

FISHING ON WANDSWORTH WATERS

TERMS and CONDITIONS

2017/2018

HELP PROTECT YOUR FISHING

If you witness non-compliance with these Terms and Conditions below, or anything of concern, please contact:

- Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60
- Parks and Events Police 07500 959442 (patrol mobile) or 020 8871 7532

If you inadvertently catch a water bird in your own line please do not cut the line or reel the bird in. Call the RSPCA immediately on 0300 1234 999.

If you see a wildlife **emergency** or a creature whose welfare concerns you, please call the RSPCA **0300 1234 999**.

The named permit holder is entitled to fish, by rod and line only (**max 2 rods**), at designated fishing areas on Battersea Park, Tooting Common and Wandsworth Common between 16th June 2016 and 14th March 2017 (inclusive), subject to compliance with the Byelaws and the following terms and conditions.

Failure to observe these Terms and Conditions and the Byelaws will lead to suspension from fishing on all waters and may result in prosecution.

1. **The Council Fishing Permit AND appropriate Environment Agency Rod Licence must be carried at all times whilst fishing and must be produced when requested to do so by an authorised officer.** An authorised officer must be allowed by the fishing permit holder to examine anything that is necessary to check compliance with the terms and conditions of permit.
2. Fishing is permissible only in the designated areas - you do not have exclusive use of these areas and they remain shared by all users.
 - a. ONLY from the southern bank-side paths in Battersea Park.
 - b. ONLY from the fishing platforms on Tooting and Wandsworth Commons.

FISHING TACKLE

3. Fly fishing is not permitted.
4. Rods without tackle must not be left in the water at any time
5. Rods with or without tackle may not be left unattended.
6. Only "fish safe" rigs or leads are allowed. In the event of fish breaking free they must not be tethered by parts of the main tackle.
7. Barbed single hooks no larger than size 2 may be used, but must be removed with a disgorging
8. The use of boats and drones (including model boats) is not permitted.
9. No plugging, spinning or bait boats allowed.
10. No live bait to be used

HANDLING FISH

11. Landing nets must be used.
12. No keep nets, keep sacks or tubes are allowed.
13. To ensure fish welfare, wet hands must be used whilst handling fish and unhooking mats must also be used.
14. Fish must only be weighed using a fit for purpose weigh-sling.
15. All fish are to be returned to the water as soon as possible after weighing, using an unhooking mat or landing net.

RESPONSIBILITIES

16. Do not enter the water (wade or swim) under ANY circumstances.
17. Do not allow dogs to enter the water.
18. Cutting, damage to, or removal of trees, bushes and/or water plants is not permitted.
19. Any tackle or line caught in trees/bushes must be removed immediately. Anything beyond reach **MUST** be reported to the Parks Office (020 8871 7530).
20. No fires / BBQs / camping gas stoves.
21. No alcohol or illegal substances are to be consumed whilst fishing.
22. No bivvys or tents to be erected anywhere.
23. Umbrellas must be free standing and may not be weighted or pegged down. Fishing umbrellas with sides may only be rolled down and remain down in inclement weather. In every other situation the sides must be kept rolled up. They must not be bigger than the dimensions of the fishing platform and must not obstruct the footpath. At Tooting and Wandsworth Commons, umbrellas may only be erected on the fishing platforms.
24. In Battersea Park, fishing is only permitted from 7.00am until 30 minutes after sunset.
25. Check the area around you before you leave – you are responsible for any litter found in your swim.
26. **REMOVE ALL LITTER and DISCARDED TACKLE and TAKE IT HOME.**

For further information please:

Write to: Fishing Permits, Battersea Park, London SW11 4NJ

Email: parks@wandsworth.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8871 7530

NB: Authorised officers include:

- Parks Officers
- Parks and Events Police Officers
- Environment Agency Officers
- Metropolitan Police Officers

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