Waterways Ireland is responsible for the management, maintenance, restoration and development of the inland navigations principally for recreational purposes. The Central Fisheries Board are under contract to Waterways Ireland to manage Fisheries Development, Weed Management and Water Quality on the Royal Canal, the Grand Canal, the Banne Navigation and the Shannon-Erne Waterway.

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The Shannon-Erne Waterway is a system of rivers, lakes and canals which link Lough Erne to the River Shannon to create the largest inland navigable waterway in Europe. Lough Scur sits at the summit of the waterway near the town of Keshcarrigan in Co. Leitrim. Its 28 acres support an excellent mixed coarse and pike fishery. With excellent access and fine open shores, Scur is an important match fishery and regular venue on the National Festival circuit.

The Ross Bridge fishery is situated immediately downstream of Lough Scur on the Ballinamallard – Ballysillan Canal. This canalside is relatively wide at 50m and provides an attractive destination for the angler seeking an alternative to the many lakes in the region. Access and parking are excellent and there are two disabled angling stands.

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Fishing is free of charge on the Shannon-Erne Waterway.
Fishing Tackle and Bait
All modern methods of coarse angling techniques can be used to good effect. Most anglers will use pole or feeder rod as first choice. Scour is, perhaps unusual among the lakes on the way that this pole will often fish the feeder with false often to be found at close range. Successful methods are long pole, short pole, long pole to hand and medium to long range with rod.

If feeder fishing and depending on weather conditions, a medium to heavy feeder rod is required to fish for bream, hybrids and roach at moderate to long range using maggots, worms, sweetcorn and groundbait. Most of the bream do not go up above 3-5lbs; therefore, medium to light set-up using all methods is required. Hook sizes should be from 12 to 10 depending on the size of bait used. A good shoal of bream or hybrids are encountered, a good supply of groundbait mixed with custard, dead maggots, sweetcorn, and chopped worms will be needed.

This lake also boasts some fine pike fishing from boat and bank. Shore anglers should try long-range methods as well as sink and swivel and other spinning methods. Boat anglers can use traditional deadbaits, spinnings and spoons as well as more modern methods involving the use of spoons and other varied baits. Fly fishing is also worth a try.

For advice contact Mike Kaugan on local lakes and fishing advice at Tel: 031 620046.

Fish Stocks
Lough Scour and the canal at Ross Bridge support an excellent stock of wild mixed coarse fish, with all the main Irish species represented. High stocks of silver fish, donated by roach and hybrids are present, making Scour a popular match venue. The lake also has excellent stocks of bream to 8lbs. Perch also abound. There is a stock of tench present, but these are rarely encountered. The high densities of bolder fish support an excellent pike stocks.