



WBC Countryside Service

Dinton Pastures Country Park,

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Daytime Fishing Rules

**Applicable to White Swan Lake, River Loddon (Dinton Pastures) and
Longmoor Lake (California Country Park)**

2023-2024

Anglers please note, fishing is one of many activities carried out on the Country Parks. Considerate behavior will result in a pleasant time for all visitors to our sites.

**Before fishing all Anglers should make themselves fully acquainted with the
Fishery rules.**

1. Barbless or crimped hooks only to be used on the fishery.
2. No night fishing except for Specimen Group Members - details of which can be obtained through the Countryside Service Office
(Email: countryside@wokingham.gov.uk; Tel: 0118 9342016 Option 2 or 3)
3. No live bait fish to be used.
4. No person is permitted to fish without a valid ticket or permit. These are available from the car park ticket machines for casual day fishing or through the Countryside Service office for day season and specimen group permits. Holders of season and specimen group permits have authority and are expected to challenge any person fishing whom they suspect does not hold a valid ticket or permit.
5. Tickets and permits are not transferable. Juniors (under 16 years), senior citizens, students and the unemployed are eligible for concession rates for day season tickets following receipt of proof of eligibility.
6. No fish whatsoever are to be killed or taken away from the Country Parks.
7. No fishing under any circumstances during the close seasons. On the Lakes, this will be a floating 1-month close season which will be put in place when fish spawning begins and signage in place. On the River, this is subject to the Environment Agency rules of an official close season between midnight 14th March to midnight 15th June inclusive.
8. Day fishing starts at 0700 hrs and finishes at dusk. Precise times will be posted on site notice boards, notifying day anglers of when a swim can be occupied and when it should be vacated.

9. No fires to be lit.
10. No litter or discarded fishing tackle of any description to be left on the banks because of the danger to wildlife. Anglers are responsible for their litter or discarded fishing tackle of any description found in or within 2 metres of their swims. Litter must be removed from site and not left in dog or general waste bins
11. No nut baits to be used
12. NO Zig fishing or maggots for carp fishing between 1st February and 1st December.
13. The cutting down, damaging and removal of foliage, plants etc., is strictly forbidden.
14. No person is permitted to fish from a boat of any kind. No swimming is allowed in the Country Park lakes.
15. No fish are to be introduced from other waters.
16. No radio-controlled craft to be used on the fishery.
17. Fish must be returned to the water as soon as possible after landing. No sacking of fish.
18. Anglers should observe the Environmental Agency By-Laws.
 - No person shall fish with more than two rods and lines at the same time.
 - No person shall leave a rod and line with bait or hook unattended in the water.
19. Fishing is permitted from pegged swims only.
20. The use of electronic fish-finding equipment is prohibited.
21. No pre-baiting within two swims of another angler or directly opposite without the angler's consent.
22. No reserving of swims except through the Countryside Service for the purpose of organized matches.

Further Rules applicable to CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK only

- Fishing is not permitted on, or in the vicinity of the paved frontage during daylight hours.
- Chalet & Touring Park Residents may fish at night after purchasing the appropriate ticket.

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PLEASE NOTE:

The Countryside Service is committed to ensuring that all of our customers have a pleasant visit. Whilst poor behavior by anglers is an infrequent occurrence, we do take a strong stance on the issue. We ask that all anglers act not only within the rules but also in the spirit of fair play and respect for others.

INJURED OR TACKLED UP WILDLIFE/SWANS should immediately be reported to the COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE on Tel: 0118 9342016 Option 2 or SWAN SUPPORT Mobile: 07968 868172

Every person fishing in Council Waters is personally responsible for any damage caused by him/her.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE FISHING NOTICE BOARD IN THE ANGLERS CAR PARK AT DINTON PASTURES AND BY THE MAIN CAR PARK AT CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FISHERY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

Wokingham Borough Council or any of its employees or Agents do not, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any death, illness or injury to persons (other than caused by the negligence of Wokingham Borough Council, its employees or agents) or for loss or damage to property however arising as the use of the land and premises at the Country Parks.