

Fishing Rules

These apply to all lakes and ponds in order to protect our fish stocks and ensure that all anglers have an enjoyable visit.

1. Location

- a. All fishing lakes at Hoburne Cotswold are governed by National Fishery Byelaws and specific fishery rules.
- b. Heron View Lake
 - b.1. Fishing is permitted at the bottom of the lake marked by a buoyed rope year round
 - b.2. Fishing is permitted in designated areas on the far side of the lake past the buoyed rope after 6pm only.
 - b.3. Fishing is not permitted in front of lodges 12a, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 & 27 between April & October.
- c. Mallard Lake
- d. Kingfisher Lake
- e. Please use designated areas for fishing on all lakes.
- f. Fishing is not permitted from the decking of any holiday accommodation
- g. Under no circumstances is fishing permitted from the beach area accessible through the main complex building.
- h. No communal seating areas/benches should be used to fish from.

2. Rod Licence

- a. All anglers aged 12 or over must have an Environment Agency Rod Licence, available from the local Post Office in South Cerney, or online. (Junior and Senior Citizen concessions available.)

3. Number of Rods

- a. You may fish in our lakes with a maximum of two rods per person.

4. Unattended Rods

- a. It is an offence to leave baited rods cast out into the water unattended. The test will be 'sufficient control', which means you can go to sleep close to your rod(s) but cannot walk a long distance away from it/them.
- b. Anglers are not permitted to use alarm systems and return to their accommodation.

5. Landing Nets and Mats

- a. Landing nets with knotless mesh must be used.
- b. A landing mat must always be used when fishing.

6. Lead Weights

- a. It is illegal to use lead weights smaller than one ounce, except for split shot of size 8 or smaller.

7. Gaffs

- a. The use of gaffs is prohibited.

8. Rigs

- a. All fishing rigs must allow the fish to discard the lead if the lines break. No fixed rigs allowed.

9. Bait and Ground Bait

- a. Bait and ground bait must be used only in moderation.
- b. Nuts and/or beans are prohibited.

10. Close Season

- a. There is no close season
- b. April 1st to October 31st restrictions are in place. Please see point 1.
- c. November 1st to March 31st All swims can be used, without further restriction.

11. Litter and Discarded Tackle

- a. You are responsible for the removal and safe disposal of all litter and discarded tackle and are duty bound to advise reception in the event of snaring wildlife or losing tackle where it is not possible to salvage.

12. Barbless Hooks

- a. Barbless and micro-barbed hooks are permitted.

13. Predator Fishing

- a. Live bait and freshwater fish dead baits must not be used in our lakes. Sea fish dead baits and spinning/plug fish is allowed.

14. Fishing from Boats

- a. Fishing from boats is not permitted on our lakes.

15. Fishing Hours

- a. Fishing may only take place between the hours of 08:00 and 22:00.
- b. no permitted setting up before 07:50
- c. equipment should be removed by 22:10
- d. Strictly No overnight fishing

16. Removal of Fish

- a. All fish must be returned to the lakes immediately. No sacks or keep nets may be used to retain fish.

17. Park Rules

- a. Hoburne Cotswold park rules must be adhered to at all times.
- b. Only designated fishing swims should be used for fishing
- c. Only fishing Brollies are permitted for use on our lakes. No Bivvies or Tents.

18. Guest Memberships

- a. All anglers must carry their park membership cards at all times. The membership must be presented to any Hoburne representative when requested.