



Regulations governing Fishing at Walthamstow Reservoirs

- A The Company will take action against anyone who fails to comply with these regulations.
Permit holders are expected to be considerate and courteous while on the Company's property.
Offenders may be removed from the site, future access may be denied, and if appropriate they will be prosecuted.
- B It is in the best interests of all users that these regulations are observed, if you see others misbehaving please help to preserve the amenity by notifying the Company's staff as soon as possible, they can be reached on 07747 641179.
- C The main function of these reservoirs is for the storage of water for public supply. Anglers and their guests should bear this in mind and use common sense at all times.
- D The Company will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury to permit holders or their property.
- E Entry onto the Company's property, by any persons shall be (except as stated), at their own risk.
- F All persons, at any time while on the Company's property must comply with all directions and instructions given by the Company's staff relating to the Company's land, buildings and property.
Instructions on notices must be observed.

Warning: the sides of the reservoirs are steep and dangerous

General regulations

- 1 All regulations are subject to review by the Company, changes or additions will be posted at the Gatehouse.
- 2 The holder of a permit will be permitted by the Company, for the duration of the permit, to use the facilities at such reservoirs as the Company may from time to time decide. The Company reserves the right to restrict or prohibit recreational activities at any time at its discretion.
- 3 No one may enter the site without first purchasing the correct permit (from the gatehouse or self service permit office). Permits must be produced for inspection at any time on demand by any authorised representative of the Company who carries an official identity card. Permits are not transferable.
- 4 Anglers are required to possess the necessary valid EA rod licence/licences.
- 5 All anglers must comply with the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof), and the current Thames Water Fishery Byelaws.
- 6 Permits will not be issued to children under 8 years of age. Permit holders under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a permit holder aged 16 years or over, who will be responsible for their conduct. No juveniles under the age of 8 years will be admitted.
- 7 All persons not wishing to fish but wishing to accompany the holder of a fishing permit must purchase a visitor permit, and are subject to these regulations.
- 8 The only entry and exit point for recreational purposes is the Ferry Lane Gate.
- 9 The Fishery opening and closing times are stated at the gatehouse office. Fishing must cease half an hour before closing time and anglers must leave the site promptly.
- 10 Anglers vehicles shall be parked only in the designated areas and at the discretion of the Company's staff in mitigating circumstances.
- 11 For the purpose of organised fishing matches approved by the Company, areas of bank may be closed to permit holders at short notice and at the discretion of the Company.
- 12 To allow full enjoyment of the fishery and in the interests of safety, no angler is permitted to fish within 5 metres of another angler unless specifically invited to do so by the angler(s) already fishing.
- 13 All litter should be taken home. Litter is unsightly and can kill and injure wild animals. **Anglers will be deemed to be responsible for any litter in their swims whether it is theirs or not.**

Protect yourself and preserve the environment by clearing any litter before you fish and taking all rubbish away with you.

- 14 The following are prohibited on the Company's property;
 - a Pollution or contamination of the reservoirs or land.
 - b Interference with, or damage to any buildings, machinery or apparatus, any trees, plants, wildlife, grazing animals and the digging or removal of soil, clay or sand.
 - c Dogs or other animals brought in by visitors.
 - d Bathing or standing in the water for any purpose.
 - e The lighting of any fire.
 - f Angling competitions except by prior arrangement with the Company.
 - g The staking out, marking or reserving in any way of places for bank fishing.
 - h Entering upon any parts of the land adjoining the reservoirs, rivers etc., other than by the paths or other means of access provided.
 - i Urinating/defecating on company property except in the toilet facilities provided.

Trout fishing

- 15 Each permit authorises the use of **one rod and line only** which must not be left unattended.

No line of less than 4lb breaking strain may be used. No net other than a landing net may be used.
 - 16 From 30th Oct. to the following 31st March inclusive, it is an offence to take away any Brown Trout after being caught; and any Brown Trout caught during this period must be returned to the water with as much care as possible.
 - 17 Permit holders may take away as caught fish in accordance with type of ticket purchased:

6 Trout	(six fish ticket)
4 Trout	(four fish ticket)
2 Trout	(two fish ticket)
 - 18 Catch and release is permitted on fly fishing reservoirs except trout deemed unfit to return to the water.
 - 19 Brown Trout may be returned to the water exercising as much care as possible.
 - 20 Until the 1st June the number of Brown Trout that an angler may kill is restricted to half his total bag limit for his permit(s) for that day.
 - 21 Checks will be made by the Company's staff, who are empowered to stop and search permit holders, to ascertain if the bag limit is being complied with.
 - 22 At the end of each day's fishing, anglers are required to complete a catch return slip of the fish taken that day and hand in at the Gatehouse (using the form provided), nil returns are also required. The catch returns are essential for the proper management of the Fishery.
 - 23 No permit holder shall:
 - a Deposit place or throw into the water any loose bait of any description whatsoever, ground baiting or loose feeding is strictly forbidden.
 - b Have maggots, trout pellets, spinners or lures in their possession while Trout fishing.
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- 24 All reservoirs designated for **fly only fishing** have the following rules applied:
- a No spinning rod, fixed spool reel, coarse fishing tackle or any live or dead baits are permitted.
 - b Fishing is permitted only by means of rod and fly line with artificial fly or feathered lure, except when dapping when a natural fly may be used.
 - c Because of the danger of serious injury the minimum distance between anglers of 5m (specified in regulation 12) must be observed.
- 25 At reservoirs designated for **mixed method trout fishing**, all legal methods of fishing are permitted, but maggots and trout pellets are not to be used as bait and all forms of ground baiting are prohibited.

Coarse fishing

- 26 Each permit authorises the use of a maximum of **three rods** only, which must not be left unattended (this is meant to protect fish from gorging the bait, from breaking free with tackle in tow and to protect other wildlife from injury, an angler should not be more than 5m from his rods. Three rods can now be used on all coarse reservoirs.
- NB: A maximum of two rods may be used on the Coppermill Stream.
- 27 No Coarse Angler shall:
- a Take away any fish from the waters. The Company officers are empowered to carryout searches to see that this regulation is being observed.
 - b Use any nets other than a landing net. Landing nets are to be used only for fish hooked with rod and line.
 - c Occupy more than one swim at any one time.
- 28 Keep nets may only be used in organised matches approved by the fishery.
- a They must be staked out and are of a size suitable for species and or numbers of fish. Rangers/voluntary wardens have the right to refuse the use of a keep net if in their opinion they are not being used correctly or of insufficient size. No fish over 5lb to be placed in keep nets.
- 29 Under no circumstances are fish to be transferred from one water to another, unless authorised by an Officer of the Company.
- 30 Ground baiting and loose feed is permitted on the New Cut, Lea Navigation, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Reservoirs, and on the Low Maynard, but not on the other reservoirs.
- 31 Nut baits are not permitted on any reservoir.
- 32 Bait boats are permitted on the Lockwood, Lower Maynard, Higher Maynard and West Warwick.
- 33 Due to the large size of fish. It has been deemed necessary to make landing nets of a minimum size of 36" (90cm) and large padded unhooking mats (in excess of 42" or 105cm) are compulsory.
- 34 The Company has authorised Rangers and voluntary rangers to enforce the above rules. Any recommendation they make regarding offenders will be considered and may incur a permanent or temporary ban from the reservoirs.