

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Tirawley

Town or Village Crossmolina PARISH Crossmolina COUNTY Mayo (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.

~~XXXXXX~~ LAKE Lough Conn. Nearest point to town (distance) One mile
Gortnor Abbey side.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Salmon, Brown Trout, Pike, Perch, Eels.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon 11 lbs Sea trout --- Brown trout 1 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Apr/May/June. Sea trout --- Brown trout September in normal weather. April/May also very good.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Black Doctor, Silver Doctor, Fenian, Golden Olive, Black Jointer
Size five is the suitable fly.

~~Sea trout~~
Brown trout Claret, Golden Olive, Olive and Grouse, Watson's Fancy, Wickham, Invicta, Connemara Black, Hare's Ear, Sooty Olive,
State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc. Green Oliv

Fishing Entirely Free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

None

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Michael Rowe, Anglers Nest, Crossmolina - 6 boats - 4 engines.
Phil. Mulderrig, Ballina St., Crossmolina - 1 boat with engine
Chas. Gallagher, Grange, Crossmolina - 1 " " "
Charge : 15/- per day, two men with engine.
12/- " " one " " "
15/- " " two " with oars.

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Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Crossmolina and Errew.

Local Angling Club LS. Conn & Cullen Angling & Preservation Assn. Membership Fee 5/-
Secretary (and Address) Mr. G.P. Durkan, Church St, Killala.

SEA ANGLING

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Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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None - inland district.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

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

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club Nearest at Ballina, 7 miles No. of holes 9

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 -----

Under which rules?

Situation of course

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds -----

Harriers North Mayo Hunt Club. Master, Mr F. Rowlette, Netley Park,
Crossmolina.

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:

There is an abundance of good rough shooting in the parish.

On Lough Conn and in the neighbourhood, wild duck and geese and curlew are very plentiful.

The extensive bog and moorland provide snipe and grouse in large numbers and quite close to Crossmolina, pheasant is not rare.

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

Preserved lands are :-

Knockglass estate, owned by Mr P. Rowe, "Eden", Ballina.

Inniscoe demesne, owned by Major Pratt.

Shooting Club None.

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CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club None

Competitions held?

ROWING AND SAILING

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

None.

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~~WATER~~ VILLAGE Crossmolina PARISH Crossmolina COUNTY Mayo (North).

ANGLING (Fresh water)

~~RIVER~~ LAKE Bunaveela Nearest point to town (distance) Nine miles
Near Nephin Beg.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout ----- Brown trout 1/4 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ----- Sea trout ----- Brown trout Very good any season

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----

Sea trout -----

Claret, Golden Olive, Olive & Grouse, Watson's Fancy,
Brown trout Wickham, Invicta, Connemara Black, Hare's Ear, Sooty Olive,
State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches Green Olive, etc.

Entirely free.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

~~Bunaveela is an ideal lake for the amateur or for the angler who favours the big bag rather than the big fish. It is recorded locally that one man caught 135 trout with rod and line in the space of a few hours.~~

~~The fish are small but very plentiful and, as one local expert says "The fish will fight among themselves for whatever you cast" Nevertheless the size 8 or 9 fly is advised.~~

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

~~No boat on the lake but by arrangement, Mr Michael Rowe, Crossmolina will provide one.~~

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

~~Errew or Crossmolina.~~

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

Secretary -----

DATE September 24th 1942

(Signed) Donor O'Brien
Surveyor.

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~~TOWN OR~~ VILLAGE Crossmolina PARISH Crossmolina COUNTY Mayo (North).

ANGLING (Fresh water)

~~RIVER OR~~ LAKE Lough Dahybhaun Nearest point to town (distance) Twelve miles
Belmullet road

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Numerous small brown trout and some white trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

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

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ----- Sea trout Fair all seasons Brown trout Good all seasons

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----
Sea trout } Claret, Golden Olive, Olive & Grouse, Watson's Fancy,
Brown trout } Wickham, Invicta, Connemara Black, Hare's Ear, Sooty Olive,
Green Olive. Sizes 5 to 7 flies.

State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.
Free but permission of surrounding landowners desirable although
there is never any trouble in this connection.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:
Mr H. Knox of Greenwood, Crossmolina, has some rights in this
lake but does not exercise them.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No boats on this lake but on request, a boat will be provided by
Mr Michael Rowe, Crossmolina.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Crossmolina.

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

Secretary -----

DATE September 24th 1942.

(Signed) Quok O'Brien
Surveyor.

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~~TOWN~~ VILLAGE Crossmolina PARISH Crossmolina COUNTY Mayo (North)

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER ~~at Crossmolina~~ Deel. Nearest point to town (distance) village. Flows through

KINDS OF FISH HELD:
Brown trout, Salmon, Pike.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:
Salmon 11 lbs Sea trout ---- Brown trout 1 lb.

BEST SEASONS FOR:
Salmon September onwards Sea trout Brown trout September onwards.

SUITABLE FLIES:
Salmon Black Doctor, Silver Doctor, Fenian, Golden Olive, Black Jointer.

Sea trout
Brown trout Claret, Golden Olive, Olive & Grouse, Watson's Fancy, Invicta
Wickham, Connemara Black, Hare's Ear, Sooty Olive, Green
State if angling is—"entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc. Olive.

Entirely Free.

~~Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors~~

The Deel is a late river and for some months of the year, in normal dry weather, the river is dried up entirely for a stretch of almost two miles. This is caused it seems, through the water, when at low level, escaping to the lake by means of a large hole or series of holes in the bank or bed. Even under these conditions, the Deel is considered one of our best salmon and trout spawning rivers but it would appear that every year, millions of fry are lost through this serious defect. There appears no doubt that, were the fault rectified, thousands of pounds worth of fry might then be saved and in addition, this river, Loughs Conn and Cullen and the river Moy and other tributaries and lakes would greatly benefit. Here also the size 5 fly is advised.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

The river is not navigable by boat for fishing purposes but may be fished from the banks.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Crossmolina.

Local Angling Club *None* Membership Fee
Secretary

DATE *September 24th '42.* (Signed) *Donor Quinn*
Surveyor.

Lough Conn - Boatmen, cont'd.

John Gallagher, Errew.	1 boat	no engine	10/-	day	2 men;	8/-	1 man		
A. Mulhearns, Errew	2 "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
John Garrett, "	1 "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
Mr. Walsh, "	1 "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

Conn is an exceptionally good fishing lake and the boatmen will be found to be particularly helpful. A pike weighing 53 lbs. was taken on rod and line here by Mr John Garvin, Cloghans, Ballina, in July 1920; This is a record catch for Ireland and Great Britain. A trout (brown), weighing 10 lbs 2 ozs was taken by the rod by Mr E. Rigby of Dublin, on September 30th, 1939. It should be noted that small size flies are used on the lake, size 5 being a popular fly.

Numerous small lakes, some of them very small, such as Lough Creevy, are reputed to contain very numerous small brown trout - some being up to one pound in weight. A boat is not needed on these lakes on which the fishing is free. The small fly, sizes 7 to 9 are used, of the same brand as used on Lough Conn.

*Conor O'Brien, Surveyor
Sept. 24th '42.*

ITA/2/8(7)
Anglers Nest,
Crossmolina,
Co. Mayo.
October 17th '42.

*Backs & Crossmolina
Parishes.*

The Secretary,
Irish Tourist Association,
Dublin.

ANGLING

Dear Sir,

I have completed my survey of Addergoole parish and completed forms are enclosed

In my reports on Backs and Crossmolina parishes I stated that there was not an angling club connected with Loughs Conn and Cullen. There is such a club and I had approached Mr Gerald Durkan who acts as club secretary and on being told by that gentleman that the Association was engaged in purely protection and preservation activities and was not an anglers' association, I did not mention this club in my reports.

I recently came across a letter-head bearing the title, "Loughs Conn and Cullen Angling and Preservation Association" and on making enquiries, found that the information which I had sent you was incorrect - the reason being that Mr Durkan is not himself an angler and acting in a temporary position as secretary.

I regret the necessity of correcting my reports and including the membership fee which is 5/-.

I am enclosing also my report for the week ending to-day. Next week I will continue with Moygownagh parish.

Regarding supplementary forms supplied re recreational amenities; to supply this detailed information would occupy perhaps a few days and I am sure that the facts concerning the parishes already worked would be desirable. Particulars of the parish just completed are of course, included in that report. Kindly advise me as to whether I should take time to make this revision.

Yours faithfully,

Donald O'Brien
Surveyor.