



THE WILD TROUT TRUST

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PRESS RELEASE

WTT SPRING ON-LINE & POSTAL AUCTION

7 MARCH TO 17 MARCH 2005

Guide Prices For Lots Range From £15 to £1000

The Wild Trout Trust's second on-line & postal auction will be held between 7 and 17 March and promises to be even better than last year. There are 108 lots in total – from guided days' fishing, fishing tackle, gift vouchers, books and DVDs to pheasant shooting and deer stalking. To bid, visit www.wildtrout.org and follow the link to ebay which will be active as soon as the auction goes live on the evening of 7 March.

Last year the auction raised around £9000 which was used to fund practical habitat restoration projects throughout the UK and Ireland. Although the majority of buyers came from the UK, lots were purchased by people as far away as the USA. The auction also produced new members for the Trust.

The Wild Trout Trust's leading friends and supporters have all produced highly-desirable lots including a £500 fishing tackle voucher to be spent at Hardy & Greys of Alnwick; a TCR salmon rod from Sage, and a TLS trout rod from Orvis.

One of the most interesting lots (guide price £1000) is an extremely rare and exclusive opportunity for a day's fishing for 2 rods on the Duke's Beat of the Lathkill on the Haddon Hall Estate, Derbyshire. The fishing is for very wily New Zealand-sized wild brown trout on dry fly. Also included is 1 night's dinner, bed & breakfast for 2 at the famous Peacock Hotel.

Guided fishing days on a variety of rivers and lochs are available, some of which are with WTT president Brian Clarke, Dr Malcolm Greenhalgh, Jon Beer, John Bailey or Oliver Edwards. There is a wide geographical spread of fishing opportunities, including saltwater fly fishing, from Scotland to Hampshire and Norfolk to Wales and Ireland.

Salmon fishermen will no doubt be keen to bid for 1 day's salmon fishing for 2 rods, with a ghillie, on the Lees beat of the Tweed (near Coldstream).

For anyone wishing to bid without access to the Internet, the WTT will accept postal bids which will be posted onto eBay by the WTT on the bidder's behalf and will be bound by the same terms and conditions.

Postal bids must be received in the WTT office by 15 March latest.

For further information on the Auction, the Trust and its activities please contact

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- Lot No 1** Presented by Sage Guide Price £600+ (starting bid £300)
A Sage 10150-4 TCR double-handed salmon rod. Fast action Spey rod for the advanced caster. Unconditional guarantee.
- Lot No 8** Presented by Professor David Bellamy Guide Price £55 (starting bid £40)
Autographed copies of *Blooming Bellamy* and *Jolly Green Giant*, best-selling books by the distinguished conservationist and WTT Vice-President Professor David Bellamy.
- Lot No 11** Presented by Loyd Grossman Esq Guide Price £40 (starting bid £30)
A copy of *The Dog's Tale*, inscribed to the winner by the author, Loyd Grossman - television's Masterchef, museums campaigner and Governor of the London School of Economics.
- Lot No 15** Presented by Edward Twiddy Esq Guide Price £150 (starting bid £90)
A day of high pheasants and partridges in the Cotswolds for 1 gun. Range of dates on offer. Bag normally 40-70. £20 to be paid on the day which pays for beaters, lunch and pub dinner.
- Lot No 22** Presented by Mrs Vicky Jeyes Guide Price £400 (starting bid £300)
1 day for 2 rods with lunch on the Upper Itchen at Yavington. About 2 miles of fabulous dry fly fishing for wild brown trout.
- Lot No 26** Presented by John Bailey Esq Guide Price £350 (starting bid £250)
1 day's tuition for 2 in the electrifying new art of stalking barbel on the fly, on a private beat of the Wye, with John Bailey, a UK pioneer of the technique, author of over 30 angling books and angling adventurer.
- Lot No 33** Presented by Captain Martin Busk Guide Price £300 (starting bid £200)
1 day for 2 rods on the river Test at Houghton Lodge, to be taken on 28 June or later by arrangement.
- Lot No 44** Presented by Wester Ross Fisheries Trust Guide Price £200 (starting bid £150)
2 days wild trout fishing for 2 rods in Kinloch Estate hill lochs with guide (date by arrangement). Starting at Shieldaig you will visit a series of lochs with views to Beinn Alligin and Applecross.
- Lot No 47** Presented by Jon Beer Esq Guide Price £170 (starting bid £120)
1 day's trout fishing for 2 rods on a stunning beat of the middle Welsh Dee with Jon Beer, the distinguished flyfishing writer, *Daily Telegraph* fishing correspondent and WTT Vice-President.
- Lot No 49** Presented by Oliver Edwards Esq Guide Price £170 (starting bid £120)
1 midweek day's trout flyfishing for 2 rods on a prime beat of the Ure at Masham with Oliver Edwards, brilliant flyfishing tutor, author of *Flytyers' Masterclass* and WTT Vice-President.
- Lot No 50** Presented by David Pilkington Esq Guide Price £150 (starting bid £80)
1 day's guided saltwater flyfishing for 2 rods on the north Devon or Cornish coast. Tackle provided if required. Expectations of bass, mackerel, Pollack etc. Best months August or September. Date by arrangement.
- Lot No 68** Presented by Castle Acre Fishing Club Guide Price £75 (starting bid £40)
1 day for 1 rod on the Castle Acre beat on the River Nar in west Norfolk – 4km of chalkstream fishing holding only wild trout. Upstream dry fly and nymph fishing only; trout below 10in have to be returned. Wading essential. Bidder to be accompanied by club member. To be taken in May by arrangement.
- Lot No 89** Presented by Rossinver Fishery Guide Price £40 (starting bid £25)
1 day for 2 rods for salmon and trout in Rossinver Fishery, Co Leitrim, Irealnd. Boat and engine inclusive. Date by arrangement excluding first weekend in June.
- Lot No 107** Presented by John Aston Esq Guide Price £15 (starting bid £10)
1 day for 1 rod on the Cod Beck, N Yorkshire. Small beck, big fish. Mainly wild trout (to 2lb+) and grayling. Not for the faint-hearted or inexperienced. Wading and climbing steep banks involved – jungle warfare skills usefull... Date by arrangement before 15 May or after 15 June.