

CLAPHAM COMMON FISHERIES: LOCAL FISHING RULES

These rules are in place to make sure your experience is a safe and positive one for you, our fishery, the fish and our wildlife. Please comply with these at all times whilst on site.

All anglers aged 13 years or over must possess, and present on request, a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence and, if aged 16 years or over, a current Lambeth Fishing Permit. In other words, no Rod License or Permit, then no fishing.

- Only two rods can be out and in the water per person at any time.
- You must have, and use, a large carp net and unhooking mat when fishing.
- Only barbless or micro-barb hooks are permitted – and no spinning or fly fishing.
- No bait boats or other floating baits: please respect and consider our wildlife.
- Tents and bivvys are permitted but must only be left in one place for up to 48 hours at a time; after that you must move it to another pond or site if you want to continue fishing.
- Do not place or leave your tent, bivvy, rods or any other equipment where they will block access or inconvenience others. Never leave rods, lines or equipment unattended at any time otherwise they will be reeled in or removed and disposed without notice.
- Do not enter the water, access islands, or interfere with/remove reedbeds, platforms, floating islands or other equipment, without the Council's prior permission.
- No fish are be added or removed to another pond or site – **this is a criminal offence!**
- All children and young adults under 18 years of age must be appropriately supervised by a responsible adult at all times, particularly when fishing at night.

Other Important Information

- Eagle Pond and Mount Pond are open for fishing all the year round – there is no close season any more, but please be careful regarding any spawning fish you might see or any nesting wild birds on the ponds, especially between March and June each year.
- Night fishing is also permitted on Eagle and Mount Ponds.
- Ponds may be temporarily closed for maintenance, restocking or other works – if so please respect any closure signs that are displayed during these times.
- Long Pond (the Boating Lake) is not open for fishing. It can only be fished with the Council's prior permission for organised events or training, and in such circumstances a water bailiff or council officer must be present at all times.
- You must comply with any requests made to you by a Water Bailiff, Council Officer, Environment Agency Officer or Police Constable: always respect those who are looking after the interests of you and your fishery.
- Antisocial or criminal behaviour by anglers or other members of the public will not be tolerated. Please report any such incidents, in confidence to the Police (101 or 999 in an emergency), or to Lambeth Council (020 7926 1000).
- Please report any fisheries-related incidents, such as pollution, poaching, illegal fishing or any signs of fish in distress, to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060

For more information or to enquire about applying for a permit to fish these ponds, please phone Lambeth Council on 020 7926 9000 or parks@lambeth.gov.uk