



Fishing Rules:

Holton Pits lake is privately owned by Holton Pits Community Interest Company. You need a valid day ticket or season pass to fish here.
Bailiffs regularly patrol.

About you and your party:

- A current rod licence is required by all anglers
- Anyone under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- One child (under 12) per adult and must share the same peg.
- Day and Season ticket teens (12-18) may use their own nearby peg to the accompanying adult.

Fishing is not permitted at any time between 20th April and 1st June (this is Holton Pits lake closed season)

When you fish:

No night fishing - fishing from dawn until dusk.

Stalking is strictly prohibited. Fishing is only allowed from swims/pegs provided.

No roaming away from pegs.

Do not leave your rod unattended.

One rod per person.

Fish must not be placed on the ground without a mat, or handled with towels or cloths.

All anglers must have a purpose-made weigh sling and padded unhooking mat, and a landing net suitable for specimen fish.

NO keep nets. All fish to be returned quickly after weighing and photography.

Fish must never be left un-attended on the mat at any time and must be kept wet at all times.

Return fish to the water using landing net or sling to avoid dropping fish.

No standing up holding fish! Keep fish low to the ground over unhooking mat for photos.

You are encouraged to treat any hook holds and other damage with a proprietary antiseptic but care must be taken to avoid the gills and eyes.

Any badly damaged, diseased or dead fish must be reported to Holton Pits CIC immediately (info@holtonpits.org)

No surface fishing – No floating bait.

No heavy carp gear. 1.75lb test curve rods and 10lb line maximum are permitted

Rods/poles in total length must be below 11ft.

No barbed hooks and only manufactured barbless hooks permitted. No bent, 'krank' or 'curved' hooks (eg Korda, Mugga)

Maximum hook size is 8

No lead core

No fixed rigs

No braid

No artificial baits or lures to be used. No maggot rings. No nuts.

Boilies may be used as hook bait only,

Total bait limit of 2kg maximum per session. No pre-baiting.

No bait tins to be visible on the bank.

No Bait boats.

No wading.

All landing nets, unhooking mats and other equipment must be dry prior to being used on the lake, this reduces the chances of disease spreading from other sites.

CHECK > CLEAN > DRY

NO FISH IS TO BE REMOVED FROM HOLTON PITS LAKE.

They are the property of Holton Pits Community Interest Company.

No fish may be moved, killed or taken.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS. Holton Pits is a large open space site that is used by walkers, families and dogs.

General:

no BBQs, gas stoves or radios

No drugs or alcohol – Offenders will be banned

No litter – Please use the bins provided

No entry to the fishery during the hours of darkness

No tents.

Do not climb trees or damage, disturb or cut down vegetation.

We operate a ZERO TOLERANCE response to any form of abusive behaviour, physical, verbal or written to our Bailiffs, Anglers or visitors and we reserve the right to ask any person onsite to leave at any time.

SEASON PASSES:

Season ticket holders must carry their season ticket card at all times while on site and produce a card if asked.

The Season ticket is a contract, which runs for a 12-month period from joining.

A season ticket is not transferable.

Season ticket holders accept and agree to be bound by the rules of Holton Pits.

Season ticket holders are responsible for their personal possessions including fishing equipment and vehicles on site.

Contact details:

Holton Pits Community Interest Company is a company limited by guarantee

Company No. 14657980 (Registered England & Wales)

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Anglers fish at their own risk.

Holton Pits CIC accept no responsibility or liability for accidents or injury or damage or theft or loss to property.

We reserve the right to amend any of the rules at no notice and a level of common sense and best practice is assumed. There are no exceptions: all rules are designed with the welfare of the fish and the water quality in mind, and we want to keep the lake and its surroundings at its best, so please stick to them. If you are found breaking these rules you may be asked to leave the site.

Please obey the rules and remind others to do the same.

FOLLOW Non-Native-Species-Secretariat Guidance: **CHECK > CLEAN > DRY**

www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/anglers/

What can I do to help?

Invasive species can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing. You can help protect the environment and activities you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals, whenever you leave the water remember to:



Check

Check your equipment, boat, and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.



Clean

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to areas that are damp or hard to access. Use hot water if possible.



Dry

Dry everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for over two weeks in damp conditions.

It's even more important if you're travelling abroad as you could accidentally bring back new invasive plants and animals. Make sure everything has been cleaned and dried thoroughly before using it again at home.

**PLEASE LEAVE NO LITTER AND KEEP NOISE TO A
MINIMUM – RESPECT ALL WILDLIFE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**



Environment Agency Incident Hotline:

0800 80 70 60.

Information can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



Emergency Services: 999

Non urgent police: 101



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