

# Little Farriers Lake Rules

## Before you fish:

1. Only authorised anglers or Society officials may enter the property. Unauthorised visitors may be asked to leave the property.
2. Lead booker MUST be a Carp Society member at the time of booking and during stay. Lead booker takes responsibility for all anglers in their party and must complete/submit booking form with anglers details on booking.
3. The gate to the property must be closed and locked immediately after entry or exit.
4. Fishing is only permitted from the cleared swims.
5. No swims may be altered without the consent of a bailiff or Carp Society Official. Climbing of trees is not permitted.
6. No boats of any description are allowed on the water other than the authorised use of a boat by the bailiffs in the course of their duties.
7. Anglers must be prepared to enter the water up to knee height to ensure safe landing and the release of fish. Entering the water for any other reason which includes casting or placing bait is strictly prohibited.
8. Anglers fishing for carp or pike must use a minimum of 15lb breaking strain monofilament line. Float fishing for other species must be carried out with a minimum of 5.5lb line. When feeder fishing for Tench, anglers must use a minimum mainline strength of 10lb mono.
9. Dogs must not be brought onto the property.
10. It is the responsibility of any angler occupying a swim to ensure that the swim and surrounding area is kept free of litter. Take all litter home.
11. **The use of all leadcore, braided mainlines and shock/carp leaders (i.e. where there is a knot above the hooklink) on any baited rods is not permitted.**
12. **Only mats, nets and slings provided by the fishery for use exclusively at Little Farriers may be used. No sacks, unhooking mats, weigh slings or other equipment that has been used at other fisheries and may have been in contact with any fish, is to be brought to Little Farriers**
13. Barbless hooks must be used at all times; crushed barbed hooks and the use of long shank 'nailer' hooks are not permitted.
14. **All fish landed must be returned back to the lake in the shortest possible time. A period of ten minutes from the fish going into the landing net to being released is the bench mark.**
  - You must under no circumstances land a fish in darkness and keep it in a retainer until daylight for the reason of getting a better photo, nor delay in returning the fish waiting for better conditions for a photo.
  - The only time a fish may be kept in a retainer is to allow you to sort out your unhooking and photographing procedures out; this time is included in the 10 minutes.
  - As a general rule of thumb if you are making a continuous effort to photograph, look after the fish, apply carp care and return the fish safely, should it take slightly longer than 10 minutes there shouldn't be a problem.
15. **Under no circumstances once you have landed a fish should that rod or any other be recast into the water until the fish has been safely returned.**
16. The use of nuts as hook baits or in loose feed are **not** permitted.
17. No guns, crossbows or weapons of any kind are allowed on the property. The exception may be Carp Society officials controlling vermin. No open fires to be lit on the property.
18. Anglers must not introduce into the lake from any other water any live or dead freshwater fish, spawn or pond plants.
19. Any person fishing the waters must hold the relevant E.A. licence. 3 rod fishing is permitted however, any angler doing so must be in possession of 2 licences. Children under the age of 5 are not permitted on the property

**DO NOT DRIVE ON ANY GRASSY AREAS : PLEASE TAKE ALL YOUR LITTER HOME: CLOSE ALL INTERNAL GATES**

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20. Unruly and abusive behaviour (verbal or physical) between individuals or groups of anglers, or towards Carp Society property or personnel will be deemed to be a rule infringement. All members must (at the discretion of the bailiff) conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner and observe good angling etiquette.
21. There are currently no swims designed specifically for wheelchair bound anglers.
22. No angler's baited rods must be left unattended. This includes 'walking out' of lines to clip up, if other lines remain in the water. It is not acceptable to leave rods under the control of another angler who is already fishing.
23. All bailiffs and Carp Society Officials have the right to examine any vehicle on, entering or leaving the property to ensure that fish are not being removed, transported illegally or stolen.
24. The toilets provided must be used at all times.
25. When Surface fishing only one rod per angler may be used, ie not one floater rod and one bottom rod. The use of "Beachcaster" style rigs is not permitted.
26. A £100 deposit will be taken on arrival, this is to cover the key and fishing equipment, this deposit will be returned in full before you leave, provided that no damage has occurred during your stay. Please contact us regarding any damages or breakages when they occur.

## **Pike Angling Rules and Guidelines:**

1. Pike fishing is only permitted between 1 October and 31 March.
2. Pike fishing is limited to two rods only. (**Please note:** When pike fishing a third rod is not permitted to fish for carp. Similarly when carp fishing a third rod is not permitted to fish for pike).
3. Barbless hooks must always be used on all spinners / lures, and all trebles (except for one barbed hook permitted for holding on dead bait).

**The Bailiffs carry the full support of the management team and their decisions are final.**