

BEIARN GUESTHOUSE

BEIAR RIVER



FISHING SEASON: 16 June - 31 August
(Salmon & Sea-trout)

Tackle box: Double-handed rods for line weights #10/11/12 with a length from 13-15ft will be appropriate for most conditions. Flies: whatever you prefer. However, the Green Highlander and Munro Killer are often very effective. Chest waders with felt soles, life jacket and wading stick recommended.

Guides: There will normally be 1 guide for 4 anglers.

Fishing statistics: On request.

Facilities: Good standard guesthouse with 7 single/twin rooms, private and shared bathrooms, wholesome food, service-minded staff, tackle and drying rooms and laundry facilities.

For non-anglers: Hiking, local museum, workshops for art and handcrafts, "Saltstraumen" maelstrom, shopping in Bodø town, National Aviation Museum.

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THE RIVER

The Beiarn River runs through some of the most scenic areas in the Arctic, surrounded by snow-covered mountain peaks and some of Norway's largest glaciers. To the east and the south, the area borders and partly overlaps the Saltfjellet/Svartisen National Park and more than 60% of the river's catchment is within a protected zone for hydropower development. The area is steeped in Sami history and contains many cultural sites. It is an important pasture and calving area for reindeer and a gateway to the National Park for walkers and nature enthusiasts.

The river, with its 30km (18.6 miles) salmon run, flows through the municipality of Beiarn in the middle part of the County of Nordland, just north of the Arctic Circle. This 550km (350 miles) long county is one of the biggest and longest in Norway but also among the narrowest. In Tysfjord only a few kilometres separate the fjord's end from the Swedish border.

Due to the glaciers, the river is cold and has an emerald-like colour. Enjoy the pure pleasure of fishing some of the best fly-fishing stretches in Norway.

THE FISHING

The Beiarn River is well known for large salmon and it is not unusual to see a number of 12-15kg (26-30lbs) catches during the season. The river also boasts a high number of good sized sea trout during the latter end of July and August. It is considered to be among the 3 best salmon and sea trout rivers in the country.

Beiarn Gjestegård has 5 beats available and the beats fish a total of 6 rods with a good rotating system to allow guests as much variation as possible.

The river was closed for 13 years due to the parasite Gyrodactylus salaris, however, reopened in 2001 and is gradually recovering to its former glory. It is one of the few rivers in Norway that encourage catch and release. The prime time is considered to be 21 June - 31 August with the best salmon fishing normally during July, and August rated best for sea trout. The beats are situated 8-12km (5-7 miles) from the river mouth.



THE ACCOMMODATION

Although Beiarn Gjestegård is located near the river and just above the high tide marker 4km (2.5 miles) from the estuary, the main beats are situated a few miles further up the river where the salmon normally hold. It is a typical family run establishment, with 7 rooms, of which 3 are apartments with private bathroom, toilet, lounge and kitchenette, sleeping up to 2 people in each. The 4 other rooms are single rooms and share bath and toilet facilities.

The 3 main meals are served in the small, fully licensed restaurant and emphasis is placed on using local produce. The owners pride themselves in serving a varied, healthy and wholesome diet during the week's stay.

Beiarn Gjestegård is a great location to combine a relaxing fishing experience with exploring the wonders of the Arctic.