

THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY

RULES AND BYE-LAWS

- 1.** No member may fish or visit any Society water without having on their person a current membership card, identity card, valid rod licence and a rule book. The rule book can be either a hard copy or an electronic copy stored on a hand held device. All documents must be available to view when requested by a current member, on production of their documents, or a Society Bailiff, who only needs to produce their Bailiff identity card.
- 2.** Members fishing waters of any other Club / Society shall acquaint themselves and abide by the host Club / Society rules.
- 3.** At all times each member must have assembled and ready for use a landing net and handle (big enough for the intended species), an unhooking mat and unhooking aids. When sharing a swim with another angler only one landing net and unhooking mat is required. Fishing must be within landing net distance from the water.
- 4.** No members rods to occupy more than 1.5 metres of bank space.
- 5.** Fishing from recognised swims or pegs only. No stalking allowed.
- 6.** Members may only fish with up to two rods and line at any one time. Subject to each separate waters bye-laws.
- 7.** Only one hook to be used with each rod and line.
- 8.** All fish to be carefully handled and returned to the water dead or alive.
- 9.** Prohibited on all waters: - Barbed hooks, boating and netting, except for fishery maintenance, bait boats, (subject to each waters separate bye-laws), swimming, firearms, hand lines, intentional foul hooking, alcohol in any form and any other illegal substances. Pike / Perch fishing is allowed by all legal means apart from live baiting of any description. Only commercially bought dead baits may be used. Use of drones by members is banned on all Society waters.
- 10.** No loud radios, fires or barbecues (portable stoves excepted).
- 11.** The following baits are banned at all Society fisheries:- Nuts of any description, peas, beans, pulses. Responsible surface free baiting is permitted on all Society waters.
- 12.** The following baits are allowed at all Society fisheries: Maggots, caster and worms. No restrictions. Hemp. 1 pint max. Luncheon meat or similar. 300 grams (1 tin). Pellets. 1 kilo bag. Sweetcorn. 340 grams (1 tin). Ground bait. 1 kilo bag and boilies in moderation. All particle baits must be correctly prepared. Any other baits not specifically mentioned may be used on the hook but not used as a free offering. All unused bait to be taken home. Please do not abuse the above otherwise they could be revoked.
- 13.** Any bait purchased in tinned form should be transferred to a safe container.
- 14.** All Junior and Intermediate Members must be accompanied by an Adult Member (i.e. any Member aged 18 or over) at all times. Shorne Country Park excepted. Junior Members may only fish using one rod and line. Intermediate Members may fish with up to two rods and line at any one time, subject to each water's bye-laws.
- 15.** Any angler leaving their swim must remove their lines from the water and remove bait from the hooks. They will be deemed to have vacated the swim if gone for more than 30 minutes.

16. No fixed or bolt rigs, lead core leaders or braid mainline. Braid line may be used at the Blue Lake only.
17. Maximum line strength of 15lb to be used on all waters except Cobham and Shorne Country Park where the maximum line strength is 12lb.
18. No dogs are permitted except at the discretion of the Committee.
19. Where a lock or gate is provided, members must ensure they are secured or closed behind them when entering or leaving the fishery.
20. No transferring of fish between the lakes (except at the discretion of the Committee). Fish not to be held above knee height at any time.
21. No sacking or retention of fish, but the use of a flotation retaining sling is permitted. Please take extra care during low water levels, especially at Inn on the Lake. Keepnets may be used at Paddock Wood or Society river venues at the discretion of the Committee.
22. All wildlife to be given full consideration at all times.
23. The Society accepts no responsibility for injury, death, loss, damage or theft to persons, cars or equipment whilst on the fishery and reserve the right to close all or parts of any fishery at any time.
24. No cutting of any bankside vegetation, shrubs, trees etc. or alteration to any swims without the prior consent of the Committee.
25. A 24hr temporary membership is available. These are limited to 4 per member per season at a cost of ten pounds for seniors and five pounds for juniors.
26. The Head Bailiff may appoint Assistant Bailiffs subject to Committee approval.
27. Bailiffs have the right to inspect tackle and bait being used.
28. Society members are not allowed to take any non-members onto Society waters without prior permission from the Committee or the Head Bailiff, except Shorne Country Park.
29. A junior is somebody who is aged five (5) years or older and has not yet reached their twelfth (12) birthday during the current season. An intermediate is somebody who reached their twelfth (12) birthday but has not yet reached their eighteenth (18) birthday during the current season.
30. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.
31. Anything not provided for in the foregoing rules / bye-laws will be dealt with by Committee, who shall be empowered to make new, amend or remove existing bye-laws. These to have effect from the date of making thereof, so long as they are not against the terms of the foregoing rules / bye-laws or the Environment Agency (E A) or its replacement body.
32. ALL RUBBISH TO BE TAKEN HOME.

COBHAM

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. The estate speed restrictions must be observed at all times. Any member found speeding is liable to suspension / expulsion from the Society.
2. Parking is within the fenced car park area only and between the yellow markings.
3. Access shall be by the route permitted by the estate and no vehicle shall drive on any grassed area unless authorised by the Committee.

4. Night fishing is restricted to one night per session.
5. Members must stay within the Society's controlled area.
6. Maximum line strength of 12lb allowed.

SHORNE COUNTRY PARK

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. No vehicles allowed at the bankside other than with permission of the Committee or Park Management.
2. Night fishing is not allowed (except at the discretion of the committee).
3. Juniors do not need to be accompanied by an adult but it is recommended.
4. Juniors are only allowed to fish with one rod.
5. Maximum line strength of 12lb allowed

PADDOCK WOOD

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. Access is via locked gates. These must be kept locked at all times outside quarry working hours.
2. Parking in designated area only (See map).
3. Keepnets are permitted. (See rule 21).
4. Night fishing is permitted.
5. Please use the TWAPS website contract page to request keys: <https://www.twaps.uk/contact-twaps/>.
6. To access the River Medway refer to the map.
7. No trial memberships are available for this fishery.

INN ON THE LAKE

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. Night fishing is allowed on all lakes. Do not allow lights to disturb residents.
2. Predator fishing is to be allowed by all legal means except live baiting. Only commercially bought dead baits may be used.
3. Barbless trebles only on lures and one barb on each treble on dead bait traces.
4. Access to the lake is by a locked gate. The lock code is on the membership card. This gate must be kept locked at all times.
5. Members may use the hotel facilities. Please remember clean footwear only.

BLUE LAKE

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. All access gates must be kept locked at all times.
2. Entry to the lake is via the gates only. Any other entry is strictly prohibited.

3. Parking is allowed in two areas. Park on the left or right as you go through the main gate or use the limited parking at the pump house on the railway side of the lake.
4. Predator fishing is to be allowed by all legal means except live baiting. Only commercially bought dead baits may be used.
5. Barbless trebles only on lures and one barb on each treble on dead bait traces.
6. Keys for the inner gates can be requested using the TWAPS website contract page: <https://www.twaps.uk/contact-twaps/>.
7. No fishing from the cliff area.
8. Bait boats are allowed on this water.
9. A maximum of four rods may be used providing the correct number of E A licences are held.
10. Braid mainline is allowed on this water only.

RIVER MEDWAY

General bye-laws apply plus the following: -

1. Close season rules apply. No fishing between 15th March and 15th June inclusive.
2. Gates on all Society river fisheries must be kept locked at all times. Where applicable.
3. Parking is within the designated areas only.
4. Keepnets are allowed.
5. Predator fishing is allowed by all legal means except live baiting. Only commercially bought dead baits may be used
6. Barbless trebles only on lures and one barb on each treble on dead bait traces.
7. Members are allowed to have dogs on Society river fisheries. Must be on a lead at all times.