Lough Garadice

The Shannon-Erne Waterway is a system of river, lake and canal which links Lough Erne to the River Shannon to create the longest inland navigable waterway in Europe.

The attractive islands in the lake are wooded and some have the remains of buildings that are of historical interest. All the common coarse fish species are to be found in abundance in the 960 acre lake. Lough Garadice has a good presence of tench stocks resident in some of the secluded bays. These fish are there for the angler that is willing to explore. A boat will be a distinct advantage in this exercise. The lake has been, and continues to be, a venue for important angling events, such as the All Ireland Championships and the Benelux King of Clubs.
Fishing Tackle and Bait
All modern methods of coarse angling techniques can be used to fish this big lake. Most anglers will either use feeder rod or pole as first choice.

Depending on weather conditions, a medium to heavy feeder rod is required to fish for bream, hybrids and roach at medium to long range using maggots, worms, sweetcorn and groundbait. Other successful methods are long pole, short line, long pole to hand and medium to long range waggler rod. Most of the bream do not go above 4lbs, therefore, medium to light set up using all methods is required. Hook sizes should be from 12 to 20 depending on the size of bait used. If a good shoal of bream or hybrids are encountered, a good supply of groundbait laced with casters, dead maggots, sweetcorn, and chopped worm will be needed.

This lake also boasts some fine pike fishing from shore and boat. Shore anglers should try long range deadbaits as well as sink and draw and other spinning methods. Boat anglers can use float trolled deadbaits, spinners and spoons as well as more modern methods involving the use of jerkbaits and big rubber tailed lures. Fly fishing for pike in some areas of the lake can also be productive. Pike to over 30lbs have been recorded in recent years.

For advice contact Ivan Price, PRO, Ballinamore Angling and Tourism Association for local lakes and fishing advice at Tel:+353 (0)71 9644278.

Fish Stocks
Lough Garadice supports an excellent population of wild coarse fish species. While roach and increasingly roach-bream hybrids dominate, there are large shoals of bream distributed throughout the lake. Perch are also abundant. Tench many of which have been stocked in recent years may also be encountered particularly in the weedy bays. The high density of fodder fish supports a good population of pike to in excess of 30lbs.
A catch and release policy is in operation on this lake.
Directions

Directions to Lough Garadice
From Dublin City Centre, follow signs for the M50/Blanchardstown roundabout. On the N3, travel through Navan, Kells and Virginia. At the major roundabout just before entering Cavan town, take a right for Belturbet/Enniskillen. From Belturbet take the road for Ballyconnell.

Creamer’s Shore
Start out from Ballinamore on the R199 signposted Killashandra/Newtowngore and travel for approximately 5.5 km. Turn right off R199 and take the second road on the right which leads to the Creamers Shore Stretch. There are 20 permanent pegs and parking for 6 cars. The pegs are located about 180 metres from the car park.

Church Shore
From Ballinamore travel for approximately 7 km on the R199 signposted Killashandra/Newtowngore past the turn for Creamer’s Shore and take a right turn. Turn left just past the church. This road leads directly to the Church Shore Stretch. There is parking here for about 50 cars and there are also toilet facilities. This section has 40 permanent pegs.

Cully Shore
From the car park at Church Shore (see above) walk the 300 metres to the 20 pegs at Cully Shore (see map). There are three stiles to cross before reaching the match stretch.

Haughton’s Shore / Mooring
Travel approximately 8 km on the R199 from Ballinamore past the junction with the R205 signposted Ballyconnell/Belturbet. Cross the bridge and take the first right into Haughton’s Shore Mooring. Beyond the toilet & shower facilities there are 40 permanent pegs. Parking is available for approximately 15 cars.

Fishing is free of charge on the Shannon-Erne Waterway
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Connolly Shore
On the R199 from Ballinamore travel approximately 3 km and turn right at the road signposted for Carrickmakeegan Bridge. From the bridge travel a further 2.4km to a crossroads and turn left. Travel this road and take the second road on the left and continue straight to Connolly’s Shore. The Match Stretch is approximately 200 metres, on foot, from the car park.

Warrington’s Shore / Derrylahan Shore
Follow the directions for Connolly’s Shore until you reach Carrickmakeegan Bridge. From the crossroads after Carrickmakeegan Bridge take a left turn and follow this road for approximately 2 km, taking the third left turn for Warrington’s and Derrylahan Shores. This Match Stretch has 50 pegs.