

COARSE FISHING ON WANDSWORTH WATERS TERMS and CONDITIONS 2020/2021 (REVISED)

The person named on the Council Fishing Permit is entitled to fish, by rod and line only (**max 2 rods**), at designated fishing areas in Battersea Park, Tooting Common and Wandsworth Common between 16th June 2020 and 14th March 2021 (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.**

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 to examine anything that is necessary to check compliance with the terms and conditions of permit. Authorised officers include: Enable Parks Officers; Wandsworth Parks and Events Police Officers; Environment Agency Officers; Metropolitan Police Officers.

Fishing is permissible only in the designated areas - you do not have exclusive use of these areas and they remain shared by all users. **Remember that the “1m plus” rule remains in place to safeguard you and other users of these shared greenspaces. You should not visit the park or the commons if you or anybody in your household have any coronavirus symptoms.**

Fishing is only permitted from the fishing platforms on Tooting and Wandsworth Commons and the 6 marked “bays” at Battersea Park. ONE ANGLER PER PLATFORM or BAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

COVID -19 ADJUSTMENTS for BATTERSEA PARK.

To allow us to reinstate fishing safely at Battersea Park the following additional points MUST be adhered to. ANY infringement or complaint against an angler will result in your permit being automatically revoked.

- i. A maximum of 4 anglers on the long fishing area and a maximum of 2 anglers on the shorter area at any time, positioned at the swims marked out on the floor.
- ii. Facemasks to be carried at all times by anglers and worn if it is necessary for safety of the anglers and the public. REMEMBER the “1m plus rule”.
- iii. Always maintain a clear path through for the public to pass along the bank – ensure a minimum 1m clearance is achievable.
- iv. Entrances to the bank must be kept clear and not used for fishing.
- v. All anglers will carry and use hand sanitiser.

FISHING TACKLE

1. Magnet fishing is not permitted.
2. Fly fishing is not permitted.
3. Rods without tackle must not be left in the water at any time
4. Rods may not be left unattended (with or without tackle)

5. 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.
6. Micro barbed and barbless hooks only, minimum of size 6. No long, curved shank hooks or 360 rigs to be used.
7. The use of boats and drones (including model boats) is not permitted.
8. No plugging, spinning or bait boats allowed.
9. All spods must have a float. Spod sizes should be limited and excessive spodding will not be tolerated.
10. No live bait to be used.
11. The use of a catapult is not permitted.
12. No leadcore or lead-free leaders
13. No braided reel lines or shock leaders allowed, including fluorocarbon and mono shock leaders (with the exception of spod/marker rods).
14. No zig rigs allowed
15. No plastic baits allowed

HANDLING FISH

16. Landing nets must be used.
17. No keep nets, keep sacks, or tubes are allowed.
18. To ensure fish welfare, wet hands must be used whilst handling fish and wet unhooking mats must also be used.
19. Fish must only be weighed using a wet fit for purpose weigh-sling.
20. All fish are to be returned to the water as soon as possible after weighing, using an unhooking mat or landing net.
21. Carp welfare/care kits must be used.

RESPONSIBILITIES

22. MINIMISE CONTACT WITH OTHERS (e.g. no handshakes) and DO NOT SHARE YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH OTHER ANGLERS
23. DO NOT WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE SOAP or SANITIZER IN LAKES
24. Do not enter the water (wade or swim) under ANY circumstances.
25. Do not allow dogs to enter the water.
26. Cutting, damage to, or removal of trees, bushes and/or water plants is not permitted.
27. Any tackle or line caught in trees/bushes must be removed immediately. Anything beyond reach MUST be reported to the Parks Office (parks@enablelc.org).
28. No fires / BBQs / camping gas stoves.
29. No alcohol or illegal substances are to be consumed whilst fishing.
30. No bivvys or tents to be erected anywhere.
31. 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.
32. In Battersea Park, fishing is only permitted from 7.00am until 30 minutes after sunset.
33. Under 18's must always be accompanied by a responsible adult.

34. Check the area around you before you leave – you are responsible for any litter found in your swim.
35. No bait in tin cans
36. **REMOVE ALL LITTER and DISCARDED TACKLE and TAKE IT HOME**

For further information please write to: Fishing Permits, Battersea Park, London SW11 4NJ or email: parks@enablelc.org

HELP PROTECT *YOUR* FISHING

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

- Environment Agency 0800 807060
- 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.