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Norway - Gaula Flyfishing Lodge

Fly Fishing for Atlantic Salmon on the Gaula River in Mid-Norway.

Fishmaster runs a world class Gaula Flyfishing Lodge. We have a prolific private 6,6 km long Gaula Flyfishing beat located in middle part of the Gaula River, near Stören, up and downstream of the mighty Gaulfossen. The beats consist several of the best fly fishing pools of River Gaula – Sanden, Bruahölen, Vollan, Röskaft, Stasjonshölen and Evjen. Biggest fish of the beat is 20,8 kg salmon caught on Bruahölen pool. Seven year average catch from our Gaula Flyfishing Beat is 232 salmon and 24 seatrout per season.



Gaula. Gaula is one of the best salmon rivers in Norway and flows into the sea near Trondheim. Gaula is famous for its big size salmon, the biggest ones are around 20 kilos. The average size of salmon is 5-7 kg. The annual salmon catch from the Gaula River in good year varies between 30-50 tons.



Gaula Flyfishing Rotation. The guests fish our beautiful, private Gaula Flyfishing beats situated in middle Gaula, downstream from Stören in Hovin and Lundamo, about 30-40 km from the sea. The beats consist of 5,0 km of East bank and 1,6 km of West bank of the famous Gaula River. Maximum number of persons fishing on these beats is 12-24 depending of the week. The guests are divided in 3-6 groups of 4 persons each. The stretches of river are divided in 6 fly fishing beats. Beat 1: Rostad and Sanden pools. Beat 2: Bruahölen, Svingen and Rønningen pools. Beat 3: Vollan and Röskaft pools. Beat 4: Stasjonshölen pool. Beat 5: Evjenöra and Evjen pools. Beat GT: Gyllteigen and Gyllsaga pools. Every group of 4 persons have their own beat at a time. The beats are rotated between fishing groups every six hours.



Gaula opening week 1st - 8th June and week 8th-15th June the maximum number of fishermen will be 16 divided into 4 groups of 4 persons. The beats 1 and 2 will be merged into one combination beat 1/2. So our 16 guests will fish 2 beats below Gaulfossen (Beat 3 – Röskaft pool, Beat 5 – Evjenöra, Evjen pools) and 2 combination beats above Gaulfossen (Beat 1/2 - Rostad, Sanden, Bruahölen, Svingen, Rønningen pools and Beat 3/4/GT – Vollan, Stasjonshölen, Gyllteigen and Gyllsaga pools). During these two weeks each person has a chance to fish every day 12 hours below Gaulfossen and 12 hours above.



Röskaft Søndre (Beat RS) beat will be integrated to the Gaula Flyfishing rotation fishery for the weeks 31-35 (27th July-31st August 2019). Röskaft Søndre (RS) beat is situated about 30 km from the sea. The beat is approx 1 km long and is located 1 km below Gaulfossen on the East (Right) side of the Gaula. The Röskaft Søndre beat consists of two long pools in length 200 meter and 700 meter and short fast rapids between them, it is a very famous and prolific beat and fishes well in all water levels.

Fishing Rules. Only fly fishing with fly rod is allowed. Rod sharing is not allowed. Bag limit is one salmon per person per day. If fisherman kills a salmon, he must stop fishing until midnight. The weekly bag limit is 2 salmon and season limit is 4 salmon per fisherman, of these 1 salmon may be over 80 cm. If person retains second salmon for the week, he must stop fishing for that week. Released salmon is not counted on quotas. All female salmon must be released 1.7-31.8. All seatrout must be released.



If a fish that according to the rules should be released is bleeding and dying, it must be delivered to Gaula Natursenter. Delivered salmon is not counted on personal quotas and after delivery to Natursenter person can continue fishing. If water level at Gaulfossen gauge drops below 20 cubics per second, only full floating fly lines are allowed. The floating line rule ceases when water level raises over 25 cubics per second at Gaulfossen. Every caught fish should be recorded to the catch folder and to the Gaula Laksebørsen during the same day.

Fishing Season. Fishing season on the Gaula starts on the first of June. During the two first weeks of the season only big salmon enter the river weighing often 7-20 kg. At this time you have a good chance to hook and catch a salmon of your lifetime. During the early season water level on Gaulfossen gauge is often 400-150 cubics per second and water temperature is about 6-10 degrees. For these high and cold water conditions as fly lines we recommend Guideline TripleD shooting heads sink 1/3/5, sink 2/4/6, sink 3/5/8 and sink 4/5 and sink 6/7. In these conditions tube flies with 8-13 cm long wing are recommended.



By mid June the numbers of salmon in the Gaula increase and in addition to big salmon there is often a good run of two sea winter salmon weighing 4-7 kg. The main run of salmon in Gaula River is from early July to mid August, that period we can catch all sizes of salmon and the catch numbers per week on our Gaula Flyfishing beats are highest. During mid season the water level is often between 150-30 cubics per second and water temperature is 10-16 degrees. For these medium water conditions we recommend our guests to fish for example with Guideline TripleD Int/S2/S4, Float/S2/S4 and Float/Int/S2 shooting heads and tube flies with a wing length 4-8 cm.



During the last two weeks of August there are still some fresh salmon running but we also catch coloured salmon which have been in the river for a while - often very big ones. During late season the water level on Gaulfossen gauge is often between 60-20 cubics per second and water temperature is about 9-15 degrees. For these medium/low water conditions we recommend our guests to fish for example with Guideline TripleD Float/S2/S4, Float/Int/S2 and Floating shooting heads and tube flies with a wing length 4-6 cm. Gaula fishing season ends on the last day of August.



Fly Fishing Tackle. For fly fishing salmon on the Gaula we recommend 13-15 feet double handed rods for lines #8-11 and fly reels with good quality brakes. Floating, sink tip or intermediate shooting heads are most popular fly lines but bring also sinking shooting heads for possible high water conditions.



Disinfection. Before fishing starts everyone must disinfect fishing gear and buy a Norwegian state license. State license can be bought from internet and disinfection can be done at Natursenter or Stören Camping. Keep state license and disinfection certificate always with you when fishing.

Flies. Good fly patterns are Green Butt, Red Butt, Black Sheep, Dee Sheep, Willie Gunn, Green Highlander, Greenlander, Sunray Shadow, Monkey, Grey & Green, Black & Green, Black & Yellow, Black & Orange, Banana.



Lodge Accomodation for fishermen is arranged in the Hage, Gyllteigen and Öran Houses. These three houses are located close to the Gaula Flyfishing beats and they have been restored for fishermen. There is a big living room, a well equipped kitchen, several bedrooms for 1-2 persons, freezer, toilet and shower in both houses. The sheets, pillow case and towel are included and are ready in your bed. Guests can cook their meals in self catering kitchen but food is not included in price. After cooking and eating put the dishes in washer and clean the tables. Cleaning of the houses start on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, guests should leave the house in time.



Travel Arrangements. Fly fishing trips to the Gaula Flyfishing Lodge will be arranged throughout the fishing season and the packages can be booked according to the client's favourite week subject to availability. Anglers will take flight or car transport to Norway. It is about 80 km/1 hour car drive from Trondheim airport to the lodge. Jouni Rauha works as a lodge manager, shows the accomodation and introduces fishing beats to guests. Week begins at 16 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and ends next Saturday morning at 10. Introduction of the beats for new guests will be arranged on Saturday at 18.

Price includes: Rotation fly fishing - Accomodation - Introduction of beats

Price excludes: Flights/car transports - Norwegian fishing license (260 Norwegian crowns = 30 eur) - Disinfection of fishing gear (150 crowns = 20 eur) - Food/drinks

Gaula Flyfishing Lodge - Beats

We have a prolific private 6,6 km long Gaula Flyfishing beat in middle part of the Gaula River, up and downstream of the mighty Gaulfossen and 30-40 km from the sea. The beats consist of 5,0 km of East bank and 1,6 km of West bank of the famous River Gaula.

Beat 1 - Rostad, Sanden

Rostad. Right bank. Rostad is the uppermost of our pools and is 500 meters long. It is quite slow flowing and deep pool above short rapids. The riverbank here is quite high and steep. There is no need for wading at all, you can cast from riverbank. Salmon tends to stop here very close to riverbank, so there is no need for long casts. Best places here are from middle part towards the end of pool. The pool ends to short rapids. Rostad fishes best at high water level between 300-200 cubics.

Sanden. Right bank. Sanden is a classic fly pool. It is 600 meters long and almost entire pool fishes well. Sanden has a nice current which suits great for fly fishing. It's every year one of the most prolific of our salmon pools. In this pool there is plenty of deeper places and big stones, where salmon tend to stop for rest even longer period. Sanden is a very easy pool to wade and cover well with fly. In the middle of pool there is a long deeper place in front of huge stone. That is one of the hot spots where we catch plenty of salmon every season. After that place on the tail of the pool before short rapids there is also a good hot spot place for catching big salmon. Sanden fishes well at many different water levels between 350-20 cubics per second.

Beat 2 - Bruahölen, Svingen, Rönningen

Bruahölen. Right bank. Bruahölen is a very long and prolific pool, typical holding pool, length is 700 meters. It starts from a short rapids and a huge stone in the middle of Gaula. The upper part fishes well in in low water. In the middle of pool there runs a small burn to Gaula from opposite bank. From there towards the end of pool it is good water all the way and it fishes well all water levels. Bruahölen is very easy pool to wade and cover well with fly. A Salmon of 20,8 kg has been caught at Bruahölen. Bruahölen pool fishes well at many different water levels between 400-10 cubics.

Svingen. Right bank. Svingen is 600 meters long. It starts with short fast rapids which then slows down little by little. In this pool salmon tends to stop for longer periods and here you always see lot of jumping salmon. Svingen is a typical holding pool. The riverbank is steep, so speycasting is needed. There is no need for wading at all. The best taking places here are from middle of the pool towards the end of pool. There is a nice current here and fly swims very nicely, there is also no need for long casts. Svingen fishes best from middle to low water levels between 100-20 cubics per second.

Rönningen. Right bank. Rönningen pool is 200 meters long. The riverbank is here quite high and steep, so speycasting is needed if you want to fish effectively here. The salmon tends to stop here for longer period. There is no need for wading at all. There is a nice current here and fly swims very nice, there is also no need for long casts. The pool is quite deep. Rönningen fishes best in water levels between 200-100 cubics.

Beat GT - Gyllteigen, Gyllsaga

Gyllteigen. Right bank. Gyllteigen is 250 meters long and a quite fast flowing pool. The most productive part is in the middle of the pool. It has a nice current for flyfishing all the way and is very easy pool to cover well. Gyllteigen ends to fast rapids and is a running pool where salmon tends to stop for only short period after they have come up those rapids. If water is very high there is no need to wade at all, because then salmon runs and stops very close to our riverbank. Gyllteigen fishes best with very high water 500-250 cubics and from medium to low water at 100-30 cubics.



Gyllsaga. Right bank. Gyllsaga is 250 meters long, quite slow flowing and deep pool at beginning. In the bottom of the river there are deeper spots which are good places for salmon to stop for even for longer time. Gyllsaga is a typical holding pool. From middle towards the end of pool there is more speed at current towards the tail of pool. There is no need for deep wading because the deepest part of river is our side and thus salmon stops very close to riverbank. Therefore there is also no need for long casts. Gyllsaga fishes best from very high to medium water levels between 300-60 cubics per second at Gaulfossen gauge.



Beat 3 – Vollan, Röskaft

Vollan. Right bank. Vollan beat is 700 meters long, it is located 1 km upstream from Gaulfossen, lower border of Vollan is upper border of Stasjonshölen. The beat is located on East side of the Gaula river, right side of rived looked downstream. Vollan includes long nice gravel bar run followed by deep pool, nice tail of pool and short rapids. Vollan is very easy pool to wade and cover well with fly. In the middle there is a long deeper place which is one of the hot spots. From middle towards the end of pool there is again more speed at current to the end of pool. Vollan fishes best with water levels between 200-10 cubics per second.



Röskaft. Left bank. Röskaft is 200 meters long and a quite fast flowing pool. The deepest places of this pool are in the middle and tail of pool. It has a nice current for flyfishing all the way and is very easy pool to cover well with fly. It is as well easy to wade and has plenty of space for casting. Pool ends to fast rapids and is a pool where salmon tends to stop after they run up those rapids. Röskaft is located about 1 km below Gaulfossen on the West (Left) side of the Gaula. Röskaft pool is a good and prolific pool and can be fished at most water levels. Röskaft fishes best with water levels between 400-40 cubics.



Beat 4 – Stasjonshölen

Stasjonshölen. Left and right bank. Stasjonshölen is a very good and long fly pool. It is 300 meters long on West side and 200 meters long on East side of Gaula. Here we can fish both sides but West side is easier to fish and more productive. Pool has a nice current which suits great for fly fishing. Stasjonshölen is very easy pool to wade and cover well with fly. In the middle of the pool there is a deep hole. From middle towards the tail of pool there is more speed at current. Stasjonshölen is a good holding pool where salmon stops for longer period. A 20 kg salmon has been caught at Stasjonshölen. Stasjonshölen fishes best with water levels between 250-20 cubics.



Beat 5 – Evjenöra, Evjen

Evjenöra. Left bank. Evjenöra pool is 500 meters long and is located 3 km below Gaulfossen on the West (Left) side of the Gaula. Evjenöra pool has a nice current for flyfishing all the way and is very easy pool to cover well with fly. Evjenöra is a very easy pool to wade. In the middle of the pool there is a deeper area which is one of the hot spots. From middle towards the end of pool there is more speed at current to the end where begins fast rapids before Evjen. A 20 kg salmon has been caught at Evjenöra pool. The pool is very beautiful and can be fished in water levels between 400-20 cubics.



Evjen. Left bank. Evjen pool is 600 meters long and is located about 3 km below Gaulfossen on the West (Left) side of the Gaula. The riverbank is here quite high and steep, so spey casting is needed if you want to fish effectively here. There is no need for wading at all. In this pool salmon tends to stop for longer periods and you often see lot of jumping salmon, especially later in the season. Evjen is a holding pool. There is a nice current here and fly swims very nicely, there is also no need for long casts because salmon stops here often very close to riverbank. A salmon over 20 kg has been caught at Evjen. The pool is long and deep, it is very beautiful and prolific pool and can be fished well in most water levels between 400-20 cubics.



Gaula Flyfishing Lodge - Accomodation



Hage House

- * Big kitchen * Dining room
- * Big living room/sitting lounge
- * 3 x Shower * 3 x Toilet * Sauna
- * 2 x Single bedroom
- * 4 x Twin bedroom * Office



Gyllteigen House

- * Big kitchen
- * Big living room/sitting lounge
- * Shower, Toilet
- * 2 x Single bedroom
- * 2 x Twin bedroom



Öran House

- * Kitchen
- * Big living room, Dining room
- * Shower, Toilet
- * 2 x Single bedroom
- * 3 x Twin bedroom



Gaula Flyfishing Lodge - Map



Gaula Flyfishing Lodge - Flies



Black Sheep

Tag: Red
Butt: Red
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Hackle: Blue
Wing: Black and yellow
Head: Red or black conehead



Gaula Green Butt

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube
Tag: Silver
Tail: Fluorescent green
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Hackle: Yellow and black
Wing: Black
Head: Black



Greenlander

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube
Tag: Fluorescent green
Butt: Fluorescent green
Body: Pearly ice-dubbing
Rib: Silver
Body hackle: Olive green
Front hackle: Black and white (badger cock)
Wing: 1/3 yellow, 1/3 light green, 1/3 black
Head: Light green



Willie Gunn

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube
Body: Black floss
Rib: Silver
Hackle: Blue
Wing: 1/3 yellow, 1/3 orange, 1/3 black
Yellow Angel hair between wing parts
Head: Black



Black & Yellow

Tube: 1/2 inch brass tube
Body: Gold/Brass
Wing: 1/2 dirty yellow, 1/2 black
Yellow Angel hair between wing
Head: Black

Bookings. Deposit fee is 30% of total price. A booking confirmation and an invoice for payment will be forwarded with the deposit due 30 days. The payment can easily be made via wire transfer to Fishmaster bank account. Balance of 70 % of total price has to be paid before the first of March. If trip will be booked after the first of March, the whole price has to be paid within 14 days of booking. An invoice for balance payment will be forwarded and payment can easily be made via wire transfer to Fishmaster bank account.

Cancellation. Deposit is refundable, less a fee of 100 eur/person office fee if written cancellation is received more than 60 days prior to balance date. If cancellation is received less than 60 days prior to balance date, deposit will not be refunded. If cancellation is received after the balance date, payments are non-refundable. We recommend travel insurance that covers customers costs in case of cancellation.

Gaula Flyfishing Lodge - Tackle List

General

Hat with bill
Polarized sunglasses
Long sleeve shirts, sweaters, fleeces
Short sleeve shirts, t-shirts (several)
Underwear
Warm, long underwear to use under waders
Fleece pants, fleece shirt
Long pants
Warm socks, several
Shorts
Sandals or camp shoes
Raingear or wading jacket
Sunblock, Insect repellent
Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, battery charger
Backpack (to carry camera & other gear)
Small flashlight
Mobile phone
Water bottle, thermos bottle
Garbage bags or waterproof bags for laundry and wading boots.
Books, magazines
Passport (If you come outside EU) or proof of citizenship
Airline tickets and other travel documents
Pre-trip information, maps, addresses, Fishmaster phone number (+358-400-824530)
Credit card, cash, norwegian crowns for disinfection, state fishing license, food, gift shopping
Notebook and pen
Liquor
Food (Best to buy in Norway)
Toiletries; Razor, tooth brush, shampoo, hand lotion, bandages
Pain killers, Prescription medications
Rod holder for car

Fishing Equipment

Fly rods, rod tubes (Rods 13'-15' # 8-11)
Fly reels, reel covers, spare spools
Fly lines, leaders
Fly boxes, flies
Waders, wading belt, repair kit for waders
Wading boots
Reel lube/oil
Pliers (rustproof), Hemostats
Hook hone/file
Extra spools monofilament: 0.35, 0.40, 0.45
Needle clippers
Fly tying gear
Tape measure, Scale