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Daytime Fishing Rules

Applicable to White Swan Lake, Dinton`s River Loddon and California Country Parks, Longmoor Lake 2021-22

Anglers please note, fishing is one of many activities carried out on the Country Parks. Considerate behavior will result in a pleasant time for all visitors to our sites.

Before fishing all Anglers should make themselves fully acquainted with the rules.

1. Barbless or crimped hooks only to be used on the fishery
2. No night fishing except for Specimen Group Members (Details of which can be obtained through the Country Park Office)
3. No live bait fish to be used.
4. No person is permitted to fish without a valid ticket or permit. These are available from the car park ticket machines, Countryside Office at Dinton, the Dragonfly fly Café at Dinton, or California Country Park Chalet and Touring Park. Holders of season permits have authority and are expected to challenge any person fishing whom they suspect does not hold a valid ticket or permit.
5. Tickets and permits are not transferable. Junior (under 16 years), senior citizens, students and the unemployed are eligible for concession rates.
6. No fish what so ever are to be killed or taken away from the Country Parks.
7. No fishing under any circumstances during the close seasons. On the Lakes, this will be a floating 1 month close season which will be put in place when fish spawning begins and signage in place. On the River, this is subject to the Environment Agency rules of an official close season between midnight 14th March to midnight 15th June inclusive.
8. Day fishing starts at 0700 hrs and finishes at dusk. Precise times will be posted on site notice boards, notifying day anglers of when a swim can be occupied and when it should be vacated.
9. No fires to be lit.
10. No litter or discarded fishing tackle of any description to be left on the banks because of the danger to wildlife. Anglers are responsible for litter or discarded fishing tackle of any description found in or within 2 metres of their swims. Litter must be removed from site and not left in dog poo bins
11. No nut baits to be used.
12. The cutting down, damaging and removal of foliage, plants etc., is strictly forbidden.

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13. No person is permitted to fish from a boat of any kind. No swimming is allowed in the Country Park lakes.
14. No fish are to be introduced from other waters.
15. No radio controlled craft to be used on the fishery.
16. Fish must be returned to the water as soon as possible after landing. No sacking of fish.
17. Anglers should observe the Environmental Agency By-Laws. A copy is available for inspection from the Countryside Service Office.
 - No person shall fish with more than two rods and lines at the same time.
 - No person shall leave a rod and line with bait or hook unattended in the water.
18. Fishing is permitted from pegged swims only.
19. The use of electronic fish-finding equipment is prohibited.
20. No pre-baiting within two swims of another angler or directly opposite without the anglers consent.
21. No reserving of swims except through the Countryside Service for the purpose of organized matches.

Other Rules applicable to CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK

- Fishing is not permitted on, or in the vicinity of the paved frontage..
- Chalet & Touring Park Residents may fish at night after purchasing the appropriate ticket.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Countryside Service is committed to ensuring that all of our customers have a pleasant visit. Whilst poor behavior by anglers is an infrequent occurrence, we do take a strong stance on the issue. We ask that all anglers act not only within the rules but also in the spirit of fair play and respect for others.

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INJURED OR TACKLED UP WILDLIFE/SWANS should immediately be reported to the COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE on 0118 9342016 or SWAN LIFELINE on 01753 859397.

Every person fishing in Council Waters is personally responsible for any damage caused by him or her.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE FISHING NOTICE BOARD IN THE ANGLERS CAR PARK AT DINTON PASTURES AND BY THE MAIN CAR PARK AT CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FISHERY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

Wokingham District Council or any of its employees or Agents do not, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any death, illness or injury to persons (other than caused by the negligence of Wokingham District Council, its employees or agents) or for loss or damage to property however arising as the use of the land and premises at the Country Parks.