

The Tweed's Fish



The River Tweed is home for several different fish species, from the small baggie (minnow) to the much larger Atlantic salmon. The Tweed Foundation's 'Tweed Fish' session gives children the chance to see some of these fish up close. The children will get an electrofishing demonstration before using keys to identify each fish species, learn about their respective life cycles and the roles that different species' play in the river. Topics covered can include:

- The River Tweed catchment
- Use of biological keys for fish identification.
- Why fish are important.
- The challenges fish face in our rivers.
- Food chains and food webs.
- What makes a healthy river?
- Electrofishing demonstration.
- Habitats in and around the river.
- Fish anatomy.
- The water cycle.



Suitable for Primary 1 – 7 and KS1&2. Areas of the curriculum covered can include Maths, Geography, Science and Health and Wellbeing

The sessions are aimed at lasting between 1.5 – 2hrs and can be carried out either in the classroom or at a suitable location by the river. Getting classes down to the river is always great but this is dependent on health and safety, proximity to a suitable, safe location and weather conditions, all of which can be discussed.

If you would be interested in either (or both) of these sessions for your school or class, then please do get in touch with the Tweed Foundation.

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The Tweed Foundation is a charitable trust working to conserve and enhance fish stocks and their natural environment throughout the River Tweed catchment. Education plays a crucial role in this, with the Tweed Foundation's new education programme, 'Go Wild For Fish', offering a range of educational activities on river conservation and freshwater fish.