

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

SPORTS AND GAMES

BARONY OF Erris

TOWN OR VILLAGE Belmullet or Binghamstown. PARISH Kilmore-Erris COUNTY Mayo (North)
 (Belmullet is neighbouring parish).

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 ~~xxxxxx~~ Not named on map but locally called "Purnace" River. Nearest point to town (distance) Belmullet 2 miles.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Some brown and white trout and fluke at mouth of river.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

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

BEST SEASONS FOR:

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

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon -----
 Sea trout Bluebottle
 Brown trout Bluebottle (this fly found effective for both fish).

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:

Small stream, no boat needed.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Belmullet.

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

Brief notes on fishing grounds :

The Atlantic, Blacksod Bay and Broadhaven Bay are three good fishing grounds, all adjoining the parish, the Atlantic to the north and west, Broadhaven to the northeast and Blacksod to the southeast and south.

All three hold pollock, glasson, bream and mackerel for which there is good fishing in each ground. Sea fishing is mostly at Scotchport, Frenchport, Glenlara, Broadhaven, Blacksod and Glosh.

Kinds of fish to be caught :

Pollock, Bream, Mackerel and Glasson.

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

Almost every man residing along the shores is engaged in the sea fishing and therefore there are upwards of one hundred boats in the parish, mostly currachs and almost all of which are available for visitors. The following men in the different districts may hire boats to visitors or procure boats for them :-

James Geraghty, Scotchport; Pat Lavelle, Annagh ; A. Dixon, Aughadoon ; Philip Lavelle, Glenlara ; P. Gaughan, Cross; John Padden, Ballyglass, Broadhaven; John Padden, Glosh, Blacksod. The usual charge is 10/- per man, per day and two men at least are required.

Mr John Padden, Glosh has two engined boats for which the charge is about £5 per day for each boat. (Charges for boats fluctuate according to other work available).

Mr John Gallagher, Corlough and Mr Pat Lavelle, Annagh own large boats (4 men) for which the charge is from £2 to £3 per day.

Bait available locally? Belmullet Fishing tackle? Belmullet.

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn. None

GOLFING

Name of Club Belmullet Golf Club No. of holes 9

Situation and brief description of course :

The course, already described in report on Belmullet parish, is one quarter mile from Binghamstown.

Name of Professional None

Is there a clubhouse on course? No Licensed? No

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day 2/- Per week 7/6

RACING

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

No. of meetings normally held during the year None

Under which rules?

Situation of course

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds No Hunting in this district

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:

Snipe are very plentiful all over the Mullet Peninsula but grouse are fairly scarce. Scotchport, Frenchport and Barhauve are very good duck areas, duck providing excellent sport in many other parts, particularly on the small lakes which are dotted around the parish. Geese also are numerous at times and at Scotchport and Annagh, some woodcock will usually be found. Shooting is free in the parish. Many visitors derive excellent sport from seal shooting and the seals are plentiful on the north and west shores and off the islands and rocks to the west.

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

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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 **No team or club.**

Hurling **None**

Handball **No club** Handball alley? **at Binghamstown**

Soccer **None**

Rugby **None**

Cricket **None**

Hockey **None**

Bowls **None**

Bowling (on public roads) **None**

Lawn Tennis **None** Kinds of courts

Croquet **None**

Billiards **None**

Badminton **None**

Table Tennis **None**

Bridge Club

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

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club **None** Events held under rules of

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ANNUAL EVENTS

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

Aeridheact, Sports and Aquatics Promoters **Local Committee**
 at Blacksod on August Bank Holiday

Sports and Pony Trotting at Binghamstown, this year Sept. 4th

No recognised rules for above events.

Pattern at St. Derible's Well, Fallmore, Blacksod on August 15th. **No organisation**

DATE Sept. 4th 1943.

(Signed)

L. O'Brien

Surveyor.

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(Belmullet)

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Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Blacksod (7 miles) or Belmullet (6 miles)

Local Angling Club None Membership Fee

Secretary

DATE 4/9/43.

(Signed) C. Brien

Surveyor.