

Fishing on the Dordogne River



FISHING PERMITS

Remember to check the fishing seasons for the fish in which you are interested and don't forget to buy a fishing permit or 'Carte de Pêche'.

Rivers and ponds in France are divided into 1st and 2nd Category (1er et 2eme Categorie) waters. The principal distinction is that on 1st Category waters you need to have an extra stamp on your permit, mainly in order to fish for trout and the other salmonides. This distinction is rendered irrelevant by the holiday fishing permit (Carte de Pêche de Vacances), which covers all types of fish and both categories of water.

Rivers are patrolled by gendarmes and by guardians de pêche to ensure that anglers have one.

The Carte de Pêche de Vacances covers you for 15 consecutive days and currently costs about 28 euros and can be used between 1st June and 30th November.

After 30th November and before 1st June an annual fishing permit is obligatory. Permits are usually sold in nearby cafes, bars, the local post office and, of course, in tackle shops.

FISHING GUIDES AND SEASONS

Most rivers lakes and ponds in France are open to the public provided that they have a fishing permit. Water is divided into two categories and 1st and 2nd and fishing seasons for the different species vary from department to department and vary depending on the category of water.

For all fresh water fishing you will need a fishing permit. In order to save you time I can obtain your fishing permit for you when you make your booking at La Pierre Plantee.

Trout and gudgeon:

River Dordogne /Lot Dept:

Season 12th March to 18th September.

Grayling:

River Dordogne /Lot Dept:

Season 21st May to 20th November.

Perch, Black Bass, Pike and Zander:

Season 14th May to 31st December, 16th April to 18th September.

Eels:

Only catch with worms and only up until midnight.

Salmon and sea trout fishing is not permitted.

All other fish may be fished for on any day of the year.

Fishing is from half an hour before dawn to half an hour after sun set except for carp for which it is possible to fish at night.