



Hook Lake Rules for the 2018/9 season

1. Only syndicate members and authorised visitors may enter the property. Members must at all times carry their permit and produce it to a bailiff or other permit holder on request. If they are not in possession of the required document they can be asked to leave the property.
2. NFM reserves the right to hold angling events on Hook Lake from time to time for fund raising, research or such other reasons. Permit holders will be informed of these in advance.
3. Scheduled and emergency work parties shall be held on the fishery from time to time and where possible, permit holders will be informed of these in advance.
4. The gates to the property must be closed and locked immediately after entry or exit.
5. While on the property vehicles must be driven carefully and quietly and must be parked in the car park provided.
6. No swims may be altered without the consent of NFM. No bankside vegetation may be damaged other than by authorised cutting and trimming.
7. Fishing, other than stalking, is only permitted from recognised swims.
8. A swim about to be vacated may only be "reserved" by an angler already fishing another swim on the lake.
9. The bailiffs have the right to enforce rule 8 in the spirit in which it is intended and to prevent the monopoly of a swim by teams or groups of anglers, or swim swapping by friends in adjoining bivvies.
10. It is the responsibility of any person fishing a swim to ensure that the swim and surrounding area is kept free of litter.
11. Swimming and wading in the lake is forbidden under any circumstances.
12. Members can only use the boat if given special permission to do so by NFM.
13. The use of nuts as baits, hook baits or in loose feed is banned. Tiger nuts can be used as hook bait only.
14. In the right conditions carp can be retained in floating retainer slings for a maximum of 2 hours.
15. There is a two-rod limit in force between 1st April and 30th September and a three rod limit between 1st October and 31st March.

16. No angler's rods shall be left unattended at any time. The definition of "unattended" shall be left to the discretion of the bailiffs, and all offences will be judged strictly on their merits.
17. A permit holder may be absent from his/her swim for a maximum of 2 hours in any twenty four hour period.
18. All anglers must carry and use a good quality unhooking mat of adequate size.
19. Fishing in any area deemed to be out of bounds and marked or designated accordingly is prohibited.
20. No guns, crossbows or weapons of any kind are allowed on the property. Any knives carried must be suitable fishing equipment or eating utensils.
21. No fires must be lit on the property.
22. Anglers must not introduce into the lake from any other water any live fish or spawn, including fish intended to be used as live bait.
23. Any person fishing the water must hold a current EA coarse fishing licence, and must comply with the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act, and the by-laws in force for the area.
24. Any permit holder may purchase up to ten 24 hour guest permits from NFM per season. The permits run from 1st September until 31st March and cost £20 each. Guest permits must be purchased at least 1 week in advance.
25. NFM reserve the right to examine any vehicle on or leaving the property to ensure that fish are not being removed, transferred illegally, or stolen. This right may only be exercised in the presence of the person using the vehicle, but refusal to co-operate may result in the termination of the vehicle owner's rights to fish and/or be on the property. Any person found attempting to remove fish from Hook Lake shall automatically lose their permit and face prosecution.
26. NFM shall have the right to inquire into and take the appropriate action in the event of an infringement of the rules being suspected. Subject to the seriousness of the incident NFM can suspend permission to fish whilst investigating an alleged infringement. All alleged rule breakers shall be given the opportunity to state their case at a meeting of NFM. Penalties imposed by NFM will be notified to the member in writing.
27. Any damaged, diseased or dead fish must be reported to N.F.M immediately.
28. NFM reserve the right to close the fishery without warning in order to protect the welfare of the stock or to carry out any necessary maintenance to the fishery.
29. No spinning.
30. Sorry, on the landlords request - No Dogs.