WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON FISHING LAKE

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms apply to day ticket coarse fishing and organised match fishing at Wellington Fishing Lake, operated by Wellington Country Park Ltd trading as Wellington Riding ("Wellington"). By booking, you agree to these terms and the displayed lake rules. Please read them before attending.

1. Booking and access

1.1 A valid booking is required before fishing. Day tickets are valid only for the booked date and permitted daytime fishing hours. Night fishing is not permitted.

1.2 A booking permits fishing only in authorised areas or allocated pegs. Please follow any directions on peg availability and access.

1.3 Booking confirmation must be produced on request. Bookings may not be transferred without Wellington's consent.

1.4 We may restrict access to individual pegs or the lake for safety, maintenance, fish welfare or organised matches.

2. Fishing licences

2.1 Anglers aged 13 and over must hold an appropriate Environment Agency rod fishing licence. A day ticket is not a rod licence.

2.2 All anglers must comply with applicable law, fisheries byelaws, these terms and staff instructions.

3. Fishing equipment, bait and fish welfare

3.1 Barbless hooks only. Fishing rods must not be left unattended.

3.2 Nuts and nut based baits are strictly prohibited.

3.3 A small or medium unhooking mat must be used when handling fish. Use suitable landing equipment, wet fish handling surfaces where practical and return all fish promptly and safely to the water.

3.4 All fishing is catch and release. No fish may be removed or transferred to another water.

3.5 Keepnets must not be used in hot weather, including during matches. At other times keepnets may be used only where management or the match organiser expressly permits them, subject to any fish welfare instructions.

3.6 Wellington may introduce further tackle, bait or fish handling restrictions when reasonably necessary to protect fish welfare.

4. Lake safety and supervision

4.1 This is an outdoor open water site. Hazards include deep water, slippery or uneven ground, variable banks, weather conditions and fishing equipment. Visitors must take reasonable care of themselves and others.

4.2 No swimming, wading or entering the lake, including to retrieve tackle or fish. Do not use visibly damaged or unsafe pegs or platforms. Report hazards to management.

4.3 Children under 16 must be accompanied and actively supervised by a responsible adult aged 18 or over throughout their visit.

4.4 Fishing must stop during lightning, thunderstorms or other dangerous conditions, or immediately when management instructs anglers to stop.

4.5 Report accidents, injuries, near misses and safety concerns promptly. In an emergency call 999 and give the lake's exact address, as displayed onsite.

5. Rubbish, wildlife and conduct

5.1 ALL rubbish must be taken home, including food packaging, bait containers, hooks and discarded line. There are no bins onsite.

5.2 Anyone leaving rubbish will be banned from future fishing at the lake. This rule is strictly enforced.

5.3 Do not damage vegetation, wildlife habitats, pegs or other facilities. Respect other anglers and neighbouring users of the premises.

5.4 No fires, barbecues, threatening behaviour, excessive noise or conduct that creates danger or a nuisance. Park only in designated areas.

6. Organised match fishing

6.1 Anglers must be registered with the relevant match organiser and follow the published draw, peg allocation, start and finish arrangements and competition rules.

6.2 Match organisers and participants must comply with all lake safety and fish welfare rules. The prohibition on keepnets in hot weather overrides any match rules.

6.3 Wellington may suspend, modify or stop a match where necessary for safety, weather, water quality or fish welfare.

7. Cancellations and changes

7.1 Day ticket and match booking cancellation deadlines and any applicable refunds will be shown during booking or confirmed by the organiser. Please contact Wellington promptly if you need to change a booking.

7.2 If Wellington cancels or cannot provide a booking because of a lake closure or unsafe conditions, we will offer a suitable alternative date or refund the affected booking.

7.3 Nothing in these terms affects statutory consumer rights.

8. Personal property and liability

8.1 Visitors should take reasonable care of their equipment, vehicles and possessions. Wellington is not responsible for loss or damage except to the extent it is legally liable.

8.2 Nothing in these terms excludes or restricts liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraud, or other liability that cannot legally be excluded.

9. Breaches and management decisions

9.1 Wellington may ask anyone breaching these rules, acting unsafely or endangering fish or wildlife to stop fishing or leave the site.

9.2 Leaving rubbish will result in a ban. Serious or repeated breaches of other rules may also result in refusal of future bookings. Any decision about retaining a booking fee remains subject to applicable law.

9.3 Reasonable safety and fish welfare instructions issued by Wellington staff must be followed.

10. Contact and acceptance

10.1 Lake address and emergency access details: Highfield Farm, Church Lane, Heckfield, Hook, RG27 0LG, W3W - ///cheeks.chief.sprayer. Management contact: Andy Pye - 07740 456702, Wellington Riding Reception - 01189 326308.

10.2 By completing a booking, you confirm you have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions and will explain relevant rules to anyone in your party for whom you are responsible.