

Herm Island Fishing Guide

Gone Fishing

If you want to spend time fishing on Herm it couldn't be easier. Arrangements are easily made if you want to bring your own equipment. Rods, tackle and bait are also readily available to buy on Guernsey, alternatively rods and reels can be rented on a daily basis. Let us know your requirements and we can advise you who to contact in the first instance. Some suppliers will deliver the items straight to the Herm boat from where we will ensure it goes straight to your accommodation ready for your arrival.

Whether you want to spend the day or just a couple of hours fishing, there are plenty of safe and accessible parts of the island to suit your needs. Fishing at Rosaire steps gives easy access at all states of the tide, whilst Belvoir and Shell Beaches offer good fishing off the rocks and the shore. They also have the added advantage of well-stocked beach cafes.

If you want to venture further afield chartered fishing trips are available throughout the season and can be booked through The White House Hotel or the Administration Office. The trips can accommodate up to 12 people and are an ideal outing for all ages and abilities. Included in the price of the boat hire are bait, expert tuition and plenty of fun! Rod hire is extra.

Popular places to fish

When fishing from the shore please be aware of the direction of the tide to ensure you do not get cut off. In some places there is nowhere to climb to safety if you are cut off from land and the surrounding currents can be very strong.

Shell Beach

This is a good spot for bass. You generally fish straight off this sandy beach, which has very few rocks on it. However there are some rocks further out that provide a good vantage point into deeper water at low tide. They can be a bit of a scramble to get over but can prove an interesting change of scene for a few hours.

At the northern end of Shell Beach is Alderney Point, which can be fished both at high and low water. Anglers should be wary of the strong tidal race here at certain times of the tide.

Belvoir Bay

This is a steeply sloping, but sandy, cove which has a large expanse of flat sand at low water. Anglers fish off both headlands and also from the beach.

Rosaire Steps

There is easy access here whatever the state of tide. However be aware that there are strong currents and as a result any bottom-fishing tends to be restricted to the three hours either side of low-water.

Putrainez

Off the east cliffs of Herm, this is a rocky outcrop that turns into an island at high tide. It is safe to stay on the rock across high tide but please be aware that you could be stuck there for some time until the tide falls sufficiently to return. This area can be fished at both high and low water. This is reached after a scramble down rocks, so please take care.

Selle Rocque

On Herm's east coast this point is accessible and fishable at all states of the tide. You don't actually get onto Selle Rocque, but fish from a point at the foot of Herm's cliff. It is reached via a small path leading down from the main cliff path. The small path may not be immediately obvious so ask a local for directions if needed. It is a fairly easy path to negotiate but be careful scrambling over the rocks towards the bottom.

Fishing Boat Trips

For fishing trips off Herm contact the following:

'Margaret K' Charter Fishing/Angling Trips

Specialising in half day and evening fishing/angling trips for groups and individuals. No experience required. No fish, no charge.

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'Out the Blue' Charter Angling Trips

Groups of 10 to 12. Pre-booking required, also on the spot booking available. Rod hire available.

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