

Fishing on the Haddon Estate



The
Peacock
at Rowsley

Heritage, reimagined

Set in the heart of the Peak District, The Peacock at Rowsley is a heritage luxury hotel and restaurant where hospitality and timeless history meet.

A boutique destination to dine, unwind, or celebrate – where everyone's welcome, and tradition inspires togetherness. Come for the history, stay for the unexpected and leave with a story all of your own.



A photograph of two men fly fishing in a river. They are wearing waders, hats, and sunglasses. The man on the left is holding a fishing rod, and the man on the right is also holding a rod. They are standing in the water, and the background shows a stone wall and greenery.

Try your hand at fly fishing

The Peacock at Rowsley offers a rare opportunity to experience wild dry fly fishing in Derbyshire, thanks to our exclusive access to the pristine rivers of the Haddon Estate.

Why not combine a relaxing stay with a spot of fishing? If you're staying at The Peacock, you can enjoy access to these exceptional waters. We also have access to a number of highly experienced guides who can help you get the most from your day and introduce you to the fine art of dry fly fishing. Beginners are very welcome.

Residential fly fishing at The Peacock at Rowsley

The Peacock is pleased to offer fishing for residents on the Haddon Estate, home to some of the finest and most extensive dry fly fishing for wild trout in the country. Anglers travel from around the world to experience it. The Derbyshire Wye is particularly renowned as the only river in the UK with spring-spawning wild rainbow trout, alongside a thriving population of wild brown trout and grayling.

Day Tickets are available exclusively to hotel residents and guided guests. You'll have access to over seven miles of the River Wye or three and a half miles of the River Derwent. Grayling fishing is also available through the winter months for guided days and hotel residents only.

High Season

- Max 4 rods per river
- Prime dry fly season, with excellent hatches of Mayfly when the time is right.

Low Season

- Max 4 rods per river
- A quieter time of year, but ideal for those seeking a technical, thoughtful day on the water.

Grayling Season

- Max 2 rods per river
- A quieter time of year, but ideal for those seeking a lovely Winter's day searching for the Lady of the Stream.

Please contact reception for seasonal fishing rates and dates.



The Derwent

General description

The Derwent is a peat-coloured river which starts at Ladybower reservoir and runs into the River Trent around Derby.

Fishing stretch

The stretch of The Derwent is approx 3 - 3.5 miles long, bordering with Chatsworth fishery approximately 1 mile upstream of The Peacock at Rowsley car park extending downstream 1 meadow below Hill Carr Sough. We have double bank access.

Fish species

The Derwent contains Wild Brown Trout, Grayling and some Wild Rainbow Trout coming down from the Wye.

Rules

Catch and release and barbless hooks.

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- The Peacock at Rowsley car park ///obstinate.awards.aquatics
- Confluence ///unless.risky.birthdays
- Derwent Hut ///confused.disbelief.owns

Detailed Derwent information

Rod length: 8ft to 10ft. Line weight: 3 - 5 weight for dries in indicator fishing or Euro Nymphing set up. You will be wading, so a good quality pair of chest waders, and wading staff if required.

Flies:

Be observant, match the hatch on the day. Every day can be different!

- April - Large Dark Olives, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats
- May - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Rusty Spinner, Mayfly
- June - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Rusty Spinner, Mayfly
- July - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Sherry Spinner, Terrestrials
- August - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Rusty Spinner, Terrestrials
- September - Blue Winged Olives, Large Dark Olives, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Needle Fly

Specific flies:

Championship Caddis, sizes 13, 15

Griffiths Gnat, sizes 16, 18 and 20

Kilnkhammer, sizes 14, 16, 18, 20

Nymphs: Caddis, Shrimp, Mayfly, Olive patterns

Winter fishing for Grayling

- Barbless hooks, catch and release
- Rod length: 8ft - 10ft, 3 -5 weight and Euro Nymphing set ups.
- Leaders' dependant on tactics and water levels. Both Euro Nymphing, indicator and duo method are recommended.

Flies:

All manner of nymphs, weighted and unweighted



The Derbyshire Wye

General description

The Derbyshire Wye is a limestone river (runs clear unless heavy rain) which starts above Buxton and enters The Derwent in Rowsley 300m below Caudwells mill.

Fishing stretch

The stretch is approx 7.5 miles long, starting at the junction with The Derwent, extending to just below Ashford Lake. Approx 7 miles is double bank, with 0.5 miles of single bank at the top boundary.

Fish species

The Wye contains Wild Brown Trout, Grayling and Wild Rainbow Trout.

Rules

Dry fly only, catch and release, no wading and barbless hooks.

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- Congreave ///spurring.marmalade.museum
- Haddon Park Farm ///lawful.toothpick.kinks
- Pumping station ///discussed.encoding.retraced
- Holme Lane ///district.noble.costly

Derbyshire Wye information

Rod length: 8ft to 10ft. Line weight: 3 - 5 weight. Leader length: Minimum 9ft up to 12ft, sometimes up to 15ft (wind strength dictates). Tapered leader recommended, and leader strength between 3lb and 5lb. Clothing: dress as drab as possible, try to avoid bright hats.

Flies:

Be observant, match the hatch on the day. Every day can be different!

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- May - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Rusty Spinner, Mayfly
- June - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Rusty Spinner, Mayfly
- July - Blue Winged Olive, Sedge, F Fly, Gnats, Hawthorn, Sherry Spinner, Terrestrials
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Specific flies:

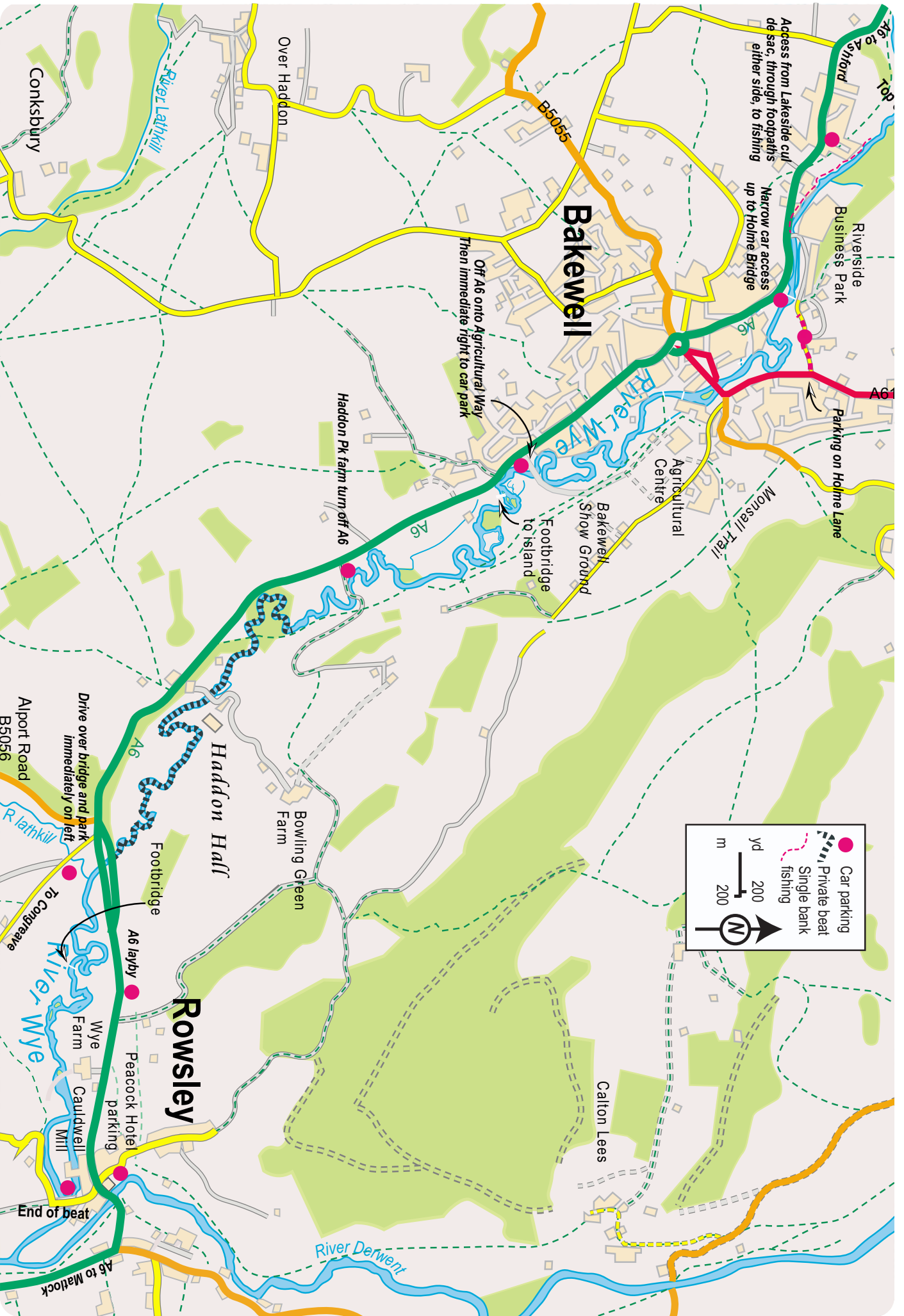
Championship Caddis, sizes 13, 15
Griffiths Gnat, sizes 16, 18 and 20

Winter fishing for Grayling

- No wading
- Barbless hooks
- Catch and release
- Wet fly and dry fly permitted
- Rod length: 8ft - 10ft, 3 -5 weight and Euro Nymphing set ups.
- Leaders' dependant on tactics and water levels. Both Euro Nymphing, indicator and duo method are recommended.

Flies:

All manner of nymphs, weighted and unweighted





Fishing is exclusively available to overnight guests of The Peacock at Rowsley

To book: Contact our team at reception
or email enjoymore@thepeacockatrowsley.com

Early booking is recommended due to limited rod availability.

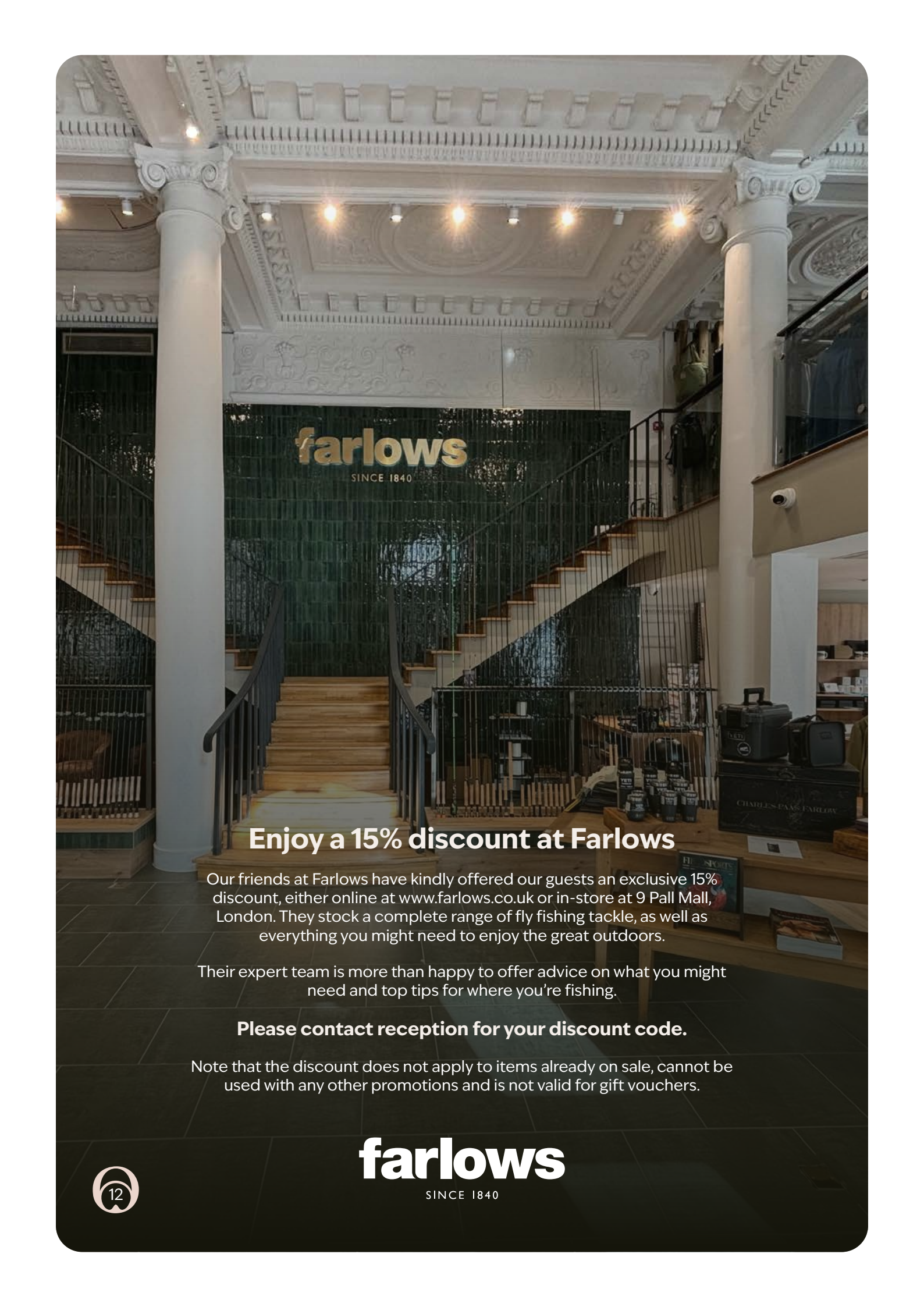
All tickets must be pre-booked and are issued at the discretion
of the Riverkeeper. We operate on a first-come, first-served
basis with respect for river health and guest experience.



An unforgettable dining experience

At The Peacock at Rowsley, dining goes far beyond the plate. It's a story of heritage, passion, and precision, where each dish reflects our respect for ingredients and the landscape that surrounds us.

Menus continuously evolve, guided by the seasons and inspired by the region. We are proud to use locally sourced ingredients, working with trusted Derbyshire farmers, foragers, and artisans, sourcing produce that's as fresh as it is flavoursome.



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Enjoy a 15% discount at Farlows

Our friends at Farlows have kindly offered our guests an exclusive 15% discount, either online at www.farlows.co.uk or in-store at 9 Pall Mall, London. They stock a complete range of fly fishing tackle, as well as everything you might need to enjoy the great outdoors.

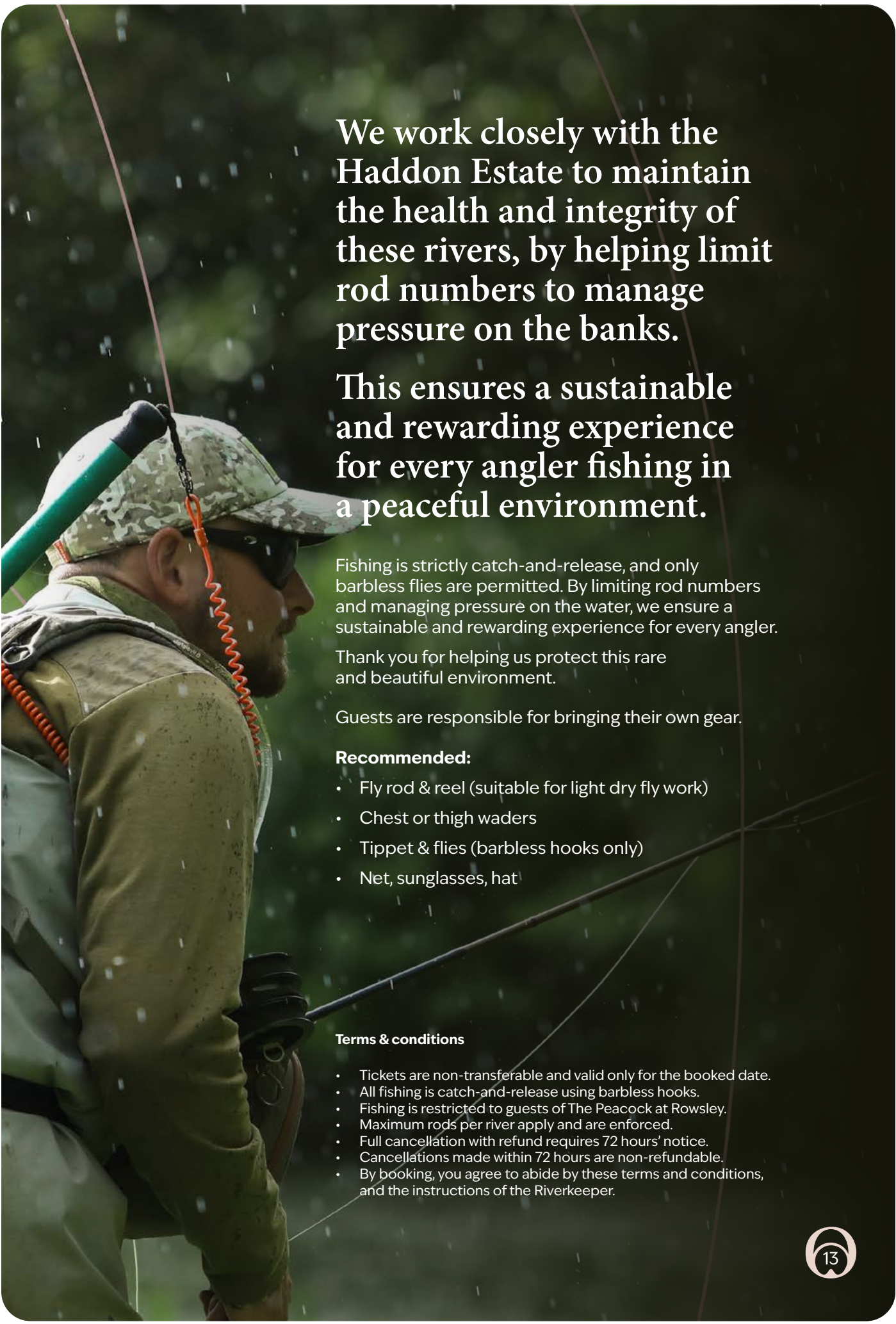
Their expert team is more than happy to offer advice on what you might need and top tips for where you're fishing.

Please contact reception for your discount code.

Note that the discount does not apply to items already on sale, cannot be used with any other promotions and is not valid for gift vouchers.



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We work closely with the Haddon Estate to maintain the health and integrity of these rivers, by helping limit rod numbers to manage pressure on the banks.

This ensures a sustainable and rewarding experience for every angler fishing in a peaceful environment.

Fishing is strictly catch-and-release, and only barbless flies are permitted. By limiting rod numbers and managing pressure on the water, we ensure a sustainable and rewarding experience for every angler.

Thank you for helping us protect this rare and beautiful environment.

Guests are responsible for bringing their own gear.

Recommended:

- Fly rod & reel (suitable for light dry fly work)
- Chest or thigh waders
- Tippet & flies (barbless hooks only)
- Net, sunglasses, hat

Terms & conditions

- Tickets are non-transferable and valid only for the booked date.
- All fishing is catch-and-release using barbless hooks.
- Fishing is restricted to guests of The Peacock at Rowsley.
- Maximum rods per river apply and are enforced.
- Full cancellation with refund requires 72 hours' notice.
- Cancellations made within 72 hours are non-refundable.
- By booking, you agree to abide by these terms and conditions, and the instructions of the Riverkeeper.

A group of four cyclists are riding along a gravel path that winds through a wooded area. The cyclist in the foreground is a man with a beard, wearing a red jacket, dark trousers, and a grey helmet, riding a red mountain bike. Behind him, three other cyclists are visible: one in a bright green jacket, one in a blue jacket, and one in a dark jacket further back. The path is surrounded by trees with bare branches, suggesting a cool season. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

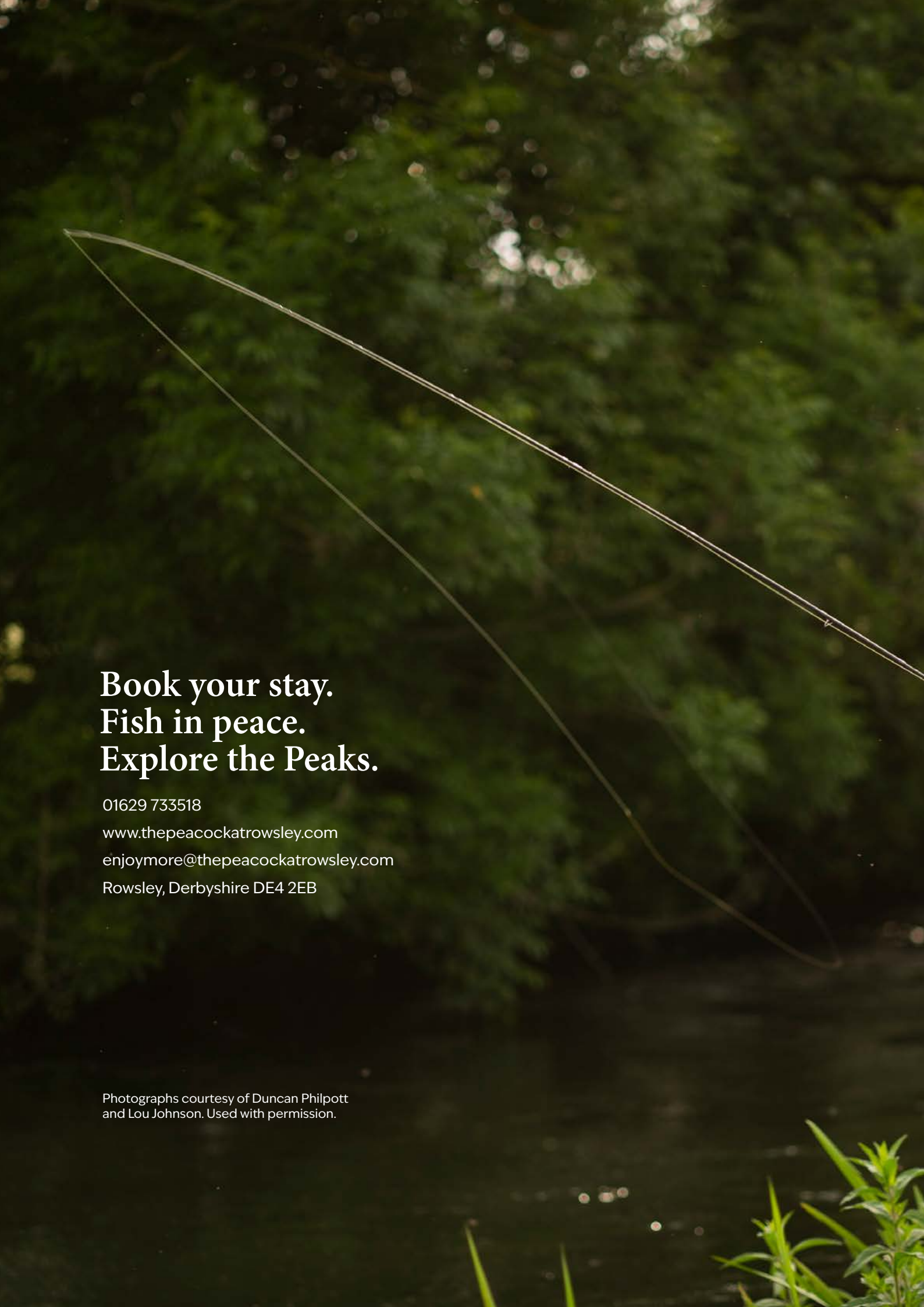
Take advantage of a 20% discount on bike hire from Hassop Station. With easy access to the Monsal Trail, it's the perfect way to explore the Peaks on two wheels.

Ask at reception for more details.



All guests are welcome to enjoy complimentary rounds at Bakewell Golf Club, a picturesque 9-hole course with stunning views over the Derbyshire Dales.

Speak to reception to arrange your tee time.



**Book your stay.
Fish in peace.
Explore the Peaks.**

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