



# Membership Rules

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Welcome to Tardebigge Anglers. We are pleased that you have joined our syndicate. Please read through these rules carefully. If you have any questions, please get in touch.



### About our Membership Types

We have four Membership Tickets.

- **Full Membership – 1st May to 30th April**

You are welcome to fish the entirety of the lake for all of our fish species. Please read through the entire rules carefully. Pike fishing is limited to Pike season only.

- **Winter Tickets – 1st November to 31st March**

You are welcome to fish the entirety of the lake for all of our fish species. Please read through the entire rules. Pike fishing is limited to Pike season only.

- **Pike Only Ticket – 1st November to 31st March**

You are welcome to fish the entirety of the lake but only target Pike.

- **Silver Only Ticket – 1st May to 30th April**

You are welcome to fish the Grassbank only Monday to Thursday.



### Identification and Membership

- All members must carry their membership card (with photo on) when at the water whether fishing or not.
- All members must display their Car Park Sticker clearly.
- All members must carry their Fishing Permit when fishing.
- All members must be in possession of current E.A Licences which reflect the correct number of rods.
- All Full Members must attend at least ONE work party a year as part of your membership OR contact the maintenance team for an individual job to be completed at a time that suits you. Failure to do this will result in your membership not being renewed.
- No fees returnable under any circumstance.



## CARP FISHING RULES

You may fish for carp throughout the year.



### Carp Equipment and Fish Care

- A maximum of 3 rods to be used at any one time (plus Marker and Spod rods)
- Fixed markers such as a H block, may be used in your swim during fishing sessions but must be removed at the end of your session.
- Minimum line strength 15lb carp
- Micro barbed hooks are preferable
- Unhooking mats with sides or a carp cradle must be used at all times.
- A weigh sling and a water bucket must be out by the mat with weighing scales and a Carp Care kit ready to use and clearly visible.
- During extreme temperatures, hot or cold, mats should be refreshed with freshly collected lake water and use freshly collected water over the fish.
- No sacking of fish under any circumstances
- During spawning season the fishery will remain open. We will close specific pegs in areas where spawning occurs. This will be monitored on a day to day basis. Please notify the Bailiff team if you witness any spawning behaviour.
- All carp caught are to be reported to the Head Bailiff, Simon Woodall, within 24 hours of leaving the lake. The exact weight and photographs of both sides of the fish are required. You can contact Simon via WhatsApp, Messenger or text. His number is provided to you when you join. If you do not have his contact details get in touch with Michelle and she will give you a Bailiff Contact list.
- Floater fishing and the use of Zigs are only to be used in The Long to The Caravan. It is banned on the rest of the lake
- Photography equipment must be set up before the fish is taken out of the water. Use of a self take system is preferable. All photos and weighing should be completed as fast as possible.
- If you have a crack off please contact any of the bailiff team as soon as possible to let them know. This is important for the welfare of our Fish and failure to report it will result in a corner cut.
- 360 Rigs are banned.
- Bait Boats are currently banned.
- Tiger Nuts are currently banned.



### PIKE FISHING RULES

Pike fishing season runs from 1st November until 31st March each fishing year from Dawn to Dusk.




### Pike Equipment and Fish Care

- A maximum of three rods fished from the same peg.
- Hooks must be semi barbless trebles up to size 4 maximum.
- Wire traces must also be used of at least 14 inches in length and 20lb minimum breaking strain.
- Mainline mono 15lb min breaking strain or braid 25lb minimum breaking strain.
- A large landing net, unhooking mat, soft weigh sling and bucket of water needs to be set out in the swim.
- Baits should be dead baits and/or livebaits. All livebaits **MUST** be caught from the reservoir.
- When dead baiting, rigs should be assembled with pike safety in mind and if a fish is lost due to line breakage all beads, leads, floats etc. should detach leaving only the trace and mainline. If unsure then check with the bailiff team.
- Artificial lures should be semi barbed avoiding oversized treble hooks.
- For unhooking long artery forceps 8 inches minimum, long nose pliers of 12 inches plus and side cutters 8 inches minimum. No gags or gaffs.
- Photographs should be taken, where possible, and sent to Simon Woodall
- All Pike caught are to be reported to the Head Bailiff, Simon Woodall, within 24 hours of leaving the lake. You can contact Simon via WhatsApp, Messenger or text. His number is provided to you when you join. If you do not have his contact details get in touch with the Fishery Office and Michelle Tuffley will give you a Bailiff Contact list.



### SILVER FISHING ONLY

Fishing is 8am to One Hour before Dusk year round. Fishing is the grassbank only – Sluice round to Entrance of the Bay. Silver Only tickets can fish Monday to Thursday only.



### Silver Equipment and Fish Care

- Barbless Hooks Only
- One Rod or One Pole only
- Strictly no targeting of Carp or Pike
- No bait restrictions.
- All Eels caught **MUST** be returned alive.
- Anglers are welcome to use keepnets during their session but please take care of our fish when emptying. All fish should be returned by the end of the day.
- Never put carp or pike in keepnets.
- Any Carp or Pike caught by accident must be returned immediately and where possible unhooked in the landing net in water. Do not attempt trophy shots unless you are carrying the required standard of unhooking mat.

- Photographs would be appreciated, where possible, and sent to Simon Woodall
- A fish report with the overall weight caught can be reported to the Head Bailiff, Simon Woodall, within 24 hours of leaving the lake. You can contact Simon via WhatsApp, Messenger or text. His number is provided to you when you join. If you do not have his contact details get in touch with the Fishery Office and Michelle Tuffley will give you a Bailiff Contact list. This is not a required rule but is appreciated.



### Fishery Safety and Boat Use

- You will need to provide your own life jacket, oars / outboard.
  - If you use a boat you must wear your own life jacket, no excuses and their use is entirely at your own risk. If you disregard this fundamental safety rule you will receive a permanent ban from this fishery. No questions asked.
  - Hook baits must not be rowed out and dropped from a boat.
  - Electric outboards may be used but no petrol engines under any circumstances
  - No swimming at any time.
- NB: All boat activity is at the individual angler's discretion. Safety checks should be done on any boat provided prior to use and usage is completely at angler's own risk. At no times are we liable for any loss or damage of any kind.*



### Low Water Level

- Water levels are maintained by the Canal and River Trust. If the levels drop to a certain point we will notify you to reduce rod numbers down to two. This will be monitored on a daily basis until the level is returned to normal.
- When the water level fluctuates and is low, please unhook all fish at the waters edge before transportation for photographs.



### Bankside Etiquette

- You will be responsible for any litter in your peg whether it is yours or not. Please take all rubbish home. Do not use the public waste bins at the reservoir. These are emptied by Canal and River Trust volunteers and if they find anglers rubbish they will let us know. Take your rubbish home with you.
- There are no toilet facilities at the lake therefore you will need to “bag and bucket”. Strictly no waste is to be left. No digging holes to bury waste. No soiled tissue or wetwipes to be left. All waste should be taken home. Do not leave it in the public bins. Anyone found disregarding any of these rules will be immediately banned.
- Alcohol is allowed in moderation but anyone found to be inebriated and not safe to fish will be asked to leave and have their card corner clipped or membership revoked.
- We do not condone drug use but ask that you respect your fellow anglers and especially the public. If you are fishing the grass bank please be extra courteous.
- No rods to be left unattended once cast out at any time. If you want to go and see your mate several pegs away from your swim, then wind in!
- Maximum stay is two weeks in the same swim. No return to the same swim for 7 days.
- All swims have natural boundaries, if you are fishing outside of these boundaries then expect to be cautioned.



### Guests and Socials

- Guest Fishing Tickets must be booked for and paid in advance. Bookings need to be made by contacting Michelle Tuffley either on Facebook or ring/text 07544138125. The cost of the tickets are £20 for 24hours or £40 for 48hours
- All members are allowed 4 tickets per year.
- Only ONE guest will be allowed on the fishery at any given time.
- Guests must display the Guest Car Parking permit on their dashboard (Red Card)
- Guests must follow the fishery rules. You are responsible for their actions. Any rule infringements will be reflected on your membership card by corners cut.
- The Guest is limited to two sessions per year regardless of the member taking them. A session is either 24 hours or 48 hours.
- Guests must be in an adjacent peg or in the same swim. There is no doubling up in the Secret or House, these are single swims only. All fishing must be within the swims boundaries.

The following swims may be seen as next-door swims: The Drop off and The Bog; The Caravan and The Front; Russ' and Mallins; The Beach and The Island; and Dennis' and The Gully

When fishing the following swims, you must stay in the swim to be in full control of your rods: The House; The Tench; Stoney Island; The Long Runway' and Oscars.



### Non-Fishing Guests

- Non-Fishing Guests are allowed free of charge but must arrive in your vehicle. If they are staying overnight we expect you to inform a member of the Bailiff team or Michelle.
- Non-Fishing guests must NOT be given the gate key or code.
- If a Non-Fishing guest is dropping off an item or food then please ensure they park responsibly and do not block any gates.



### Leaving your swim

- You may leave the water with your gear still set up (rods out of the water) for a maximum of 3 hours please ring or text 07544138125 and let us know you are leaving straight away.



### Car Park

- The car park is only for anglers in possession of a current permit and car parking pass which must be displayed on the vehicle at all times.
- Please park with due care and attention allowing room for other members.



## Rule Infringements

- Anybody found breaking any of the rules will have a corner cut on their membership card. Three corners result with automatic removal from the syndicate. All members who receive a cut corner will have their membership reviewed by the Bailiff team before renewal time which could potentially result in us not offering you a membership for the next season.



## A note about Dogs on the bank

- We love dogs and are a dog friendly venue BUT members must keep their dogs under control at all times. We expect you to clean up after your dog. Dog welfare is also important. Please do not bring your dog with you on very hot days. Keep them safe and keep them at home. Also only let the dogs paddle in the edges. The water is extremely cold and because dogs do not regulate temperature like we do, the extreme temperature difference can be harmful. It's better to be safe than sorry.



## A note about Wood Fuelled Stoves

- With the price of gas going through the roof more and more anglers are turning to wood fired stoves. We are happy for you to use them but please ensure that you do not scorch the grass if you are on the embankment. Please be careful.



## A note about Drones

- Drones are not allowed for fishing purposes. If you want to use your drone for aerial photography purposes, please let us know first. We know the area is an area of outstanding natural beauty and therefore using a drone for panoramic photography is very useful. Please only use a drone when the banks are quiet. Please contact Michelle if you wish to use a drone.



## A note about Children Fishing

- We are happy for junior anglers to fish along side an adult but please take extra care. Their safety is paramount. Children should remain within your swim at all times. Please do not allow your children to walk round the reservoir unsupervised. If you take your children in the boat they must wear a life jacket. We also suggest they you do not allow them to cross the lock gate. Accidents have happened in the past and we do not wish a child to slip.



## Dealing with Members of the Public

- Tardebigge Reservoir is a picturesque beauty spot and as such you will find members of the public visiting the lake occasionally. Please be respectful at all times but in the event of any issues please telephone the Fishery Office 07544 138 125.

