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The town is situated at the confluence of the River Liffey and Rymbina and is overlooked by the Royal Canal.

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Directions to Leatip
From Dublin City Centre, follow signs for the M50/N4. On the N4, travel Westwards. After 1 km, branch left after the Lucan Spa Hotel. At T junction, turn right onto cross road bridge. At roundabout take 1st exit R118 for Leatip.
Along the 19 km stretch of the Royal Canal between lock 13 at Deey Bridge and lock 12 at Castleknock, there are four permanently pegged match sections. Each section contains a minimum of 35 pegs, spaced at 30 metre intervals. There are no driveable towpaths. However, there is generally adequate parking near the entrances to these stretches. The angling conditions are beyond parallel. An abundance of quality coarse fish has been stocked into the canal over the past ten years - the health and population status of which is regularly assessed.

Permanent swims have been created on this unique fishery. These have been developed to the highest standard to satisfy the varying, and often exacting, requirements of the pleasure, junior and match angler. All the stretches have good stocks of roach, hybrids, tench, bream, perch, rudd, and pike. Carp, are also present.

Due to the superb bankside facilities, the large and diverse fish stock, and the wide range of managed match stretches, Leixlip has been the venue of choice for many major angling events in Ireland. Over the past number of years the match stretch between Cope Bridge and Collins Bridge has played host to many international festivals and competitions. Each year there are numerous major festivals on the canal.
**Pakenham Section**

From Clonsilla town proceed past the train station, turning right at the next crossroads. Continue on this road for 1 km, turning right towards Barberstown at a sharp left-hand turn. Cross the railway bridge and the canal. Parking is available on either side of the road immediately after Pakenham Bridge (see map 2). The section nearest Pakenham Bridge fishes best for roach, hybrids and tench.

**Clonsilla**

Turn off the N3 between Blanchardstown and Mulhuddart onto the R121 for Clonsilla. Continue on this road through the town, following the signs for Clonsilla Train Station. Parking is available in the vicinity of Clonsilla Station. The canal is best accessed by foot, on the town side of Callaghan Bridge. The bank at Clonsilla is high, in some places almost 2 m (see map 2). For this reason, the canal must be fished with care. There is good roach fishing here, particularly during the winter months. Bread punch can be a good bait.

**Roselawn Section**

On the N3 coming from the city centre, take the first left after the junction with the M50. Continue into Castleknock, where parking is available at Granard Bridge. The Roselawn section is to the rear of the train station at Castleknock and contains 40 temporary pegs. It has a wide, grass towpath. There is no access for cars (see map 2). This area is good for roach, tench and hybrids.

**Leixlip Section**

From Leixlip town take the Maynooth Road (R148). This crosses the canal at Leixlip/Louisa Bridge. Parking is available on either side of the road immediately after Pakenham Bridge (see map 2). The section nearest Pakenham Bridge fishes best for roach, hybrids and tench.

**Confey Section**

Take the R148 from Leixlip to Louisa Bridge. Parking is available over the bridge to the right. This section has 60 permanent pegs. It can be quite good for roach, tench and pike to 9 kg.

**Lucan Section**

From Leixlip take the road uphill to Cope Bridge, adjacent to Confey Train Station. Cross the canal at Cope Bridge and turn right at the T-Junction. Travel on this road for 1 km. There is parking for 4 cars at the Royal Canal Amenity Group Depot (RCAG). This is one of the premier sections in the Leixlip area. There are 75 permanent pegs (see map 1). The RCAG have a boathouse and boat slip midway between the two bridges. During competitions access is permitted for 15-25 cars. At Collins Bridge there is parking available for 6 cars. At Cope Bridge permission may be sought for parking at Confey GAA, beside the canal. There is a wide grass towpath all along the section. Pegs 1-20 offers some good hybrids and big roach, in addition to tench, especially during the evening. Pegs 25-35 can be mixed, boasting roach, hybrids and tench. Between pegs 52-75 there are some good bream shoals, with fish to 1.8 kg present. Good tench may also be found.