

Mill Dam – Double Rod 2015 Rules

The Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate requires all permit holders to familiarize themselves with the fishery rules set out below.

Purchase of a permit signifies acceptance of all rules and there is a zero tolerance policy on litter and aggressive behaviour.

Permit Rules:

Day fishing with a double rod on Mill Dam only.

Opening/ Closing times: Sunrise to sunset. No access onto Estate grounds **before Sunrise**. Rods and lines must be clear of the water at **Sunset**, not left in the water while equipment is packed up.

Parking: Vehicles must only be parked in the designated locations, as shown on the map provided. Keep off the grass with vehicles at all times. Only registered disabled anglers displaying a badge can park on the three large waters-edge tarmac pegs on the north side of Mill Dam. You may offload/pick up tackle on the hard standing verge on the left hand side of the road between the bridge and the island before parking in the designated car parks.

Access: There is NO ACCESS onto the lakes by vehicle unless fishing. Pedestrian visitors are allowed via public/permissive rights of way (no vehicles or bikes) and must respect the rules of the Estate. Combination codes must not be provided to any visitors under any circumstances.

Litter: LITTERING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ANGLERS IN BREACH OF THIS RULE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FISHERY AND BANNED.

Litter must be removed from your swim or anywhere near it, and taken away from the fishery irrespective of whether it was there before you or not. This includes cigarette ends.

Behaviour: Drunkenness and rowdy behaviour is totally unacceptable and the use of recreational drugs is strictly prohibited. Under no circumstances should any wildlife or bankside vegetation be interfered with.

Dogs: Must be kept on leads at all times and any dog mess

must be removed from the fisheries.

Bailiffs: The bailiffs reserve the right to check rigs in use at any time and anglers must reel in immediately if asked to take part in a rig check.

Dipping Stations: All keep nets, landing nets, weigh slings, retainers and mats/cradles are to be dipped in the tanks prior to starting your fishing session the location of the dipping stations are on the map inside the permit book.

Fish Diseases: To help mitigate the risk of spreading disease, do not bring any wet landing nets, unhooking mats, weight slings, keep nets etc onto the site. There are no exceptions!

Fishing:

All fish captured over 25lb are to reported to the Fishery Manager or bailiff.

A minimum 12lb breaking strain must be used by all carp anglers.

Anglers must use barbless, squashed or micro barbed hooks.

Carp anglers must fish in front only and use a minimum 36” landing net.

A large padded carp unhooking mat must be used for all fish.

Rods are not to be left unattended at any time for any reason.

All fish (excepting carp) must be transported in a landing net from the water and returned in the same way.

No casting directly into the floating pads/ snags to maintain good fish welfare.

Bait: Only good quality baits are allowed. The Estate reserves the right to refuse the use of inferior quality bait on the lakes. Carp anglers may use a max 2.5 kg of ‘boilies’ per session. Ground baiting permitted during a session but this must be in moderation.

Keep Nets:

Can be used for silver fish only.

No fish over 3lb are to be kept in keep nets.

No carp including crucians to be retained in your keep net for

more than 5 hours.

Maximum 30lb of silvers at any time.

No fish to be rolled down the rings.

Only soft mesh keep nets are permitted to be used. No knotted.

No unauthorised matches to take place.

During extreme hot weather conditions keep nets will be banned from use.

Fish Movement: No fish are to be moved between lakes. Anyone moving fish will be automatically banned for life and could face prosecution.

Fish Handling: Best practice fish handling is expected from anglers to ensure the fish's welfare at all times. Fish must be transported in landing nets from the water to the unhooking mat and returned to the water in a secure sling or mat. Fish must never be carried in your hands to or from the water. Try to use a recognised, branded wound antibiotic agent on hook holes and any other external wounds, lesions or sores. Have wetted weigh slings, zero adjusted scales, forceps, water bucket, cameras etc ready to use in your swim before lifting a fish from the water. All carp anglers must carry a carp care kit which must be used on all fish with damaged mouths or external wounds.

****The following are banned from use:****

Braided mainline, fires/BBQ, bent hooks, fixed rigs, carp sacks, nuts of any kinds, swimming/wading, spinning, bait boats, air weapons.

Safety: BE AWARE Anglers must keep at least 30m clear of the overhead electricity lines crossing Mill Dam.

General: You are reminded that you should be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence. Yearly licences are available from your local Post Office.

Permits must be carried at all times and are non-transferable and non-refundable. Anglers are permitted to purchase one permit per season.

The Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate reserves the right to close the lakes at any time, including but not limited to; for the purpose of shooting, maintenance, repairs, improvement work or sponsored events, all persons entering the Estate do so at their own risk. The Estate accepts no liability, whatsoever for loss/ damage of property, vehicles or injury.