



Fishing Rules at High Woods Country Park

Updated 2018

1. The ticket entitles the holder to fish the lake at High Woods Country Park on the date shown.
2. We operate a closed season from 16 March to 15 June inclusive.
3. Fishing is **NOT** allowed **before 7.30 am** or **after sunset or 9pm**, whichever is earlier.
4. Motor vehicle owners should use the car parks provided and not park in the residential areas. Parking permits for the Turner Road Car Park **must** be displayed in the vehicle with the permit numbers clearly visible. Parking permits **must** only be used when anglers are fishing on-site.
5. The lake is only a small water so a maximum of two rods per angler only is permitted.
6. Lead weights are not permitted, however nontoxic weights can be used.
7. All anglers **must** be in possession of an unhooking mat and landing net. Ideally a fine mesh net minimum diameter of 32 inches (80cm). No keep nets are permitted.
8. It is **essential** that all fishing equipment, especially nets and unhooking matts, are **clean and dry** before and after use to stop the spread of aquatic diseases and water bourn pests from one water body to another.
9. Use a suitable size hook for your target species of fish with a maximum of size 6 for carp. Only barbless hooks may be used. No trebles.
10. Recommend a minimum of 8lb line strength when fishing for carp. No braid line to be used.
11. Tackle **must not** be left unattended.
12. All fish caught **must** be returned alive to the water. The catching and using of fish as live bait is not permitted.
13. No release of any fish or other aquatic life from other water bodies.
14. No tents or other structures are permitted other than an umbrella or open fishing bivi. No fires or stoves.
15. No unused bait or discarded fishing tackle to be left. All litter to be taken home.
16. No damage to be caused to bank-side vegetation or wildlife.
17. Fishing to be from designated swims and not from in the water. Fly fishing is not permitted.
18. The day/season ticket and current Environment Agency rod licence must be produced for inspection on the request of the Rangers or other Officers of the Council.
19. Junior permits are required for 12 – 16yrs. Any child 11 years and under does not require a ticket but **must** be accompanied by a paying adult of at least 17 years or older with a maximum of two rods.
20. Please be considerate of other lake users:
 - keep noise to a minimum.
 - at busy times do not cast further than half way across the lake.
21. Environment Agency rod licence regulations apply.

If in the opinion of the Rangers or Council Officers anglers fail to comply with these rules they may be required to leave the Country Park and have their season/day ticket withdrawn.

Anglers are strongly advised to take adequate precautionary hygiene measures, particularly before eating. The nearest toilet facilities are at the Visitors Centre, west of the lake off Turner Road.

