

# Derbyshire Wye

**Rules: Dry Fly Only, Catch and Release, No Wading and Barbless Hooks**

Thank you for joining us here on Haddon Estate, to fish the River Wye 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.

Haddon Estate ceased stocking on the Wye in 2004 and since then, has operated a thriving, catch & release wild fishery with strictly bankside, dry-fly only fishing. The Wye gives the angler the chance to dry fly fish for Wild Brown Trout, Grayling and the U.K.'s only population of Spring Spawning Wild Rainbow Trout. The dry fly rule on the Wye dates back to the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865, when James Ogden founder of the dry fly, demonstrated to the Estate's Steward and Bakewell's public, the catching prowess of an imitation Mayfly.

Access to the river can be split up into four beats:

## **Caudwell's Mill – Congreave**

The beat meanders through Rowsley Meadows underneath Peak Tor. The beat has plenty of fish holding areas underneath tree canopy, fast water and in back eddies. The beat is recommended for when there is bright sunlight or stronger winds. Double bank fishing with bridges to cross the river.

## **Haddon Park Farm – Pumping Station**

This beat is Double bank, but we would recommend fishing the A6 bank. This will enable you to fish unobstructed from the meadow side, casting underneath the tree lined far side. Pool and riffle sequences along the entire beat to test your drag free fishing. In strong wind and sunlight, find shelter by casting underneath tree canopy and finding wind free spots on the meanders.

## **Pumping Station – Sheepwash Bridge**

The fishing extends through the showground, into the recreation ground (cricket pitch area) and through Bakewell itself. It then extends through the two meadows upstream of the main town centre road bridge, up to the Sheepwash Bridge (a single stone footbridge where our double bank fishing ends). Glides, pools and riffles throughout. If you wish to fish through the town centre, **PLEASE** find suitable times in which to do it. Early mornings or late afternoon/evenings are best. This will ensure safer fishing, but still be very careful with casting around members of the public. No fishing off the bridges please.

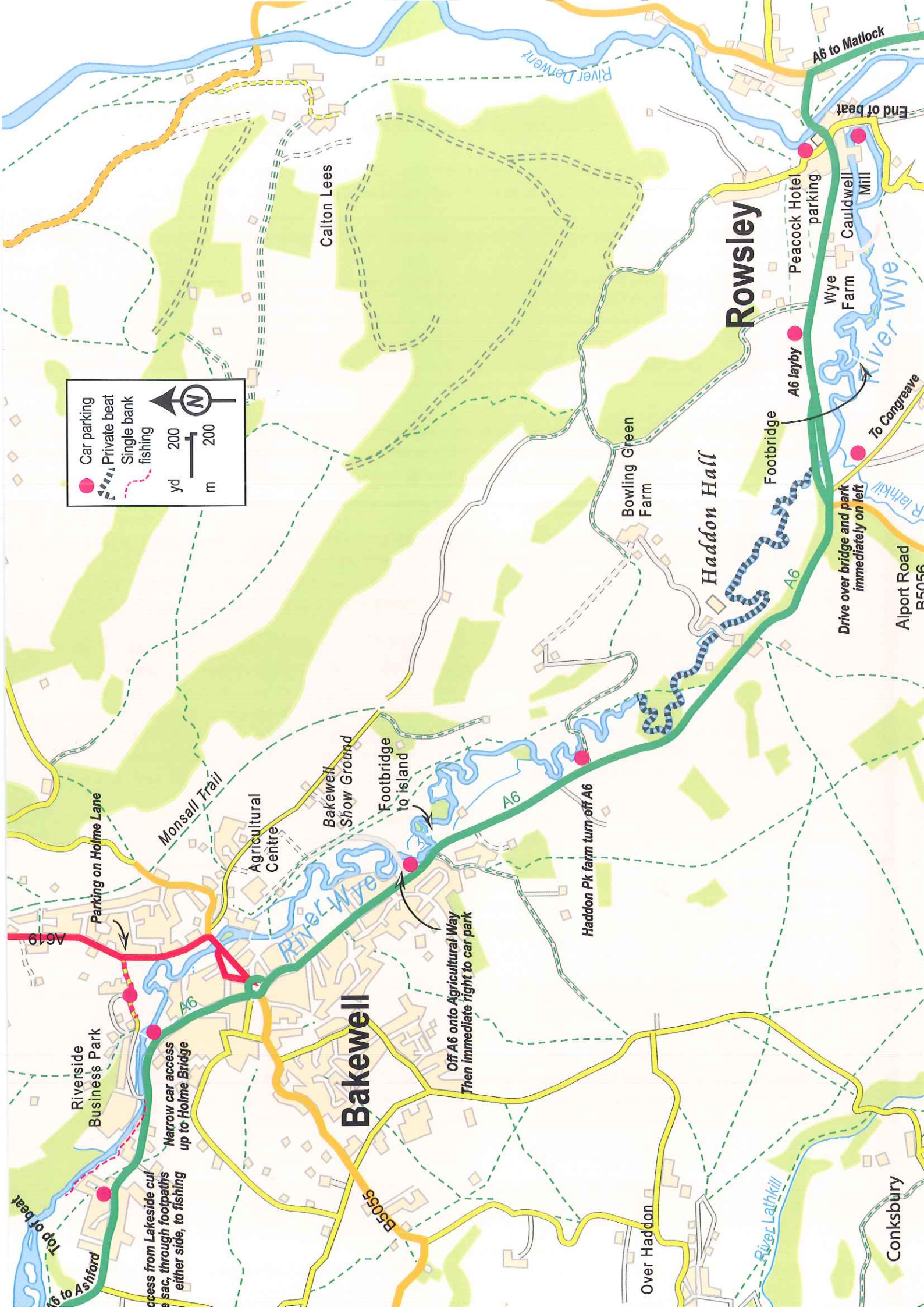
## **Sheepwash Bridge – Ashford Lake (Left hand bank looking upstream)**

Our single bank fishing can be accessed from Lakeside Road just north of Bakewell. Park on this Cul De Sac road and head half way up the street, where you will find a footpath either side between the houses. Follow the footpath between the houses either way and then down to the river. You may either go upstream where you will eventually meet our 'End of Fishing' sign, or downstream through a field past Aldi, then eventually coming back to the Sheepwash Bridge. Access can be tricky later in the season due to bankside growth, but it can certainly be an adventure!

Anglers will catch fish on the usual dry fly patterns - Large Dark Olives, Grannom and Iron Blues during the early season, followed by a good fall of Hawthorns. The Mayfly hatch can come anytime either side of the 1<sup>st</sup> June. For the high summer and early autumn season, anglers should have a box well stocked with caddis imitations such as the Balloon Caddis, orange butt Championship Caddis in sizes from 12-16, as well as Blue Winged Olive imitations like the F Fly and Rusty Spinner 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. Keep your leaders long and your tippet light.

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

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



● Car parking  
▲ Private beat  
- Single bank fishing  
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# Rowsley

# Bakewell

## Haddon Hall

Calton Lees

Bowling Green Farm

Peacock Hotel parking

End of beat

Wye Farm

Cauldwell Mill

Drive over bridge and park immediately on left

To Congreave

Alport Road B5056

Over Haddon

Conksbury

A619

A6 to Ashford

Parking on Holme Lane

Monsall Trail

Agricultural Centre

Bakewell Show Ground

Footbridge to island

A6

Haddon Pk farm turn off A6

Off A6 onto Agricultural Way  
Then immediate right to car park

Narrow car access up to Holme Bridge

access from Lakeside cul de sac, through footpaths either side, to fishing

River Lathkill

River Derwent

A6 to Matlock

Footbridge

R Lathkill