

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Tirawley

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballycastle PARISH Ballycastle COUNTY Maye (North).

### ANGLING (Fresh water)

*If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.*

RIVER ~~or lake~~ Ballinglen. Nearest point to town (distance) Flows alongside.

#### KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout.

#### AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 6 lbs. Sea trout 1 lb. Brown trout 1/2 lb.

#### BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon July to Sept. Sea trout June onwards Brown trout April and May.

#### SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Silver Decter, Thunder & Lightning

Sea trout Silver Decter, Taunder & Lightning.

Brown trout Orange & Greuse, Hare's Ear

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

Entirely free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

None

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats on this river which may be fished from banks.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Ballycastle.

Local Angling Club None

Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

## SEA ANGLING

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### Brief notes on fishing grounds :

Large numbers of men are engaged in fishing on this north coast and I understand that the fishing grounds are remarkably good under normal conditions. In this parish the chief centres are Ballycastle (Bunatrahair) Bay and Belderg.

The majority of the fishermen, who earn their livelihood from the sea use the currack and of the two harbours, Belderg appears to be the better centre but that it is nine miles distant from Ballycastle and proper accommodation.

Angling in these waters is practically unknown excepting that a few use the long pole with a white feather and a splash of red (thread) in angling for pilleck and glassen from the piers and rocks at both places.

### Kinds of fish to be caught :

Salmon up to 26 lbs have been landed with the nets in the vicinity of Belderg where they average about 7 lbs. Similarly at Ballycastle they have been landed up to 25 lbs and the average here is 10 lbs. Bream, pilleck, glassen and mackerel of goodly size are said to be very plentiful.

### Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

At Belderg, Curracks only are available. There is no precedent as to what to base daily rates but since they require two men, I think 12/6 to 15/- would be acceptable; the fishermen would not specify a rate. Owners (all at Belderg): John Walsh, Anthony MacHale, Jas. Cerceran (2 boats, large and small), Frank MacAndrew, Tom McCann, Ml. Regan, Ml. Flannelly (2 boats).

Ballycastle : There are several curracks here also and two large fishing boats. One boat, a 27 footer, owned by Ml. Golden, Lisbrin, Ballycastle, requires four earmen and is available at £1 per day. The second boat (20 ft.) owned by John Heverin, Deenfeeny, B'castle, 15/- per day (2 men).

Where it is intended to engage a boat for more than one day, special terms may be arrived at.

Bait available locally ?

Fishing tackle ?

Natural bait, sand and fresh-water eels etc are easily obtained and a Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn. None /limited stock of artificial bait and tackle is kept at Messrs Lavelle's (Egan), Main Street, Ballycastle.

## GOLFING

Name of Club

None

No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ?

Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day

Per week

**RACING**

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year Flapper meeting discontinued during past few years.

Under which rules? -----

Situation of course -----

**HUNTING**

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds -----

Harriers North Mayo Hunt Club seldom reach this area.

Beagles -----

**COURSING**

Name of Club ----- None Meeting held annually? -----

**GREYHOUND RACING**

Name of Company None

Races on (nights) -----

**SHOOTING**

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

Principal sport in this area is that with greuse and snipe which abound in the very large tracts of mill and bog from Ballycastle westwards and the wild geese and duck which will be found in considerable numbers in the mountain marshes and lakes. Near Ballycastle and principally around Ballinglen, the woodcock is plentiful. For those who enjoy the sport, hundreds of seals occupy the caves and rocks round the coast.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

Mr Tom McDennell, Glencalry Ledge, Belderg, Ballina owns 8,000 acres of rough sheeting some of which is outside this parish (available at low rates in lots)  
Mr James King, Glenlessera Ledge, Ballycastle has the sheeting rights over 1,100 acres in the neighbourhood of Glenlessera.  
The Land Commission also holds the rights of large areas in this district.

Shooting Club None Secy. -----

**CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING**

Name of Club None Competitions held? -----

**ROWING AND SAILING**

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

None



## GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following:  
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football Ballycastle Senior Football Club. Co. Champions 1942.

Hurling None

Handball None Handball alley? No

Soccer None

Rugby None

Cricket None

Hockey None

Bowls None

Bowling (on public roads) None

Lawn Tennis None Kinds of courts \_\_\_\_\_

Croquet None

Billiards One table at Brewa's Hall, Ballycastle.

Badminton None

Table Tennis None

Bridge Club None

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing) None

## ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club None Events held under rules of \_\_\_\_\_  
do. \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.)  
in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Sports Meeting - no recognised rules Local Committee.  
to be held this year on July 18th. Promoters \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern at St. Patrick's Well, Downpatrick No promoters.  
Garland Sunday - July 25th. \_\_\_\_\_  
Pattern at St. Bride's Well, Kilbride. \_\_\_\_\_  
Garland Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
Pattern at St. Pien's Well, Bellinglen \_\_\_\_\_  
Garland Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

The patterns at the holy wells are not so popular as in <sup>previous</sup> recent years  
and the attendances are sometimes very poor. Other than the stations  
performed at the wells, there is little else attached to the patterns.

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Surveyor.

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RIVER OR LAKE Belderg Nearest point to town (distance) 9 miles B'castle.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

White trout up to 4 lbs.; Brown trout up to 1 lb.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout 2½ lbs Brown trout 1 lb

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ----- Sea trout July-Sept. Brown trout May-June

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Chin Doctor, Thunder & Lightning

Sea trout I could get no more specific information than that the "usual flies" will suit for Sea trout and a red fly for Brown trout.

Brown trout orange plover, hare's ear

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.  
Preserved.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

This river is preserved by Mr Jas. King, Glenlessera Lodge, Ballycastle.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Ballycastle is the nearest centre.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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RIVER OR LAKE Glenamoy Nearest point to town (distance) 14 miles B'Castle

#### KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Sea and Brown Trout. Salmon up to 20 lbs., S.T. 3 lbs and BT. 1/2 lb.

#### AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 10 lbs. Sea trout 1 1/2 lbs. Brown trout 1/2 lb.

#### BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon July, to Sept. Sea trout July-Sept. Brown trout June onwards

#### SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Black Dectar, Lemen & Grey, Thunder & Lightning  
Sea trout Black Dectar, Lemen & Grey, Thunder & Lightning.  
Brown trout Cennamara Black, Orange & Greuse, Hare's Ear.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.  
That portion of the river in this parish is entirely free excepting stretch as under.

#### Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

From Bridge at Glencalry School downstream to the Boundary Pool is preserved by Mr Jas. King, Glenlessera Ledge, Ballycastle. About one mile of this stretch is in Ballycastle parish.

#### Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boat used here.

#### Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Nearest accommodation (hotel) is at Ballycastle; otherwise Glencalry Ledge, 1 mile or perhaps at Glenamoy in neighbouring parish.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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RIVER OR LAKE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Glealeasera Nearest point to town (distance) 7 miles B'castle

## KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout up to 1 lb and some White trout near mouth of river  
weighing up to 2½ lbs.

## AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout 1 lb Brown trout ½ lb (4 ozs.)

## BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Sea trout July onwards Brown trout June-Sept.

## SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----Sea trout Peter Ross or Grey and Red fly.Brown trout Orange & Grasse, March Brown.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

Partly free: Preserved stretch under.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Preserved by Mr Jas. King, Glealeasera Ledge, Ballycastle,  
1 mile left bank from mouth inwards.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Boats not usable.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Ballycastle.Local Angling Club None Membership Fee -----Secretary -----

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### ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE ~~XXXXXX~~ Ballymochugh Nearest point to town (distance) 1 mile east.

#### KINDS OF FISH HELD:

~~Small Brown Trout and only an occasional salmon.~~

#### AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout ----- Brown trout 1/2 lb.

#### BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ----- Sea trout ----- Brown trout June onwards.

#### SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----  
Sea trout -----  
Brown trout Greenwell's Glory, Hare's Ear, Blue Bettle, Silver Doctor.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.  
Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

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Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats on this stream  
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Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available): ●

Ballycastle  
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Local Angling Club None Membership Fee -----

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RIVER OR LAKE ~~XXXXXX~~ Killerduffer Nearest point to town (distance) 1 mile N.W.  
Sralagagh.

## KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout. Good trout stream; few salmon.

## AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 7 lbs. Sea trout 1 lb. Brown trout ½ lb.

## BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon July-Sept. Sea trout July-Sept. Brown trout June onwards.

## SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Silver DecterSea trout Silver DecterBrown trout Greenwell's Glory, Bluebottle, Hare's Ear,

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Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

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### ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE ~~Altderg~~ (Tributary of Owenmore) Nearest point to town (distance) 12 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:  
Salmon, Sea and Brown Trout. Salmon up to 15 lbs; S.T to 4 lbs.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:  
Salmon 7 lbs Sea trout 1 1/2 lbs Brown trout 1 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:  
Salmon July-Sept. Sea trout July-Sept. Brown trout June onwards

SUITABLE FLIES: *Portion of*  
Salmon "Usual flies - Dark" for all fish is the only information obtainable regarding this river which is considered very good for salmon and trout but very ~~very~~ awkwardly placed. It is very difficult to get at this river which is best approached from the Moygownagh side.  
Sea trout  
Brown trout

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.  
Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Crossmelina or Ballycastle are nearest but neither is convenient.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee

Secretary

DATE 30/6/43. (Signed) *C. O'Brien.* Surveyor.