



Trout



The Lot Département is endowed with over 1500 km of 1st category angling waters; more than 50% of which harbour populations of wild fario trout, which are managed so as to ensure their future survival.

Depending on your particular requirements, we suggest you try along the very fine stretches of clear water of the Céou or the Vert in the west of the area, where the trout population is of average density, but where some very large specimens, often attaining 40 cm or more, are to be found.

In the heart of the Causses du Quercy Regional Natural Park around Gramat, and in the area of Lacapelle Marival, there are some good but less well-fished stretches which as a conse-

quence have plenty of fine fario trout to offer. Then, of course, there is the magnificent Vers basin which every year draws numerous anglers, thanks to the beauty of the place itself, and to its exceptionally good fish population.

The more "active" amongst you may choose to head for the foothills of the Massif Central, to explore the Cère and the Bave to the north, or the tributaries of the Célé towards the east. These stretches are not easily accessible, but without doubt they have the highest fish population density in the Lot, with two trout to the square metre in certain sectors! Because of the harsher climate and the nature of the geological sub-strata, the growth rate of trout here is slower than

in the limestone basins, and the capture size is fixed at 20 cm (more details available on request).

Finally, you shouldn't miss the chance to try your luck on the river Dordogne, whether fly-fishing or with a lure, from May onwards (river classed as 2nd category): magnificent fario trout weighing 2 to 3 kg or more are taken there each year, living alongside the large migratory fish of the salmon family (sea-trout and salmon) which are reinvesting this river (fishing of these species prohibited), and the grayling which are to be found very locally in the Carennac or Puybrun sectors.



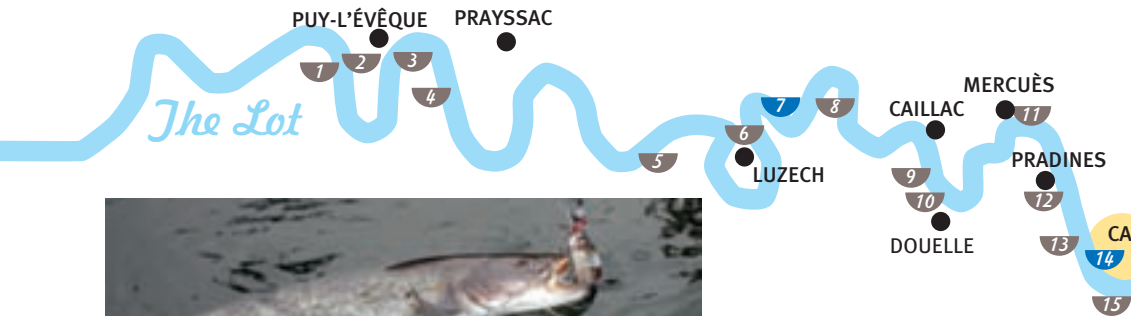
Carnivorous fish



Managing carnivorous fish populations and promoting the sport of angling for them undoubtedly spearheads the policies developed by the Fédération du Lot pour la Pêche et la Protection du Milieu Aquatique. Since 1999, without waiting for the first conclusions in 2006 of the Lot's Plan for the Protection of the Aquatic Environment and the Management of Angling Resources (PDPG), we

have undertaken the restoration of 8 pike spawning-grounds on the backwaters of the Lot, Dordogne and Célé rivers. This form of management with the future in mind, linked to suitable regulations (temporary reserve status for all the backwaters on the Dordogne, permanent reserve status for the restored sites on the Lot and Célé, limitation of captures to 6 carnivorous fish, the strong commitment of the AAPPMA to resource management

through the release of young pike and black bass in the selected refuge areas, etc.) is now bearing fruit, since electrical soundings in pike spawning grounds and compulsory capture records show exceptionally large numbers of pike in the Lot and the Dordogne, a well-established but less numerous population in the Célé and a marked upturn in captures of pike-perch and black bass on the Lot between Cahors and Duravel.



(1) **Puy-l'Évêque** : slipway on left bank accessible when waters are high (downstream from bridge, close to municipal swimming pool).

(2) **Puy-l'Évêque** : slipway on right bank accessible all year round (downstream from bridge, just below village).

(3) **Pescadoire** : left bank downstream from Pescadoire bridge, accessible all year. Warning: stretch not open to pleasure boating, with many rocks close to surface.

(4) **Lagardelle** : upstream from Meymes weir on the left bank. Accessible all year round.

(5) **Albas** : left bank near the "Rivière Haute" cemetery. Accessible all year round to small craft, access possible for larger boats when waters are high.

(6) **Luzech** : upstream from the EDF dam, near the boating centre on the right bank. Accessible all year round to all types of craft.

(7) **Caix** : boat hire from the boating centre.

(8) **Parnac** : on the left bank opposite the Château de Langle. Access fairly rough; for small craft only.

(9) **Douelle** : downstream from the Douelle weir on the left bank. Accessible all year round, difficult manoeuvre with a vehicle and a large craft.

(10) **Douelle** : under the suspension bridge: 2 access slipways on the left bank. The downstream slipway is quite easy to access, but in summer, a pontoon for large boats is installed, preventing its use. The upstream slipway is dangerous to use because it is not suitable for immersion of a trailer (river bed drops away sharply at end of slope).

(11) **Mercuès** : on the right bank upstream from the EDF station. New slipway, best for small craft (difficult manoeuvring and very difficult to launch when the waters are low).

(12) **Pradines** : on the left bank below the village, close to the football ground. Slipway suitable for all kinds of craft and usable all year round.

(13) **Pradines** : on the left bank below the Labéraudie weir, level with the Leclerc commercial centre. Slipway suitable for all kinds of craft and usable all year round, but in very bad condition (potholes more or less immersed).

(14) **Cahors** : on Babou Marine's premises, on the right bank of the Lot, at the level of the Ramparts bridge. Slipway suitable for all kinds of craft but on private premises: access only with the proprietor's prior agreement.

(15) **Cahors** : close to the Chartreuse restaurant on the left bank of the Lot. Access zone in bad condition but accessible all year round by all kinds of craft. Beware: Coty lock in Cahors equipped with an automatic card-operated mechanism: info from Conseil Général du Lot.

(16) **Laroque-des-Arcs** : on the left bank of the Lot, level with the village. Access very difficult with a trailer; for small craft only.

(17) **Arcambal** : on the left bank of the Lot upstream from the carp night-fishing stretch. Accessible for all types of craft, but only when the waters are very high, as the slope does not reach the river bed.

(18) **Savanac** : on the right bank of the Lot, access difficult and manoeuvre awkward for large craft. Only suitable for small trailers. Craft are often left moored at the foot of the slipway, making its use impossible.

(19) **Vers** : on the right bank of the Lot level with Le Cuzoul. Access is not easy; the dirt track can be slippery in wet weather. For small craft only, 4WD vehicle recommended.

(20) **Vers** : on the right bank of the Lot level with the Vers camp site. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(21) **Vers** : below Bêars on the left bank of the Lot. Access difficult and not made up in any way.

(22) **Vers** : on the right bank upstream from the Arquette stretch. Access difficult and man?uvres awkward.

(23) **Saint-Géry** : level with the St. Géry canal on the left bank of the Lot. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(24) **Bouziès** : on the left bank of the Lot upstream from Bouziès bridge. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(25) **Saint-Cirq-Lapopie** : on the right bank of the Lot opposite the village. Access difficult.

(26) **Saint-Cirq-Lapopie** : on the left bank of the Lot level with St. Cirq port. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(27) **Crégols** : on the right bank of the Lot upstream from the Crégols sill. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(28) **Saint-Martin-Labouval** : on the right bank of the Lot.

(29) **Cénevières** : on the right bank of the Lot downstream from La Toulzanie bridge. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(30) **Larnagol** : on the left bank of the Lot level with Larnagol port. Accessible all year round for all types of craft.

(31) **Cajarc** : level with the suspension bridge at Cajarc dam, two slipways accessible all year round for all types of craft.



LAROQUE-DES-ARCS

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Access slipways and boat hire points on the river Lot

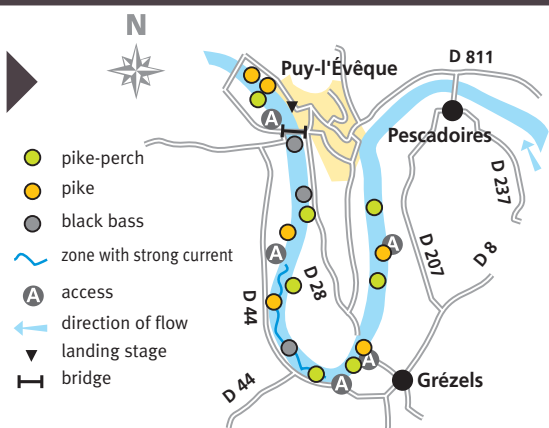
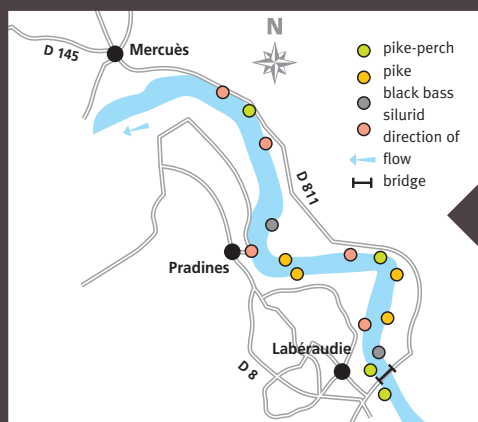
Puy-l'Évêque

Come and try this superb stretch of angling water, which really needs to be prospected from a boat (only the Puy l'Évêque slipway and the Campastié weir are accessible from the bank). The lovely backdrop of the village of Puy l'Évêque in the heart of the Cahors vineyards has, for the past 4 years, been the setting for a carnivorous fish angling competition, a qualifying event for the French Cup and for the inter-département challenge. This competition, which takes place over a weekend in May, brings together more than 40 teams who capture up to 300 fish each year, more than 80 of which are well over the legal size. More need hardly be said about the angling potential of this sector; especially as, from 2007 onwards, the technique of restocking with young pike will be developed here, thanks to the alterations to the Campastié lock being carried out in partnership with the Conseil Général du Lot.



QUALITY ACCOMMODATION AQP (cf p.10)

- Les Vignes camp site in Puy l'Évêque
- "Chez Henry" hotel-restaurant "angling logis" in Puy l'Évêque



Pradines

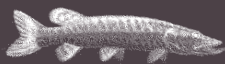
This is the gateway to Cahors and to the vineyards of the same name. The section of the Lot between Pradines and Mercuès has one of the highest concentrations of varied pegs, to be prospected as far as possible from a boat.

Here can be found pike, pike-perch, silurid and black bass; to be fished according to the configuration of the river (pike from a concealed peg amongst the vegetation growing on deposited soil mostly on the right bank; silurid live in trenches 8 m or more deep beside the concave banks of bare rock; in the counter-currents downstream from these trenches lurk good sized pike-perch).

WORTH KNOWING !

→ Fishing preserve from the Regourd weir down to Pradines and from 50 m below to 200 m above the Mercuès weir.

→ In summer, water-skiers use the stretch accessed from the slope by Pradines village.



Vers

The Lot in Vers offers angling waters for carnivorous fish on a stretch more winding and hemmed in by steep cliffs than downstream from Cahors. The fish population is mostly composed of pike and pike-perch found in easily-identifiable sectors, as the convex banks of the river are made up of shingle colonised by hydrophytes which serve as hiding-places for pike, whilst by the concave banks under the cliffs, deep water offers plenty of pike-perch.

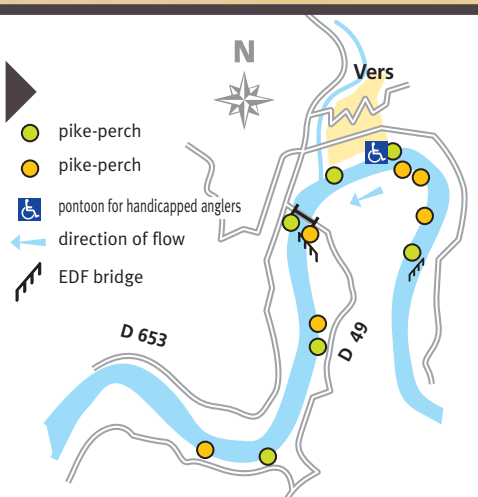
WORTH KNOWING !

- Slipway at the confluence of the Vers and the Lot
- Pontoon for handicapped anglers on the right bank upstream from the Vers camp site.
- The Vers stream (very fine trout fishing waters, classified as 2nd category waters from the confluence with the Lot to the Balitrand weir) enables fishing with live bait all year round as plenty of bleak, roach and chub take refuge there.
- The Arquette stretch near the Vers camp site is classed as 2nd category waters and harbours numerous black bass.



QUALITY ACCOMMODATION AQP (cf p.10)

- "La Truite Dorée" hotel-restaurant, angling "logis" in Vers
- "Chez Henry" hotel-restaurant, angling "logis" in Puy l'Evêque



Cajarc

The dam across the Lot at Cajarc provides carnivorous fish anglers with an area of over 30 hectares where large numbers of pike and pike-perch are to be found. It's well worth prospecting around the islets which shelter some very large pike, or going upriver towards Cadrieu, where some very fine pike-perch await you.

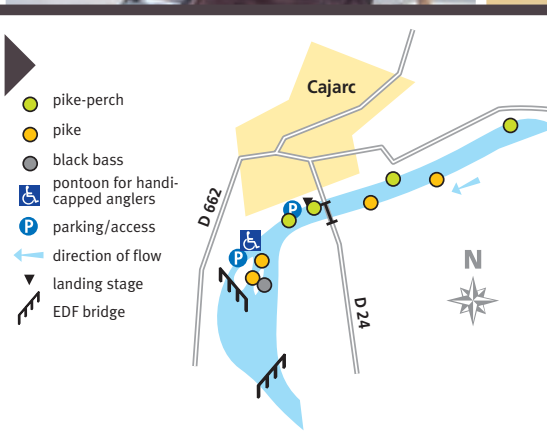
WORTH KNOWING !

- Slipway downstream from the D 24 road bridge.
- Pontoon for handicapped anglers by the village itself
- In summer, an area is reserved for water skiing



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- "La Ségalière" hotel-restaurant, angling "logis" in Cajarc





Le Lac de Mézels



The Mézels artificial lake in Vayrac gives us the chance to invite you to go after carnivorous fish on the Dordogne. Quite unlike the Lot, the Dordogne is a winding river with clear running water, which often forms secondary channels (active channels and backwaters) which provide excellent pike spawning grounds. The quality of its waters and wide variety of good habitats have led the Federation and the local AAPPMA to develop a forward-looking management policy consisting of restoring the natural pike spawning grounds and making all the backwaters on the Dordogne into temporary preserves from the 1st January to the opening date of the carnivorous fish season. This management policy seems to be bearing fruit since there have never been so many pike in the Dordogne as during these last 3 years. It should be noted that the Conseil Général of the Lot is developing a plan to class 8 backwaters on the Dordogne as "Environmentally Sensitive Areas".

As far as the Mézels artificial lake is concerned, its reputation for pike fishing already reaches beyond the limits of the Lot itself, as several specimens measuring over a metre are taken there each year, even in high summer! It also offers one of the few sites on the Dordogne with a good population of pike-perch and black bass.

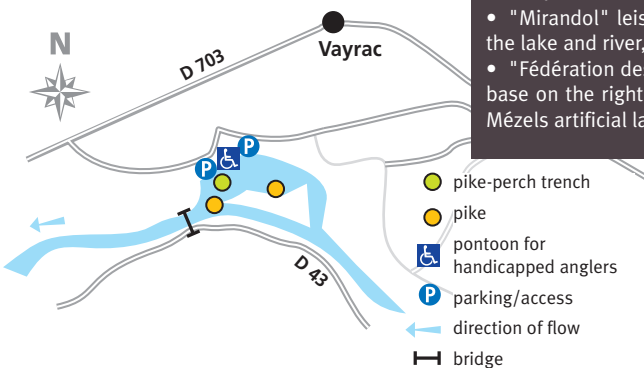
WORTH KNOWING !

- Slipway, boats allowed, but not motorised craft.
- Double pontoon for handicapped anglers installed 2006
- Carp night fishing sector



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- "Mirandal" leisure base, fishing chalets right by the lake and river, in Vayrac.
- "Fédération des Oeuvres Laïques du Lot" leisure base on the right bank of the Dordogne facing the Mézels artificial lake in Vayrac.





Carp



The Lot Département is now internationally known for carp night-fishing in rivers, thanks to the large numbers found in the Lot valley.

The Lot provides carp enthusiasts with an unspoiled and enchanting natural setting, with the ceaselessly changing colour of its waters, its tree-lined banks (the autumn colours are splendid), and the limestone cliffs whose aspect varies according to the moods of the sun.

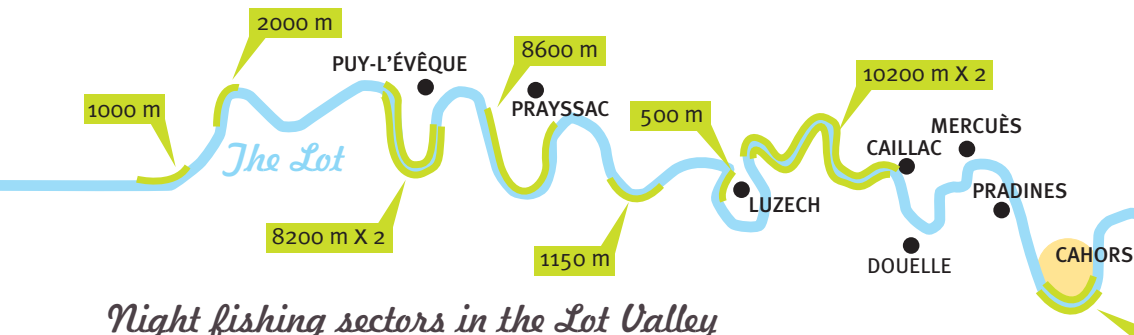
Constantly underlined by the

records which are beaten every year, the quality of the fish population in the Lot is described as exceptional by specialists, both in terms of numbers and average size of specimens captured (more than 50% of catches weigh between 10 and 18 kg, with records exceeding 28 kg!).

The Albas AAPPMA, particularly keen to welcome carp angling enthusiasts, organises in June every year a carp-fishing endurance competition on the Lot night-fishing stretch; it should be

noted that there is a pontoon reserved for anglers with reduced mobility on this stretch.

Strengthened by its close partnership with the Club Carpe du Lot en Mouvement, the Lot Federation has now opened almost 70 km of riverbank to night fishing. For those who prefer the calm of lakes or dammed stretches where the water level is less variable, we suggest you try the Brugales reservoir in Laval de Cère, or the Mézels artificial lake in Vayrac on the river Dordogne.



Night fishing sectors in the Lot Valley

Night fishing for carp

Authorised at all hours of the day and night from the 1st June to 31st December on all sectors except at Larroque Toirac (Lot).

As well as the Lot valley, which is reputed for its carp, the Dordogne also offers two night-fishing sites: near Souillac, in running water, and on the Mézels artificial lake in a protected environment. Night-fishing also on the Brugales reservoir on the Cère and the Gramat artificial lake.

THE DORDOGNE RIVER

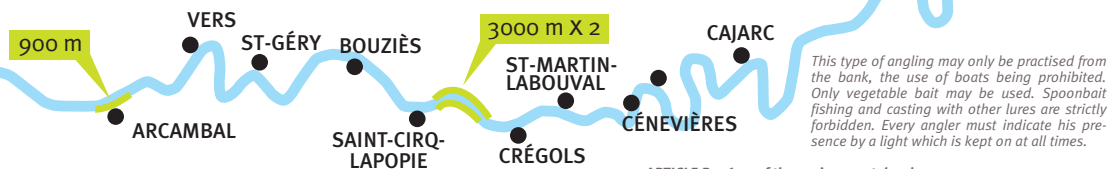
- **Commune of Cieurac** : from 360 metres downstream from Cieurac bridge (RD 255) for a distance of 400 metres downriver on the left bank only.
- **Commune of Vayrac** : on the right bank of the Mézels artificial lake over a distance of 250 m upstream from the lake.

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- **Commune of Laval de Cère** : Brugales reservoir, left bank only, downstream from the Vergnes stream (left bank tributary) from 1800 metres. On the Brugales site, tents and bivouacs must be packed up during the daytime.
- **Commune of Gramat** : La Prairie artificial lake from the car park at the upper end downstream to the lake overflow pipe, i.e. 270 metres on the right bank.

THE LOT RIVER

- **Communes of Larroque-Toirac and Saint-Pierre-Toirac** : from the upstream limit located at the lower end of "Mas de Connes" dyke to the downstream limit, 50 metres upstream from the Larroque Toirac dam in "Condamines". Authorised from 1st January to 31st December (on the 2 banks).
- **Communes of Grégols and Saint-Martin-Labouval** : the Lot, from Cénevières bridge, upper limit, down to 50 metres above the Crégols weir, both banks.
- **Commune of Arcambal** : sector set up from the village of Arcambal (landing stage) on the left bank only, over a distance of 906 m.
- **Commune of Cahors** : upper limit Cabessut bridge downstream to the Valentré bridge on both banks.
- **Commune of Luzech** : from 50 m above Gauthier weir (almost below the petrol station) to the rubbish tip upstream, over a distance of 500 m on the right bank only.
- **Commune of Luzech (2nd sector)** : upper limit the Caillac stream down to 300 m above the Luzech hydroelectric dam, i.e. 10.20 km on both banks.
- **Commune of Albas** : from the upper limit the cemetery, downstream to Albas bridge on the left bank only.
- **Commune of Praysac** : upper limit the former Montat slipway downstream to the lower limit 300 m above the Meymes dam, over a distance of 8 600 m.
- **Commune of Puy-l'Évêque** : upper limit the Campastié weir, lower limit the Puy l'Évêque hydroelectric dam, i.e. 8.2 km on both banks.
- **Commune of Duravel** : upstream from Touzac weir for 2km on the right bank.
- **Commune of Soturac** : from the Château de Fossat upstream down to the lower limit at the Chemin de la Tuilerie, on the right bank only, i.e. 1000 m.



This type of angling may only be practised from the bank, the use of boats being prohibited. Only vegetable bait may be used. Spoonbait fishing and casting with other lures are strictly forbidden. Every angler must indicate his presence by a light which is kept on at all times.

ARTICLE R236-19 of the environmental code

From half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, no carp taken on lines by amateur anglers may be kept in captivity or transported.

Do something different: come to the Lot Département and explore the Lot, Dordogne and Célé valleys, which offer not only beautiful countryside but also rich prospects for the keen angler.

Whether angling is an occasional pastime or a full-time hobby for you, here you will find waters offering an abundance of fish in an unspoiled setting amidst superb landscapes.

In addition, in order to provide you with high-quality services adapted to your needs, tourist-industry professionals, the local groupings of the Lot and Dordogne Valley areas, the Lot Tourist Board and the Lot Federation for Angling and the Protection of the Aquatic Environment have jointly set up a scheme **“ACCUEIL QUALITÉ PÊCHE”** (Quality Accommodation for Anglers) to select the best accommodation located close to accessible and well-stocked angling waters.

These places undertake to :

- Be less than 7 km from angling waters
- Be open during the angling season
- Provide information and advice
- Make fishing licences available on request
- Provide a place to store your equipment...

... and perhaps even a fish-tank or a boat for hire.



The Lot with its two major valleys offers high quality services adapted to your favourite sport !



→ Signing of the first agreement on Quality Accommodation for Anglers, at the Château Grimard.



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