

Fishing Rules 2025-2026:

- The capture of All Carp whatever the size / as well as Specimen Fish are to be reported to the Parks Office either by phone on 01223 420060 / 07920 838220 or through the Parks Facebook Page.
- They are to be retained in an appropriate retainer sling until we are able to come along to photograph them and then to also Microchip them/record the weights for further stock planning.
- To run the microchip scanner over the fish for our records.
- When Rods are in the water under no circumstances are they to be left unattended, even when using an alarm / receiver.
- Nor can you ask the adjoining / another angler to look after your rods.
- Rods should not be placed more than 3 m apart, butt to butt.
- Failure to follow these rules could result in a ban or you being given a warning letter or strike.
- Park staff can close swims without notice for the purpose of repair, maintenance or for events
- Pegs One & Two on Todd's Pit will from time to time be closed to anglers.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Overnight fishing is permitted for over 18s only.
- Anglers must produce this membership book and their signed Environment Agency rod license when requested by Park staff or the Park bailiff.
- Parking of members' vehicles is permitted either with an annual permit or a pay and display ticket.
- Please ensure you purchase a ticket as we have ANPR Cameras that monitor the carpark 24 hours now.
- Platforms for disabled anglers are available. Disabled anglers have priority to use these platforms.
- Anglers should keep platforms, swims and surrounding areas tidy and litter free. Litter should be taken home and recycled where possible. If any tackle is lost or out of reach you must inform Park staff.
- Anglers may not cut back vegetation, clear or dig out swims without prior permission from Park staff
- No boating or swimming allowed.
- **Night fishing is allowed for a maximum of three nights on one swim. After three nights you must either leave or fish a different swim.**
- **A break of a further three nights are required before returning to the same swim.**
- Torches should not be shone across the water as it can disturb and annoy other anglers.
- No fish are to be transferred to other waters or removed from the park.
- Gas stoves only. No open fires or BBQs on platforms
- Radios, televisions or other devices should not be audible away from the platform being used.
- Anglers should use the toilet facilities within the car park. If locked anglers must bag and remove any waste from the site.
- Anglers can bring dogs but they must be kept under control or kept on leads at all times, in the lead areas and while fishing.
- Anglers found behaving in a manner which causes nuisance to other park users, or could be considered unsafe will be asked to stop fishing immediately.
- Respect all lake and Park users . The lakes and Park are shared with many users and the lake can have a busy programme of water activities. No Park user has priority and we ask for your patience at busy times.
- Match fishing is not permitted unless organized by, or with permission of, Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust.
- Anglers can only fish from the designated numbered or named swims.
- Keep the time you have a fish out of the water to a minimum to avoid damage or distress.

- Drug use and / or excessive alcohol consumption will not be tolerated and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- Anglers not abiding by the rules may get a strike in their club book, a warning letter or have their membership book revoked. The decision of Park staff and the Park bailiff is not negotiable.
- All tackle, tents and equipment must be kept on the platforms and not obstruct the paths.
- Excessive baiting and the placement of hooks and baits away from the platform you're using is not permitted.
- The use of floating hook baits is not allowed to prevent injury to wildfowl. Surplus bait should be taken home and not left in or around platforms where it could attract rats.
- Barbless or micro barb hooks must be used at all times - this includes trebles and lures.
- A maximum of three rods per angler is allowed as long as the angler has a valid Environment Agency Three Rod Licence.
- These must not be on separate platforms or left unattended.
- Each platform can accommodate two anglers.
- Remember that the fishing platforms in the Park are gravel surfaced. To protect fish from damage you must use a commercially sold unhooking mat or cradle for all type of fishing.
- Fish in these lakes can grow to specimen size; adequate breaking strain lines should be used (12lb min) and an appropriate landing net (min 36 inch) and an approved unhooking mat or cradle must be used.
- An approved Carp Care Kit should be carried at all times and showed to the bailiffs on request.
- Bait boats are allowed on Dickerson's Pit only at the discretion of the bailiff.

Rules: Pike Fishing.

- Pike fishing season is October 1st to March 31st only
- Live baiting for pike is not permitted.
- All freshwater dead bait must have been frozen and treated.
- Anglers should use wire traces while fishing for pike and adequate unhooking equipment should be to hand, as well as a landing net, unhooking mat or cradle.
- Spinning or lure fishing is only allowed during Pike Fishing Season - from 1st October till 31st March each year.

Code of Conduct:

- Courtesy, consideration, respect and tolerance is needed between all parties when using the parks facilities
- The park will endeavour to publish dates and times of the main activities taking place on the water.
- Although anglers should be aware this will not always be 100% accurate due to short notice of sessions being added.
- At times the water will be exceptionally busy and anglers should use their judgement and maybe remove their lines for a short period.
- Should there for whatever reason any disputes arising between any of the parties using these facilities this will need to be referred to the Park Management Team as early as possible.
- Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and Milton Country Park will not tolerate any type of threatening behaviour what so ever from any of its users.