



## Wokingham Countryside Service

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### **DINTON FISHERIES SPECIMEN GROUPS FISHING RULES 2023-2024**

1. Night fishing is only permitted by membership of the following groups:

<b>Gold Membership</b>	-	membership	25
<b>White Swan Specimen Group</b>	-	membership	50
<b>Black Swan Specimen Group</b>	-	membership	50
<b>Longmoor Lake Specimen Group</b>	-	membership	40
<b>Twyford Reserve Specimen Group</b>	-	membership	30
<b>River Loddon Specimen Group</b>	-	membership	15
<b>White Swan Winter Specimen</b>	-	membership	15

All members must be 16 years old at the beginning of the season.

2. Country Park Rules and those of the Environment Agency to be adhered to at all times. Any member of the group who breaks these rules will have their membership permit immediately withdrawn and will be banned from the Fishery and all other sites run and managed by Wokingham Borough Council.
3. All group members will make every effort to minimise disturbance on arrival, departure and whilst fishing. Lights must be used as little as possible and should be small and unobtrusive.
4. Permits will be issued to all members each year and should be read and understood. Any member who is unsure or needs clarification must contact the Countryside Service who will help with any miscommunication of the rules.
5. All specimen group permit holders have authority and should challenge any person fishing whom they suspect does not hold a valid ticket, and may ask any unauthorised person to leave the property. Unauthorised persons are not allowed on the Fishery at night.
6. Permits will be carried at all times when fishing and must be produced at the request of the Country Park staff or other night permit holders.
7. No person is permitted to fish for longer than 4 days in any 7-day period

Anglers fishing 24 hours must leave for 24 hours  
Anglers fishing 48 hours must leave for 48 hours  
Anglers fishing 72 hours must leave for 72 hours

8. The decision of Wokingham Borough Council and its representatives is final.

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9. Strictly No Zig, maggot or caster fishing between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> December
10. The maximum time an angler may leave his swim is 2 hours. Anything more and all tackle needs to be removed from the site.
11. Waders are to be used only for landing fish.
12. River Loddon members may fish from 16<sup>th</sup> June until 14<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. All lake specimen group members may fish all year minus a one month floating close season. This will be enforced when fish stocks begin to spawn.
13. *White Swan and Longmoor Lake Specimen Group* members **only** may fish with 3 rods for Carp between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive.  
*White Swan Winter Specimen Group* members may fish with 3 rods between 1<sup>st</sup> November and the last day of February inclusive.  
*Black Swan and Twyford Reserve* members may fish with 3 rods all season.
14. Black Swan anglers using boats must adhere to the Activity Centre rules at all times regarding boat use. All members will be expected to read the Fishing rules and sign that they have understood and commit to following them.
15. Gate to Dinton Pastures Anglers Car Park:
  - a. Please respect our neighbours when entering and leaving the site by quietly locking and unlocking the gate.
  - b. Please lock the gate after you at all times. Anyone found leaving the gate open will be asked to leave the syndicate and will forfeit any refund of their remaining subs.
16. Black Swan anglers please note that during the summer months boat traffic may be high in and around pegs 40, 1 and 2 during the daytime. During busy periods anglers are expected to reel in and wait until the area is less busy.
17. Black Swan anglers may only use boats for baiting up with ground bait, the carrying out or adjustment of baited lines is strictly prohibited and will result in the immediate banning from the Fishery.
18. Black Swan Pegs 41 and 42 (on Goat Island) will be open to angling and can only be fished with the following conditions.
  1. Only fishing from the pegged swims and nowhere else on the island.
  2. No access elsewhere on the island.
  3. Anglers to organise their own access safely. Please be advised by Activity Centre staff about maximum boat loading limits.
  4. Boats and activity Centre craft have priority when they are passing through the channel so back leads are strongly advised.