

River Hodder – Upper 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.



Teddy Wheel looking downstream

The Upper Hodder beat is on the right bank from the top of Over Hacking Wood to the old bridge at Lower Hodder. It consists of several pools and well aerated riffles, typical trout habitat.



Looking upstream from Teddy Wheel

Just above the first bend there is a pool called Teddy Wheel which, given the right conditions, can hold fish as they wait to be able to get over the flow measure weir just above. The weir pool itself provides opportunities to fish an upstream nymph.



Looking downstream from the Pots

Entering the water from the top there are two tracks from the back of Hodder Place upstream to Black Wheel and the “pots”, both of which provide opportunities to catch salmon as they run through. In low water conditions there is excellent trout and grayling fishing with the occasional chub thrown in for good measure.



Looking upstream from the Pots towards Black Wheel



The Pots



Black Wheel looking upstream

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.