



Homersfield Lake

FULL & WINTER MEMBERS FISHING RULES & CONDITIONS 2026/27 SEASON

BOOKING ON & WHILE HERE AT THE LAKE

1. Members must book in to fish by either text or email.
2. Bookings can be made for 24, 36, 48 and if agreed in some cases for 72 hour periods.
3. Longer fishing sessions can be arranged at our discretion
4. Bookings can be made up to one day in advance. If you ask to come the day before there is no guarantee I will see your message. If I do not reply please do not come.
5. We can limit the number of visits of any member.
6. We will limit the number of members between 15 to 20 on the lake at any one period.
7. Access to and from fishery by main gate only.
8. One gate key is given out. No copies to be made.
9. All vehicles must be parked in the two designated car parks at all times. Dropping off and pick up points for tackle can be done at bog bay and car park bay, but then must be returned immediately to the car parks.
10. The ticket is not transferable.
11. No swimming or access to un-bridged islands.
12. Pets not allowed.
13. No guns.
14. No litter to be left on banks (this includes cigarette ends and tea bags).

RIGS & TACKLE WHILE FISHING HERE

15. No leaders, this includes leadcore, safezone leaders or any kind of headless leader. **Rig tubing only. Lead clip set ups are preferred.**
16. No fixed leads, rigs must be safe and able to eject the lead. If you do not want to drop the lead then running rig set ups are fine.
17. A minimum of 0.35mm (15lbs) main line to be used when carp fishing.
18. A maximum of 3oz lead.
19. No shock leaders apart from spod and marker set ups.
20. No braided mainline apart from spod and marker set ups.
21. Manufactured barbless hooks only.
22. No 360 rigs.
23. No "twig" or "magic wand" rigs' or any rig that could cause unnecessary problems. **If in doubt ask me.**

WELFARE OF THE FISH

24. Carp care kits must be always with you.
25. Treat all fish caught with care.
26. Care kits should be applied on all hook holds and any damage seen to a fish.
27. If you feel a fish is badly damaged please retain it and contact me immediately.

28. When possible unhook all carp in the net before carrying it to the unhooking mat. If using quick swivels then disconnecting the hook link is an easier option and avoids possible mouth damage when carrying a rod and fish to the mat.
29. If possible carp must be lifted from the water in a weigh sling and placed on the unhooking mats provided.
30. Any large carp over 40lbs must be kept and weighed in the lake, do not lift onto the bank. Contact Martin at any time day or night to come and help. Call 07900 807272 or 01986 788548.
31. Fish of any species are not to be sacked even for short periods. If camera equipment is not available for immediate use then fish must be returned to the lake.
57. Use of rowing boat is not permitted. Inflatable dinghies are not allowed.
58. **FLOATER FISHING** - only use one rod when floater fishing - do not floater fish, zig fish or bottom fish at the same time.
59. The floater swim can only be fished from June until the end of September (conditions when fishing this swim are located at the swim **BUT DO NOT** cast past the line from the statue to the white post on the island).
60. The nursery swim: only two rods allowed at any time (conditions when fishing this swim are located at the swim).
61. Do not leave rods unattended while fishing or ask another member to look after your rods if you need to leave your swim to bait up etc. Bring your rods in at all times.

GENERAL RULES TO ABIDE BY

32. No fish to be removed from the lake or killed.
33. Unhooking mats or sling tables to be used at all times.
34. Marker floats to be retrieved after use.
35. Casting from swims you are fishing only.
36. No particle baits (nuts, beans, hemp and seeds etc). Tinned sweetcorn is allowed.
37. No fish pellets except those supplied by the fishery.
38. No fish to be introduced to the lake. Saltwater dead baits permitted.
39. Maximum weight of leads to be used on the lake is 3oz (three ounces) only.
40. No braided line to be used as fishing line (for spod and marker float rods only).
41. We may ask to check members tackle and baits to make sure these rules are kept in place.
42. No wading to bait up and cast.
43. No swims to be made or altered.
44. No fishing allowed in stock ponds.
45. Fishing from recognised swims only. (See map for recognised swims.)
46. All landing nets and weigh slings must be kept at the lake and used only at Homersfield.
47. Do not use any other unhooking mats except the ones provided by us.
48. Use disinfection bath located at pellet shed to dip any tackle that may still hold water ie. bait boats, spods, marker floats etc.
49. Certain swims are for float fishing only. Check lake map for these.
50. Swims may only be occupied by the same person for a maximum of six days (only if agreed beforehand).
51. Bivvies / tackle not to be left unattended for more than six hours in any 24 hour periods.
52. Please **DO NOT** cast over swims next to the swim you are fishing from. If you wish to fish in that swim then please move into it.
53. Fish from only one swim. Do not fish multiple swims.
54. The use of radio controlled boats is permitted for free baiting only and are allowed during hours of daylight only. Hook baits and fishing lines, for any reason, are not to be taken out by boat.
55. Baiting poles are allowed but no hookbaits or fishing lines are, for any reason, to be taken out on them.
56. Any type of fish finder is not permitted. No drones or underwater cameras. No electric scooters to be used around the lake.

GUESTS

62. Family guests on the lake. If you wish to bring your wife, partner, son or daughter please call Martin on 0790 080 7272 as only a certain number of guests are allowed, for insurance reasons, on the lake at any one time.
63. Only one family member can accompany a member. (Children under six are not allowed for insurance and safety reasons).
64. Permission must be given to allow any guest on the fishery.
65. Guests are not allowed to fish unless permission is given by me in advance.
66. All members and their guest come onto the fishery solely at your own risk. We take no responsibility for any accident, damage or loss to you your guest, equipment (tackle etc.) or vehicles while on the fishery.

CONDITIONS

67. Excessive drinking, unruly or abusive behaviour to others around the lake will not be tolerated.
68. Payments will not be refunded if the lake is closed due to circumstances beyond our control. (Example: foot and mouth outbreak, Covid restrictions etc.)
69. Please make sure you have environmental agency rod licenses.
70. These rules and conditions are located at the toilet and shower block and in the food shed.
71. Anyone found breaking the rules and conditions of the lake will be asked to leave immediately with no refund of their membership fee. If we feel you are not suited to the fishery during the season and are asked to leave you will be refunded the proportional amount left on your membership.
72. If during the season the weather (water temperature) becomes very hot during day and especially at night I will ask members to stop fishing until oxygen levels become safe and do not put the fish under any stress.
73. If the carp show signs of spawning before we close the lake or after we reopen in June we will ask you to refrain from fishing for them and allow time for them to recover.
74. Publicity of fish catches and lake business is strictly prohibited. Please note we have a website **www.homersfieldlake.com**, facebook page and Instagram where I will publish catches only. Email **info@homersfieldlake.com**. This is the only place that you may publicise your catches unless otherwise agreed with by Martin Symonds. Send pictures and details to this address.