

Access for disabled anglers at Cringle and Injebreck reservoirs

Specially designed wheelchair-accessible platforms are available for anglers at the Cringle and Injebreck (West Baldwin) reservoirs. The platforms incorporate recommendations of the British Disabled Angling Association (BDAA). All licensed anglers may use the platforms but should give priority to those who need them most. Both reservoirs are regularly stocked with rainbow trout and also contain wild brown trout. Fishing can be carried out using fly or spinning methods. Disabled anglers wishing to use the platforms are welcome to contact the Fisheries Directorate on 685857 to check for any temporary accessibility restrictions due to low water levels or stocking and maintenance operations prior to their fishing trip. Anglers who are registered as disabled can obtain a key from Manx Utilities tel. 01624 687687 in exchange for a small deposit. The key opens both the gate into the disabled users' car park at Cringle Reservoir and the gate to the West Baldwin platform access ramp. A small number of keys, for single day use only, are also available at DEFA headquarters, St Johns.



Cringle Reservoir (4.5 acres)

Cringle reservoir is situated about 5 km northwest of Ballasalla, on the B39 Ronague Road. The wheelchair accessible platform can be accessed via either a low gradient ramp or steps with hand-rails. It is near to the disabled users' car parking area (key required). The platform lies within an area which is closed for short periods following stocking operations; only wheelchair users may fish from the platform during these closed periods. Water levels at Cringle Reservoir usually remain stable all year-round.



Injebreck (West Baldwin) Reservoir (41.4 acres)

This reservoir is located about 5km north of Union Mills, in the West Baldwin valley. Parking is available along the roadside on the B22. The wheelchair accessible platform is located just north of the entrance to the public car park adjacent to this road. The platform is accessed via a stile or a gate for which a key is required. Anglers should be aware that fishing from the platform may not be possible when water levels are very low.

The reservoir fishing season lasts from 10th March to 31st January. A full-price adult licence entitles holders to a bag limit of four trout per day (two per day from November to January). Day and week licences are also available. Anglers that are registered as disabled, or aged at least 65yrs, can buy a concessionary season licence with a limit of two trout per day at the reduced price (proof of eligibility is required), these concessionary licences are available at most Island Post Offices. Licences may also be bought at the Welcome Centre, Sea Terminal Building, Douglas, open 8am – 6pm Mon to Sat and 9am – 2pm on

Sunday in summer and at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture's headquarters St Johns during office hours. More information on freshwater fishing, including the Isle of Man Angling Guide, regulations and a code of practice, can be found on the Government website www.gov.im/defa (follow the links to the Fisheries Directorate and then Freshwater Fishing).