



WENTWORTH FISHERIES

MORLEY POND

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.

- Booking on:** All members must book on at least 24 hours before commencing a 'session'. This should be done via the online booking system. Where internet access is unavailable via text or a telephone call to number 07747 793540, stating your full name & the days you intend to fish. Full Membership allows night-time fishing to a maximum of 72 hours with 3 rods, after which an angler must leave the lake for a minimum period of 24 hours. A 'session' is always counted from the time of arrival on the first day to the time of departure on the third day, both of which **must** be in daylight hours.
- Parking:** Vehicles can only be parked in the designated south-side woodland car park and all gates must be locked at all times. You can only offload in the designated areas (see map). Vehicles must stay on road and only one vehicle is permitted to off load at any one time from the track, immediately after off loading your vehicle must be returned to the car park.
Disabled anglers only may park on the Dam Head peg. Strictly no vehicular movement in the hours of darkness.
- Access:** Combination codes must not be provided to any visitors under any circumstances. Visits by a non permit holder to an angler are not permitted except for wives/partners booked on in advance. **See map for out of bounds areas.** Members are requested to assist in bailiffing the water themselves by reporting anglers who flaunt the rules,
trespassers, hooligans, etc. and, in particular, movement of anglers and vehicles after hours of darkness. Takeaway deliveries are not permitted on Estate grounds. Anglers leaving site during the hours of daylight (for a maximum of 2 hours only) must reel in. Under no circumstances should any wildlife or bankside vegetation be interfered with.
- Behaviour:** Strictly no access to the lakes via Wentworth Woodhouse. Use only the Fisheries entrance at East Lodge. Drunkenness and rowdy behavior is totally unacceptable and the use of recreational drugs is strictly prohibited. Consumption of alcohol is to be kept to an absolute minimum. Should the need arise to use a toilet (other than to pass water), bury it completely or use W.C.
- 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 and they must be kept on leads at all times and any dog mess must be removed from the fishery.
- 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 landing nets, weigh slings, retainers and 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, cradles, weight slings 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 use a minimum 42" landing net. A good quality large padded carp mat with sides or cradle must be used at all times.

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.

Sacking of fish is strictly forbidden. Fish should only be retained (in all forms) for a maximum of 10-15 minutes.

See attached map for out of bounds areas. Strictly **no access** allowed over the gabion weir.

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 5 kg of 'boilies' per 24 hr session.

Ground baiting is permitted during a session but this must be in moderation. Particle baits are allowed (fully prepared prior to use). Bait boats may be used with discretion and due consideration for other members, but only within the confines of an individual swim and should not be used over large/unnecessary distances.

**** 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 cradle and returned to the water in a secure retainer/sling. 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, air weapons. Plastic, cork balls, imitation foam or artificial hook-baits of any type

General: You are reminded that you should be in possession a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence to fish with 3 rods, 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.



