

River Hodder – Lower Hodder Beat:

The Society controls a stretch of approximately two & a half miles from the confluence of the Hodder and Ribble upstream to above Black Wheel Pool. This water is split into two beats the upper Hodder beat - above Lower Hodder Bridge and the lower Hodder beat from the Ribble confluence to Spring Wood.



Tail of pool by Winckley Farm

The Lower Hodder Beat is lovely trout water consisting of a number of pools and riffles. In the middle are the remnants of the old fish pass, which just adds to the interest of this beat. The fishing is mainly for trout and grayling with migratory fish as a bonus in favourable conditions.



Pool below the old fish counter

These beats provide opportunities to fish for trout and grayling with a bonus of migratory fish when there is a little water on. Once there is a rise of water, especially after May there is always a chance of a sea trout with these frequently caught on Mepps type spinners. When the salmon are running they too can be caught in Meadow Nook, the pool below the counter and in the run towards Hodder Foot.



Looking upstream from old counter towards Meadow Nook

From 15th March - 30th June inclusive fishing in the Hodder is fly only when the water level is below the markers on the weirs and Lower Hodder Bridge. When the marker at Lower Hodder bridge is covered when spinning with small baits can prove successful.

From 1st July – 28th February following inclusive any legitimate style, with the exception of maggot, shrimp, prawn or ledgering, is allowed.