

Dernaferst Shore, Lough Gowna

Often used for match fishing in mid-June and again in September, Dernaferst offers consistent sport with skimmer bream, roach and hybrids. There are bream to be caught, especially on the less used, left bank known as the “swings”, and when anglers are prepared to pre-bait and get out early. The lake is very accessible with a first class car park and short walks along a flat bank. Excellent slipway for anglers taking their own boat.



Species: Bream, lots of roach, good hybrids, pike and perch

Best baits: Red maggots, corn, caster and worms

Popular methods: Long pole for bream, groundbait feeder and waggler.

Best time: May until late October

Local tackle shop: None local but there are bait stockists

Access: Good parking and easy access along the bank

Directions: From Gowna Village take the Longford road and after 2.5 miles there is a hump-back bridge. Access to the car park is a right hand turn immediately at the end of the bridge. You can fish straight ahead or turn back under the bridge for the “swings” shore.

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