

## **Angling regulations**

1. All permit holders aged 13 years of age or older are required to be in possession of an Environment Agency rod licence. When fishing at the council's pond facilities both the council's fishing permit and the Environment Agency's rod licence must be carried and presented upon request to a council officer. Failure to comply may result in the angler being asked to leave the water and the matter being considered by the council.
2. Fish must be released back into the water after capture. Landing nets are required equipment and must be used when landing large fish. Landing nets are to be of knotless mesh.
3. Permit holders are forbidden to take tins, cans, glass bottles and loudspeaker-type radios to the water. The consumption of alcoholic drinks in the pond area is not permitted.
4. The lighting of fires and the use of bottled gas appliances is forbidden at the water.
5. Vehicles, including motorcycles, must not be ridden or driven beyond the approved parking places. Permit holders must remain within 10 metres of their swim whilst fishing.
6. No litter of any kind is to be left at or near the waterside. Permit holders shall be responsible for litter found at their swim or in its close proximity.
7. The practice of ground baiting and loose feeding is prohibited and the use of guns and catapults by permit holders is forbidden on the water.
8. Permit holders are forbidden to introduce fish to the water. No fish may be removed.
9. Fishing times: from dawn to dusk and no night fishing at this water.
10. Fishing site: Hardwick Heath only.
11. Permit holders must ensure that persons accompanying them to the water, whether fishing or not, observe the rules. Any infringement shall be deemed to have been committed by the holder.
12. Permit holders must remove all lines from the water before leaving their swim and baits must be removed from the hooks. Any excess fishing bait must be removed from site and not dumped in the pond.

13. Each individual is restricted to one rod per visit, all hooks are to be barbless and each angler to use a disgorger.
14. Fishing must only take place from designated fishing platforms and bank-side vegetation is not to be damaged or cut down.
15. Wildlife, including the ducks, is not to be disturbed or harmed. Please make sure no discarded fishing line is left as this can be very harmful, especially to birds.
16. Serious or repeated breaches of any of these regulations may result in immediate cancellation of the permit.
17. Lost or stolen fishing permits will not be replaced.
18. The council will not provide refunds for fishing permits.
19. Lost or stolen fishing permits should be reported to parks immediately to avoid fraudulent use.
20. The council may vary the regulations, from time to time, without prior notice to permit holders.