

GAMES AND RECREATIONS
SEA ANGLING

A.T.I. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

Brief notes on fishing grounds:

This north-western strip is considered the best sea fishing ground of the entire north coast of Mayo. The people of Perturlin and Portacley are almost entirely dependent on fishing for a livelihood and practically every man is engaged in fishing. Salmon, Pollack, Mackerel and Glasson are the principal fish in these waters. Bream too are caught but the main interest is in Salmon which are very plentiful under suitable conditions. Perturlin is perhaps the best centre for Salmon and during this season, which is considered a bad one, an average of 8 currachs each night for 21 nights during the month of June brought in 1,728 Salmon weighing over 5½ tons, averaging approx. 7 lbs. The Stags of Broadhaven, 3 miles out from Portacley is a very good Pollack and Glasson ground. All fishing is done from the currach with the exception of one motor boat at Perturlin and there is no Kinds of fish to be caught:

sea-angling whatever but for the periodic pre-war visits of Cross-Channel fishermen.

Fish caught : Salmon, Pollack, Glasson, Bream, Mackerel.

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

Practically every man living on or near the coast, owns or has an interest in a currach.

Charges per day for currachs range from 10/- to £2. Some are prepared to hire a currach with two men at 10/- per day, others want £1 per man whilst more will net go out with less than four men and want £2 per day for the four. It would be impossible to state a specific figure without assembling the men in a general meeting as no man will state a definite price without consulting his partners and I could easily be occupied for a fortnight on this task without satisfactory result.

The owner of the motor boat is Mr Pat O'Donnell, Shopkeeper, Perturlin and his charge per day is £2. Other boats are owned by :- Thos. Cerduff, Rossport Ferry, (2 men) £2 per day; John Cerduff, Rossport Ferry, (2 men) £2 per day; 2 boats owned by Mr Lenahan, Creg Ledge, Ballycroy, may be available if not engaged on net fishing.

Bait available locally? Sand Eels only. Fishing tackle? No unless lines and gut etc for trolling.

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

None

GOLFING

Name of Club. Nearest at Belmullet. 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.

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RACING

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I.T.A. TOP SURVEY
(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year **None** since Inver and Gertmellia fixture was discontinued at outbreak of war.

Under which rules? **Flapper.**

Situation of course **Gertmellia Strand**

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district: **None**

Foxhounds **---**

Harriers **---**

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:

This is a remarkably good district for grouse, snipe, wild duck, teal and ~~the~~ wild geese. The marshes and little lakes on the mountains, which stretch right across the parish, are said to teem with geese, duck and teal, in season. Grouse and snipe are very numerous on mountain and bog and the Golden Plover is very plentiful around the bogs at Glenamoy and elsewhere. Lenarevagh is perhaps the best mountain for grouse and snipe, and woodcock will also be found in large numbers at the feet of this hill. Hares are very numerous and generally speaking, this whole area is described as "teeming" with wild fowl.

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

Mr T. McDonnell, Glencalry Ledge, Belderg, owns Lenarevagh, Cregganmore and Shanaplye townlands; Lord Digby (agents, Messrs Goobedy, Tullamore, Offaly), Ballygally North and South, Muingingaun and other townlands in neighbouring parish; Mr Carson, K.C. Dublin, has the rights over Knockdaff.

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.

Nearest hotel **None**

Local Angling Club **-----**

Swimming centres **-----**

Boat-hire **-----**

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 None

Hurling None

Handball None

Handball alley? At Inver,
Gortmellia and Gortmellis Strand

Soccer None

Rugby None

Cricket None

Hockey None

Bowls None

Bowling (on public roads) None

COURSES

Lawn Tennis None

Kinds of courts

Croquet None

Billiards None

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.

"Flapper" Sports Meeting at Promoters Local Committee.
Glengad on 29th June

Stations at Holy Well, Cormill, CLAY PICNIC None
Pallathomas on 15th August.

Stations at St. Galligan's Well, Kilgalligan, Carrawteige on 15th Aug. None

Since the war started, the Inver and Gortmellia Horse and Pony Races and Sports at the strand have been discontinued but may be revived.

"Flapper" Sports Meeting there on July 18th this year.

Local committee.

(Signed)

DATE July 17th 1943.

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BARONY OF Erris

TOWN OR VILLAGE----- PARISH Kilcormen COUNTY Mayo (North).

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Tawnyabell Nearest point to town (distance) 3 mls. Belderg,
Also called Leaugerglass. 18 mls. Belmullet.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Very good trout lake; both White and Brown Trout up to 4 lbs.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Brown trout $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon ----- Sea trout July and August Brown trout April to September

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon ~~Embossed & Gassy, Thunder & Lightning~~

Sea trout Lemon & Grey, Thunder & Lightning,

Connemara Black, Hare's Ear, Orange & Greuse.

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

Preserved.

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Mr James King, Glenlessera Lodge, Belderg owns the greater portion:

The north-eastern corner is the subject of a legal dispute at

present but is rightly owned by a Mr Burns, resident in Northern Ireland.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

Mr King keeps a boat on this lake - not for hire.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):
Glencalry Lodge, Belderg; Hotel at Ballycastle, 13 miles.

Local Angling Club None. Membership Fee
Secretary

DATE July 17th 1943. (Signed) *Frank O'Brien*
Surveyor.

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BARONY OF Erris

TOWN OR VILLAGE ----- PARISH Kilcommen COUNTY Mayo (North) -----

ANGLING (Fresh water)RIVER OR LAKE Gweedaney Nearest point to town (distance) 17 miles Bel-mullet.
(Locally named "Granny" River)

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

~~White Trout and Brown Trout. A good spawning ground for W. Trout which have been caught up to 4 lbs here.~~

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon ----- Sea trout 1 lb Brown trout 2 lbs

BEST SEASONS FOR:

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

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----

Sea trout Black Doctor, Thunder & Lightning.

Brown trout Hart's Eye, Orange & Grapes.

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 - small stream

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Carrowteige and Barhauve, Rossport. Nearest Hotel
at Belmullet.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee

Secretary

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BARONY OF Erris

TOWN OR VILLAGE PARISH Kilcormican COUNTY Mayo (North).

ANGLING (Fresh water)

RIVER OR LAKE Muingnabha Nearest point to town (distance) Belmullet 15 mls.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

White Trout and Salmon and some very small Brown Trout.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

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

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon July/Sept. Sea trout July/Sept. Brown trout June / Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon Black Doctor, Lemon & Grey, Thunder & Lightning.

Sea trout Black Doctor, Lemon & Grey, Thunder & Lightning.

Brown trout Cannemara Black, Hare's Ear, Orange & Grease.

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

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

Lord Digby has the fishing rights on this river.

Agents are Messrs Geddes, Tullamore, Offaly.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

No Boats on this River.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Berhaune, Rossport. Nearest Hotel at Belmullet.

Local Angling Club Name Membership Fee
SecretaryDATE July 17th 1943.

(Signed)

Oscar O'Brien

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