



**Before you fish:**

1. Only Farriers Permit holders and authorised visitors may enter the property. Unauthorised visitors may be asked to leave the property by a Carp Society official.
2. All permit holders must hold a valid Carp Society membership for the duration of their permit.
3. Permit holders are entitled to fish the water for the period for which their permit applies. The Carp Society reserves the right to close the lake without prior notice at their discretion, with no liability of compensation, for planned events and environmental reasons including spawning. Due to nature of unplanned closures such as spawning we cannot pre-set dates but will place a message on the website and email (where supplied) advising of the closure date and expected opening date.
4. The gate to the property must be closed and locked immediately after entry or exit. The gate key is not permitted to be given to anyone other than permit holders. Carp Society bailiffs and officials will be given the key by the office only. The key/locks are property of the Carp Society and should be returned to the office immediately after your permit expires if you do not choose to renew.
5. Whilst on the property vehicles must be driven carefully and quietly and must be parked in the car parks provided. Loading or unloading of vehicles is permitted on the roadways, but vehicles must not be parked on the grass.
6. Fishing is only permitted from authorised numbered swims. Red post swims permit two anglers to fish together to a maximum of four rods from the swim (i.e. two each). White post swims are for single angler occupancy to a maximum of two rods.
7. Note: From 1 November until 31 March a *single* angler fishing a red or white post swim may fish with three rods provided that he/she is in possession of the appropriate E.A. licences. Please note the exception is that two anglers sharing a red post swim are limited to two rods each at all times.
8. No swims may be altered without the consent of a bailiff or Carp Society Official. Climbing of trees is not permitted.
9. No boats of any description are allowed on the water other than the authorised use of a boat by the bailiffs in the course of their duties.
10. No bait boats or drones (with the exception of planned media by the Carp Society) are to be used by members. Deeper Pro's may be used but they are expressly at the anglers own risk, the Carp Society bailiffs are not obliged to retrieve lost deeper pro.
11. Anglers must be prepared to enter the water up to knee height to ensure safe landing and the release of fish. Entering the water for any other reason which includes casting or placing bait is strictly prohibited.
12. Anglers fishing for carp or pike must use a minimum of 15lb breaking strain monofilament line. Float fishing for other species must be carried out with a minimum of 5.5lb line. When feeder fishing for Tench, anglers must use a minimum mainline strength of 10lb mono.
13. Dogs must not be brought onto the property.

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14. It is the responsibility of any angler occupying a swim to ensure that the swim and surrounding area is kept free of litter. Take all litter home.
15. The use of all lead core, braided mainlines and shock/carp leaders (i.e. where there is a knot above the hooklink) on any baited rods is not permitted.
- 16. All anglers must be in possession of a suitable UNHOOKING MAT. The mat must be well padded, have walled sides and be suitable for holding 40+lb fish. \*Updated Jan 2023**
17. Barbless hooks must be used at all times; crushed barbed hooks and the use of long shank nailer type hooks are not permitted.
18. The use of nuts as hook baits or in loose feed are **not** permitted.
19. No guns, crossbows or weapons of any kind are allowed on the property. The exception may be Carp Society officials.
20. No open fires to be lit on the property.
21. Anglers must not introduce into the lake from any other water any live or dead freshwater fish, spawn or pond plants.
22. Non-fishing partners or children wishing to accompany a permit holder; must gain written permission from the office prior to accessing the lake. All non-fishing guests must hold valid Carp Society memberships and are not permitted to be given the gate key to the lake. Access/Exit must be carried out by the permit holder.
23. The minimum age for holding an annual permit is 16 years.
24. Children under the age of 5 are not permitted on the property.
25. Any person fishing the waters must hold the relevant E.A. licence.
26. No swims can be reserved by any means. An angler must not put any of their tackle (be it buckets, rods etc.) in any swim that is already occupied by another angler, (I.E. placing an item of tackle in a swim with the intention of reserving it for yourself for when the current occupant vacates the swim). You must wait until the occupant of the swim has vacated it before moving yourself or your tackle in the swim.

### **While you're fishing:**

27. Unruly and abusive behaviour (verbal or physical) between individuals or groups of anglers, or towards Carp Society property or personnel will be deemed to be a rule infringement. All members must (at the discretion of the bailiff) conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner and observe good angling etiquette. Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in your permit being nullified with no refund.
28. There are currently no swims designed specifically for wheelchair bound anglers at Farriers.

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29. An angler may be absent from his/her swim for a maximum of 4 hours and off site for a maximum of 2 hours in any 24hr period. Please note: stalking whilst occupying a permanent swim is allowed with one rod only and only when space permits. This must not interfere with another anglers fishing and is allowed at the bailiff's discretion.
30. No angler's baited rods must be left unattended. This includes 'walking out' of lines to clip up, if other lines remain in the water. It is not acceptable to leave rods under the control of another angler who is already fishing.
31. Wound-in rods must not be left unattended without the hook bait being removed.
32. Fishing in areas which are out of bounds or in swims which are closed is prohibited.
33. The Carp Society shall have the right to inquire into and take the appropriate action in the event of an alleged infringement of the rules in accordance with the current bailiff guidelines, which are published on the Carp Society website. A paper copy is available from the office.
34. Rule infringements. Annual permits holders warned for rule breaking could have their permit punched; a second infringement will result in your permit being withdrawn. All rule infringements will be recorded on the membership database. Return of any permit or options to purchase further tickets are entirely at the discretion of the Society management team.
35. All bailiffs and Carp Society Officials have the right to examine any vehicle on, entering or leaving the property to ensure that fish are not being removed, transported illegally, or stolen. This right may only be exercised in the presence of the person using the vehicle, but refusal to cooperate may result in the termination of the vehicle user's rights to fish and/or be on the property. Any person found attempting to remove fish from any Carp Society water shall automatically lose their permit. Subject to the seriousness of the incident the Carp Society can suspend permission to fish whilst investigating an alleged infringement.
36. Random checks will be made with regard to permits, memberships, licences, rigs and bait.
37. The toilets provided must be used at all times. NO WET WIPES ARE ALLOWED ON SITE!
38. An angler may spend up to a maximum of 96 consecutive hours (4 days) in a swim before having to vacate it. Once an angler has vacated a swim they have occupied for over 18 hours (be it for 19 hours or the full 96 hours), he/she must not occupy that swim or the ones immediately to the left or right of that swim for a further period of 120 hours (5 days). An angler is deemed to have occupied the swim from the time he/she casts a baited rod out or places any of their tackle in the swim (dependent on whichever they chose to do first)
39. Each swim has its designated fishing area which is indicated on the google map drawing attached (and available on the lake bulletin board). In the event of a dispute between anglers, the angler fishing the shortest distance, in most circumstances, will be deemed to be fishing correctly. However due to the shape and arrangements of the swims this may not always be the case. We expect common sense to be applied.
40. Your permit remains the property of The Carp Society and is non-transferable.

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41. Should you lose your permit a replacement will be supplied following payment of an administrative fee.
42. When Surface fishing only one rod per angler may be used, i.e. not one floater rod and one bottom rod. The use of "Beachcaster" style rigs is not permitted.
43. All fish landed must be returned back to the lake in the shortest possible time. A period of ten minutes from the fish going into the landing net to being released is the benchmark, if for whatsoever reason you anticipate it taking longer you must contact the duty bailiff and seek permission.
  - Permission will never be granted for the simple reason that you are waiting for better conditions for a photo.
  - You must under no circumstances land a fish in darkness and keep it in a retainer until daylight for the reason of getting a better photo.
  - The only time a fish may be kept in a retainer is to allow you to sort out your unhooking and photographing procedures out; this time is included in the 10 minutes.
  - The fish must be out of the water for no longer than 5 minutes at a maximum. If for whatever reason you do not think you can meet this criteria (it maybe you think the fish will benefit from a rest before release) you must contact the duty bailiff and explain why before proceeding.As a general rule of thumb if you are making a continuous effort to photograph, look after the fish, apply carp care and return the fish safely, should it take slightly longer than 10 minutes there shouldn't be a problem.
44. Under no circumstances once you have landed a fish should that rod or any other be recast into the water until the fish has been safely returned.

### **Pike Angling Rules and Guidelines:**

1. Pike fishing is only permitted between 1 October and 31 March.
2. Pike fishing is limited to two rods only. (**Please note:** When pike fishing a third rod is not permitted to fish for carp. Similarly, when carp fishing a third rod is not permitted to fish for pike).
3. Barbless hooks must always be used on all spinners / lures, and all trebles (except for one barbed hook permitted for holding on dead bait).
4. All pike anglers must carry adequate forceps, pliers, side cutters and antiseptic treatment at all times.
5. Braid is permitted for spinning and lure fishing only. This must be 25lb breaking strain or over.
6. Pike are very fragile and delicate creatures, and despite their predatory looks and images require extra care and attention. Any angler who appears to be lacking the necessary knowledge and experience in fishing for and handling pike may be asked to stop fishing.

Please note: these rules and guidelines are only in place for the future welfare of our fish stocks.

**Any rule infringement will be noted on the office database. Any future tickets will be marked accordingly. A rule infringement could result in the angler/s being asked to leave the lake immediately. Future access to the lake will then be subject to the consideration of the Society Management, who will notify the angler/s in writing.**

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