

Angler Activity Badge

This Activity is aimed at **Scouts** but parts of it can be adapted for all sections modified as appropriate. This has been put together as something young people can work towards during social distancing restrictions.

Scouts have to complete a number of tasks which involve fishing , knots, species etc but **Beavers** and **Cubs** can still take part in the activity as part of their **Hobbies** or **Challenge** Badge.

To find out more about this badge take a look here:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4348/angler-activity-badge/?cat=7,64,779>

Several groups may have already started working towards this badge. If we can arrange it in September or October with parents and leaders we can **all** go fishing go off the rocks at Scarlett one weekend am or pm depending on the tide.

You need to demonstrate to me that you can assemble a fishing rod and cast as I will bring some rods on the day.

If you have access to fishing rods at home so much the better.

We don't need a licence to fish off the rocks but need one [subject to conditions] to fish the rivers and reservoirs

All those taking part in the activity will need to make a handline at home this Summer and we will start off with this first. If you have a brother or sister not in scouting they can make one as well and join us.

We catch and release

See link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZy-clid96o>

ALL SECTIONS INCLUDING BEAVERS

You will need:

- A short length of branch about 200 mm long and about 15mm in diameter, tidy both cut ends with a knife like sharpening a pencil. [Parents to do this]
- About 10 metre of 10lb fishing line
- A number 4 or so hook
- A small sinker, much smaller than a marble
- A cork

I can supply the line, hook and sinker if you haven't got these

Now tie the end of the line to one end of the branch and neatly wrap the line around

See link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqGoCoM1diM>

Now tie the hook to the other end

See link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWvgfZogswg>

Secure the sinker to the line 150mm away from the hook, push the cork into the hook and your ready to go [see link below]

Please answer all the questions and let me have the answers on the day

- When we go fishing what clothing will you wear?
- We will collect our bait on the day. We will be using a common shell fish found on the rocks, what is its name?

CUBS [beavers may answer some of these if they wish]

Name 3 common species of fish usually caught off the rocks on the IOM and what bait is best.

Name 3 common species of fish usually caught in a small boat around our coasts.

Learn how to assemble a fishing rod, this video will help making your handline, use the arbour knot and not the reef knot

see link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1pWPeoQVIs>

Fresh water eels that we find in our streams and rivers breed where?

Which salt water fish caught by rod and line from the sea shore on the IOM is regulated? [check IOM Government web site]

SCOUTS [cubs may answer some of these if they wish]

What are the Manx names of the 6 fish above?

If fishing from a small boat what safety equipment would you expect to be on board and name 6 items?

What baits could you use on a boat and name 6?

Learn how to assemble a fly fishing rod

See link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31A2lr5Eh60>

Which two migratory fish enter our rivers to breed?

Name two fish species that live on a sandy bottoms and what bait is best?

Why should a landing net be used to land fish at all times?

Learn how to tie a Palemar Knot

See link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFk_Ktw2f1w

What are spring tides?

Good luck and any questions

Guy

chil@manx.net