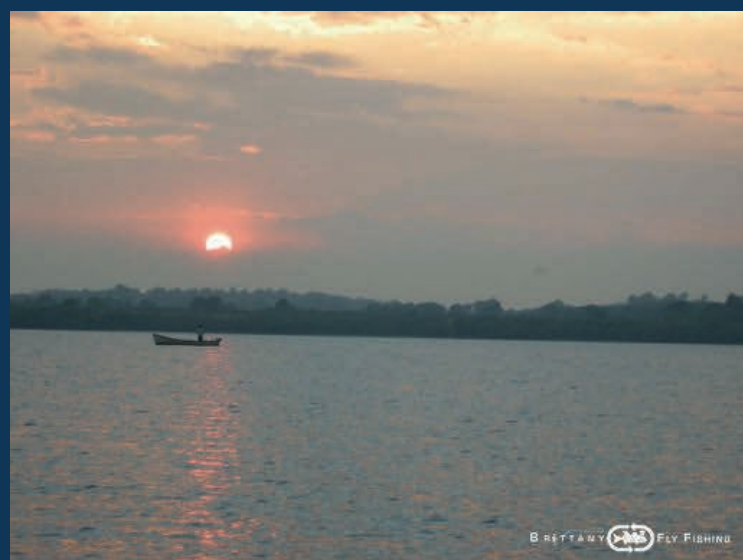
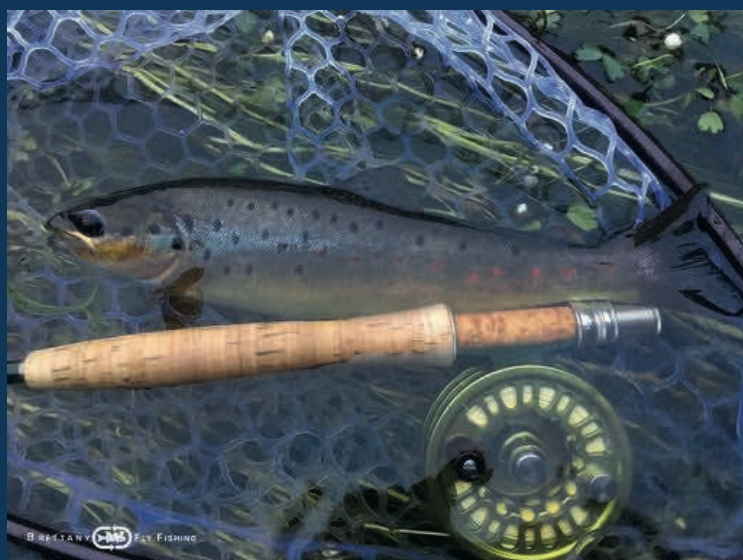


# SECRETS OF IRELAND

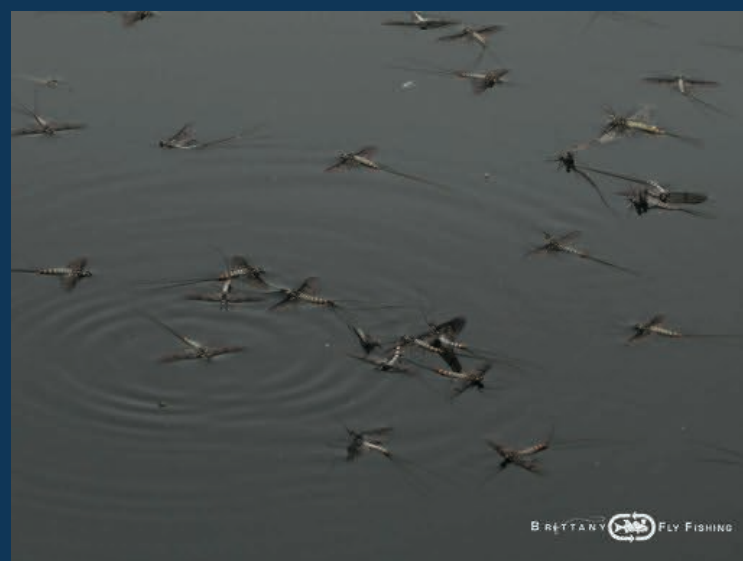
## Wild Brown Trout



The stays I offer in Ireland are a product of numerous years of journalistic assignments, on-site prospecting, exploration and gathering of information based on solid professional and friendly links gained and cultivated over a period of nearly 30 years.

I focus my stays on fly fishing for wild brown trout, in both rivers and lakes.

As soon as conditions will allow, I will concentrate on surface tactics using dry flies but most fly fishing techniques will be used at various times.





# HIDDEN RIVERS & STREAMS



The smaller and medium-sized rivers I am guiding in an almost exclusive fashion do not carry any names nor will they have GPS coordinates. The rivers are full of 100% wild brown trout looking to the surface as the waters are home to numerous insect hatches of great variety. The rivers meander through farmland crisscrossed by

hedges, home to cattle, sheep and horses. You will be hard pressed to find corn fields, pesticides and drained-out wetlands. It is a result of a unique model of agriculture that has not changed much in over 20 years in these lost valleys.

Insect hatches are multiple : ephemeroptera, trichoptera, stoneflies, terrestrial insects, they all will find their way into the brown trout's stomach at some point.

This is not trophy trout country (the big ones can be had a bit further north in Lough Sheelin) but a dry fly paradise for feisty trout in the 25/35 cm range with better, smarter fish reaching 40 cm in length.



I reserve the right to keep the identity of these "secret" waters to myself and my trusting customers.

**I will always be on the side of my customers** when guiding in Ireland to help them discover this lost paradise.

Please note that there IS a confidentiality clause to be signed in my travel contract.





# LOUGH SHEELIN

I can help my customers discover one of the very best wild brown trout lakes in Ireland, Lough Sheelin, located to the northwest about a 90-minute drive from Dublin, amidst the counties of Meath, Westmeath and Cavan. It is a portion of the headwaters of the Shannon watershed and managed by the Shannon Regional Fisheries Board.

The extraordinary qualities of Lough Sheelin for the surface fly angler are multiple : on the one hand its waters are very clear, the banks of the lake have numerous shallow coves and bays, grassy flats areas, breaks and subsurface structure and the lake's surface is dotted with forested islands, a perfect haven for wild brown trout as it produces a huge biomass of insects the fish feed on. The lake itself is quite shallow (up to about 50 feet) with an average depth of about 15 feet, which makes it a prime area for invertebrate life :  
ephemeroptera, trichoptera and diptera.

It surely ranks among the most productive bodies of water in Western Europe in terms of producing the largest emergence of Ephemera Danica or Mayflies.

Lough Sheelin harbors an estimated **44 000 trout in sizes 2 to 4 lbs**, without mentioning the smaller and also much bigger fish...

During the evening rise, with dry flies on the cast with "spents" present on the surface (locally knowns as "gnat fishing") it's not uncommon to raise fish of 5 to 6 lbs, on fly tackle, and each year real behemoths of the depth are caught that way (the lake record being 13,5 lbs!). Ditto during daytime at the peak of the hatch when a team of wets slowly retrieved through the wave or a combination of nymphs dangled over sandy, grassy bottoms can get stopped dead by a trophy fish at any time.





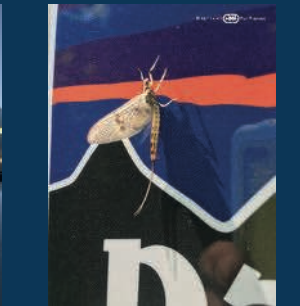
# LOUGH SHEELIN (to be continued)

The stays I offer in 2019 will be limited to the **early months of the season**, as it will allow me to combine both lake and river fishing, depending on prevailing conditions and the gusto of my customers.

When fishing the lake I will rely on one of the very best local guides, Gary, who has become a friend, and **the both of us will team up to serve groups up to 4 anglers with our two boats, revolving the customers between boats or me guiding them individually if river fishing is the desired choice of the day.**

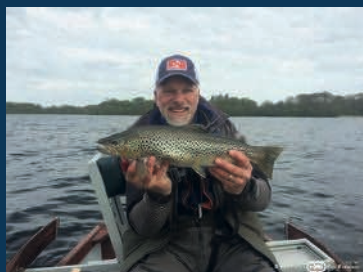
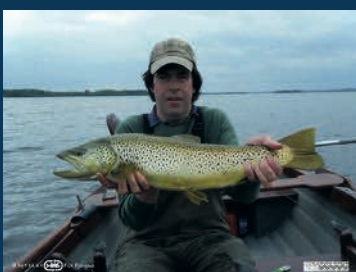


During my guiding season in Ireland, I will bring my personal 19-foot Sheelin Boat that I use on my home waters in Brittany.



It has been adapted to suit Sheelin and other Irish conditions, fly fishing for trout and pike.

- Yamaha 15 HP 4 stroke short shaft
- Minn Kota EO 1 HP trolling motor transom mount
- Fish Finder Digital Sonar GPS Humminbird Chirp Helix 5 G2 HD.





# LODGING



We are fortunate to be able to stay in a top level rental home with floor heating, located right in the middle of all angling venues. It is equipped with large comfortable rooms, individual bathrooms, 2 large living areas, a large kitchen, washing machine, dryer, etc. Lodging will be B&B (breakfast and picnic included), evening dinners taken on site self catered or in one of the local pubs.

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# RATES & CONDITIONS

## Time frames for 2019 :

- **From April 20 to April 27** (6 days guided fishing in rivers and lakes. Pike on fly optional)

Price : starting from **1859 €** 4 anglers basis (1 guide for 2 anglers)

- **From April 27 to May 4** (6 days guided fishing in rivers and lakes. Pike on fly optional)

Price : starting from **1840 €** 4 anglers basis (1 guide for 2 anglers)

- **From June 1st to June 8** (Mayfly Special at Lough Sheelin).

Price : starting from **2060 €** 4 anglers basis (1 guide for 2 anglers)

## INCLUDED

- 6 full days of guided fishing in hidden rivers (wading) and on Lough Sheelin from boat for wild brown trout (1 guide for 2 anglers)
- Schedule : 10 am-6 pm (April/May) & 10 am-10 pm ("*Mayfly Time*" in June).
- Accomodation in top level rental home with floor heating, located right in the middle of all angling venues. It is equipped with large comfortable rooms, individual bathrooms, 2 large living areas, a large kitchen, washing machine, dryer, etc.
- Lodging will be B&B (breakfast and picnic included), dinners taken on site self catered or in one of the local pubs (not included).
- Top of the line fly tackle lending if requested (flies not included).
- Transportation to fishing grounds.
- Midland Fisheries Group permit
- Travel insurance (cancellation, repatriation assistance, luggage) and handling fees.

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flight transportation to Dublin and car rental (it is possible to share the cost of a rental car between group members) or ferry to Ireland : several links Brittany Ferries (Roscoff-Cork) and Irish Ferries (Cherbourg-Dublin)
- Evening dinners and drinks taken on site self catered (community principle) or in one of the local pubs or restaurants.
- Personal expenses, gratuities to guides, petrol charges for rental vehicles.

## INFORMATIONS & BOOKINGS



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