



WENTWORTH FISHERIES

MILL DAM DOUBLE ROD

RULES OF FISHING

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.

- Opening/ Closing times:** Sunrise to sunset. No access onto Estate ground **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, (see map). Keep off the grass with vehicles at all times. Only registered disabled anglers displaying a badge can park on the disabled pegs (see map) 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. Large groups of people will be asked to leave. Strictly no bicycles on any Estate grounds.
- 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.
- 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.
- Dogs:** Only one dog is allowed per angler which must be kept on a lead 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 (see plan for locations).
- Fish Disease:** 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 be reported to the Fishery Manager or bailiff, along with any tethered or snapped off fish. Do not pull for a break. Contact the Fishery manager or bailiffs if you get into difficulty.
A minimum 15lb breaking strain must be used by all carp anglers. Anglers must use barbless, squashed or micro barbed hooks.
Rigs must be safe, with the lead able to drop off if a fish gets snagged. Carp anglers must fish in front only and use a minimum 36" landing net. Sacking of fish is strictly forbidden. Fish may be retained (in all forms) for a maximum of 10-15 minutes.
A large padded carp unhooking mat must be used for all fish. Fishing is from recognizable swims or pegs only. Your rods must be set up in the same peg as your bivvy/brolly. 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. Drop shotting technique is permitted for the final 3 months of the season.

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 3.5 kg of 'boilies' per session. Ground baiting is permitted during a session but this must be in moderation. Particle baits are allowed (fully prepared prior to 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.
Plastic, cork balls, imitation foam or artificial hook-baits of any type**

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. 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 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 personal injury.

