

River Shannon at Battle Bridge

Highly regarded for its outstanding fishing for spring roach – when huge shoals congregate prior to spawning – this picturesque narrow stretch of the River Shannon produced good fishing for most of the year. It is easily accessible section of Ireland's longest river and so narrow you can cast a waggler to the far bank, though a stick float is the key to putting a nice net of roach together. Bream are often caught during summer months together with an occasional tench. There are a handful of easily accessible swims to be found below the lock gate.



Species: Bream, roach, hybrids, tench, pike and perch

Best baits: Red maggot and caster

Popular methods: Stick float fishing is good but fish can be caught on all methods

Local tackle shop: Tooman's Bait & Tackle, Carrick-on-Shannon

Access: Safe car parking with a short walk using a footpath and bridge

Directions: From Carrick-on-Shannon follow road signs to Leitrim Village. At the far end of the village turn left towards Keadew and after one mile you will come to a canal bridge; turn left alongside the canal and drive past the lock keeper's building. Follow the path from the car park.

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