

## Fishing Policy

Fleet Pond is a popular fishing lake with 6 platforms which visitors can fish from including one large T shaped jetty. Fishing is permitted by annual permit or day ticket only and in line with the Environment Agency Rod License rules and Fleet Pond's Fishing Regulations. Permits are available from Tackle up the fishing supplies shop in Fleet. New permits are also available from the patrolling rangers and the Countryside Workshop. Fishing permits will be available to purchase online in 2015

The fishing season runs from 16<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> March and Fleet Pond is bailiffed by Hart Countryside Services staff several times a week and ad- hock visits by the Environment Agency.

The water may be closed at anytime under the discretion of Hart District Council or the Environment Agency e.g due to blue/green algae outbreak. Notification to anglers will be through Tackle Up, Social Media, the council website and onsite posters.

### **Fleet Pond Fishing Regulations**

- Fishing is only permitted from 1 hour before dawn to 1 hour after dark.
- Only 2 rods are permitted per person.
- Anyone over the age of 12 is required by law to have an Environment Agency Rod Fishing Licence.
- Fishing must only be from authorised jetties.
- Pathways, bridges and facilities must be kept clear form obstruction.
- No rods are to be left unattended.
- Lead shot is not permitted.
- Please respect other users by keeping radios/music turned down.
- No camping.
- No fires or barbecues.
- No weapons including hunting catapults.
- No barbed hooks, except for pike fishing.
- No fish whatsoever are to be killed or taken away from Fleet Pond.
- No litter or discarded fishing tackle of any description to be left because of the danger to wildlife.
- All fishing equipment should be cleaned, disinfected and dried before bringing to the pond and likewise if taken to be used elsewhere.
- No fish are to be introduced from other waters.
- On request all permits must be produced along with appropriate identification.
- All permit holders must comply with any condition laid down by Hart District Council, its Wardens, Rangers and Officers.
- Permits are not transferable.
- All anglers must be in possession of a landing net and forceps or a disgorger.
- Anglers must have an unhooking mat of a size suitable for the fish targeted.

## Boating Policy

Boat fishing is permitted in a responsible manner on Fleet Pond. Fleet Pond Nature Reserve is primarily a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and any recreational activities that take place must be compatible with the conservation interest. Boat fishing is only permitted subject to the possession of a boat fishing permit. This can be acquired from Tackle up (151 Fleet Rd, Town Centre, Fleet GU51 3PD, 01252 614066). If a boat fishing permit is purchased this includes the cost of an adult season fishing permit.

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### Boating Regulations

- Only boat fishing allowed, no other forms of recreational boating.
- Only 10 boat fishing permits will be sold each year on a first come first served basis. This can be acquired from Tackle up (151 Fleet Rd, Town Centre, Fleet GU51 3PD, 01252 614066).
- The launching of boats is to only be from the landing stage provided at the end of Chestnut Grove.
- The use of sailing and powered crafts is forbidden.
- Boats shall not exceed 4 metres lengthways.
- The maximum number of occupants per boat is 4, but this can be reduced in smaller boats.
- A maximum number of 5 boats are allowed on the water at one time.
- Persons boat fishing are also bound by the Fishing Policy.
- Boats must remain 20 metres clear of the reedbeds and islands at all times.
- Access to and mooring next to the islands is prohibited.
- The wearing of a British Standard life-jackets or buoyancy aid is a non discretionary requirement at all times.
- Failure to abide by the Boating Regulations may result in the withdrawal of the boating permit and a refusal to sell a permit to anyone associated with the failure. e.g guests
- No beach or swimming pool type inflatable's allowed. Inflatable dinghies must comply with the present British Standard.
- No radio controlled craft to be used on the water.

Neither the Council nor its Officers, servants or agents will accept liability in contract or tort or in any other way whatever in respect of any damages, destruction, loss or injury to person or property sustained directly or indirectly in the exercise of any right herein given

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