the water. Please feel free to use the tea and coffee making facilities at the Baden Powell hut.

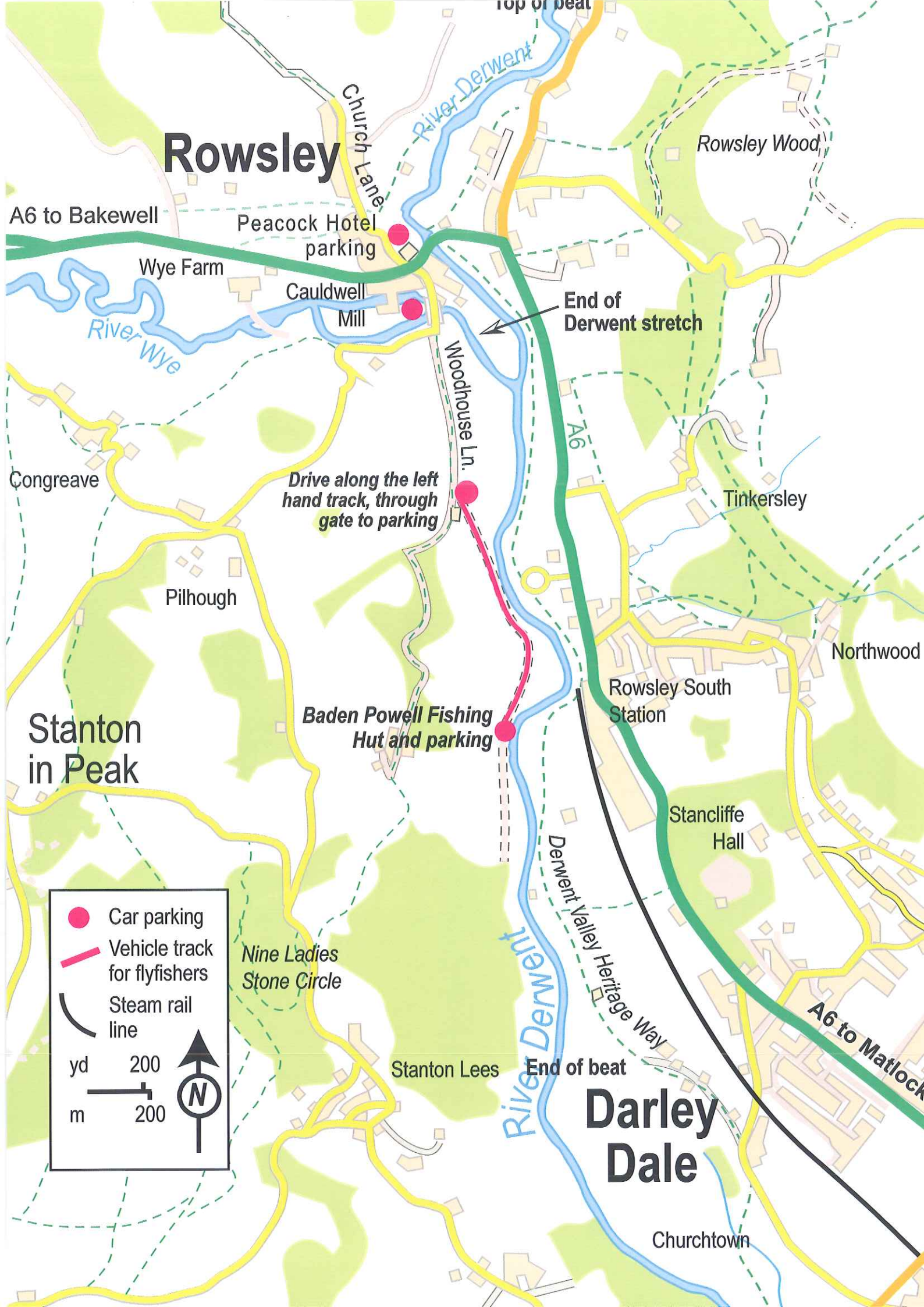
The dry fly angler will catch fish on the usual patterns - Large Dark Olives, Grannom and Iron Blues during the early season, followed by a good fall of Hawthorns. The potential for a good Mayfly hatch is often overlooked by those who visit the area and can provide a full day's surface sport. For the high summer and early autumn season the angler should have a box well stocked with caddis imitations such as the Klinkhammer, Balloon Caddis and the orange butt Championship Caddis in sizes from 12-16, as well as Blue Winged Olive emergers, duns and spinners from 16-20. Make sure to keep some foam beetles and daddy long-legs to hand and be willing to fish well in to dusk. No Derbyshire angler should be without some Griffiths Gnats in 16-20s, and these will rise fish throughout the season.

The excellent hatches of olive species can make for some wonderful spider fishing and those technically minded anglers will have excellent results fishing a team of two or three soft hackled flies across and down, or even upstream. A beaded Endrick's on the point is perfect, and then a selection of Waterhen Bloa, Snipe and Purple, Partridge and Orange or the Greenwell's spider can be deadly during early-hatch conditions.

The nymph fishing on the Derwent is of very high quality, and there can be no doubt that those of you who have mastered the modern Czech and French styles of fishing will register the highest returns in most conditions. The variety of water available lends itself to the all-round angler, with the shallower riffles often packed with various species of both insect and fish. Bring a selection of beaded Pheasant Tails, Hare's Ears, shrimps and caddis nymphs for the best results. If the water is carrying colour, use the same flies with orange, red or green hot spots to ensure your fly gets seen. In some areas the river can be fast and deep, so having some flies with extra weight can be a real advantage. It can be necessary to fish very close to the river bed - particularly for the winter grayling angler. For the grayling angler a box with some red or pink tags and some pink shrimps will do well, but don't forget those subtler imitations if the water is clear.

Please contact the Riverkeeper on 07718636128 if you have any questions or witness any pollution or poaching incidents.

**Thank you and 'Tight Lines'.**



# Rowsley

A6 to Bakewell

Peacock Hotel parking

Wye Farm

Cauldwell Mill

Woodhouse Ln.

Drive along the left hand track, through gate to parking

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Pilhough

# Stanton in Peak

Baden Powell Fishing Hut and parking

Nine Ladies Stone Circle

Stanton Lees

End of beat

# Darley Dale

Churchtown

Church Lane

River Derwent

Rowsley Wood

End of Derwent stretch

Tinkersley

Northwood

Rowsley South Station

Stancliffe Hall

Derwent Valley Heritage Way

A6 to Matlock

- Car parking
- Vehicle track for flyfishers
- Steam rail line

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