

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION - BYELAWS

General Byelaws

- B1 The River Coarse Fishing Season will start on June 16th and end on March 14th. Pike Fishing Season starts on 1st September.
There is no close season for Hyde Lane Lakes and Woodfields Lake. Fishing is allowed throughout the year.
- B2 Members under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when fishing Association waters. No members under 16 years of age are allowed to night fish unless accompanied by an adult.
- B3 Members must carry their Membership Cards with them at all times when fishing Association waters
- B4 Members are authorised and encouraged to stop all persons who cannot produce a membership card or other recognised authority, fishing the Association waters.
- B5 Any Adult found dishonestly using a concessionary permit will be banned from the Association for Life.
- B6 Members must show every courtesy to Donors of Fishing Rights. Members will be held personally responsible for any damage which they may cause.
- B7 Members must be particularly careful to close gates they open and must not enter fields laid up for mowing
- B8 When near or on Association waters, members must only have fishing tackle in their possession and they must not be accompanied by dogs.
- B9 Persons fishing the Association's waters leave their vehicles and contents at their own risk.
- B10 **Day Ticket Holders are not allowed to fish the big lake at Hyde Lane.**
- B11 **Day Ticket Holders are not allowed to fish between Thornborough Mill and Leckhampstead Bridge Left Hand Bank upstream.**
- B12 **Day Ticket Holders are not allowed to fish between Twin Pint and Thornborough Mill.**
- B13 A Family Ticket is available and entitles a couple to fish with their children up to the age of 15 years. See current Newsletter or Website www.bdaafishing.org.uk for tariff.
- B14 Keepnets used by members on Association waters should be at least 8' 6" long x 1' 6" wide in knotless mesh. Longer keepnets are recommended.
- B15 All members are required to pick up and take home any litter found on Association waters. Plastic bags, glass bottles, tin cans and discarded fishing tackle are a serious hazard to farm animals and wildlife. Any member or Day Ticket holder found with litter at their peg is deemed to have dropped same.
- B16 There are no concessions available for OAP's and Disabled Persons on Day Tickets. Junior Day tickets are available. See current Newsletter or Website www.bdaafishing.org.uk for tariff.
- B17 **In general, the minimum safe fishing distance from an overhead electric power line is two rod/pole lengths from the overhead line (measured along the ground).**
- B19 All Members must have a valid Environment Agency Rod License.
- B20 The BDAA increasingly uses combination locks to secure its venues. The access code must be kept confidential and not divulged to non-members. This code will change each year on the 1st June and be published in the club membership card.
Car Park Key required for Woodfields.

Fishing Byelaws

- C1 All fish must be returned alive to the water at the place of capture, except as set out in Rule C2. Any member found with live or dead freshwater fish in his/her possession is in breach of Association rules and will be banned from the Association and also risk possible prosecution.
- C2 When pike fishing, members may have in their possession a maximum of ten freshwater fish, alive or dead, the length of which shall not exceed five inches from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. **These fish must have been caught on the same day in the Association water in which they are to be used. On no account must freshwater fish, alive or dead, be brought in from other waters, shop, etc. The foregoing restrictions do not apply to sea or artificial baits.**
- C3 All specimen fish must be weighed on Club scales at the place of capture. The catch must be verified by two witnesses, both of whom must be adult Association Members. Weight Cards for specimen fish will be made available and these cards must be duly signed by both witnesses and lodged with the Match Secretary within 14 days.
- C4 When a match is scheduled on a particular water fishing shall cease on that water three hours before the scheduled draw for that match. At Hyde Lane lakes only the peg numbers booked must be vacated. When a river match is in progress fishing is barred on the opposite bank.
- C5 The number of pegs booked shall not exceed an estimated requirement based upon previous year's attendance figures. Any additional pegs needed on match day shall be selected from those not in use by other club members already fishing.

- C6 Members may not use more than two rods simultaneously when fishing Association waters (separate rules for matches). Rods may not be more than 2 metres apart, and must not be left unattended. The tethering of any fish is not permitted.

Members are expected to handle fish with care and not to retain them in keepnets any longer than is absolutely necessary. Since 1970 a great deal of effort and expense has been devoted towards stocking Association waters with many fine Roach, Rudd, Bream, Tench and Carp.

- C7 The use of bright lights (e.g. Tilley lamps, powerful torches, etc) is not allowed. The lighting of fires is strictly prohibited. The digging of banks on all Association Waters is forbidden. Any member contravening this rule faces disciplinary action.
- C8 All matches run by the Association will be fished to N.F.A. rules. Pike do not count in these matches (Pike matches excepted).
- C9 When fishing Association Waters specifically for Carp and Pike, a minimum size landing net of 36 inch gape and an unhooking mat are required. It is also recommended for other species.
- C10 The use of "Bent Hook Rigs" is prohibited on Association Waters.
- C11 The use of fixed lead on "Bolt Rigs" is prohibited on Association Waters.
- C12 No radio-controlled craft are allowed on B.D.A.A. waters.

Club Water Byelaws

- D1 At Mrs. F.H. Taylor's request a maximum of eight members can fish between Thornborough Mill and Leckhampstead Bridge at any one time.
- D2 **Any member not parking in the designated car parks will have their Club card withdrawn. Parking elsewhere is strictly prohibited.**
- D3 **Access to Hyde Lane Lakes.**
There are two access points to Hyde Lane Lakes.
Staleys Car Park
At the end of the lakes nearest Buckingham (southern end) drive down the track, and before reaching the Pumping Station, turn left through the gate on to the grass area adjacent to lake. Members must not stray from the track, and must adhere to the 10 m.p.h. speed limit.
Main Road Car Park
On the Buckingham/Stony Stratford road (A422) at the north end of the Middle Pit, a car park is provided.
Combination Lock for Hyde Lane – Access Code printed in membership card.
- D4 Members Only can fish the River Ouse (the Twins) behind Hyde Lane Lakes road (A421) adjacent to bridge, access over stiles to river both upstream and downstream.

Hyde Lane Lakes Byelaws

- E1 Only Special Ticket Holders may fish the big lake.
- E2 Night fishing is restricted to a single 36 hour session. At the end of the 36 hour session the angler, his tackle, brolley camp and vehicle must leave the water and not return for 24 hours.
- E3 Members, with Standard membership, may night fish the Middle and Little Lakes.
- E4 No Day Tickets Allowed.
- E5 Members who purchase the additional Pike Ticket Supplement may fish the Big Lake for Pike from the 1st September through 31st March. Fishing is only allowed on existing swims.
- E7 Recognised bivvies and brolley camps only to be allowed
- E8 Use of tents, caravans and camper vans is strictly forbidden.
- E9 **THE GATES TO STALEYS CAR PARK AND MAIN ROAD CAR PARK ARE TO BE KEPT LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**
- E10 Disabled Platforms are for the use of anglers (and a companion) who cannot, because of their disability, easily fish other swims.
- E11 Overnight sleeping is not allowed in Hyde Lane Car Parks under any circumstances.
- E12 All members fishing Hyde Lane Lakes are subject to Anglian Water Services Water Park Byelaws – Copy held by Committee.
- E13 **NO PUBLICITY REGARDING THE CARP FISHING TO BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT THE COMMITTEE'S CLEARANCE.**

Woodfields Lake Byelaws

- F1 No Night Fishing.
- F2 Day Tickets are available all year round but must be purchased in advance from either Londis, Jakeman Sport, Tingewick PO or J K Tackle.
- F3 No Boilies.
- F4 **GATES TO BE SHUT AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**
Car Park Key required for Woodfields.
- F5 All vehicles to be parked in the Car Park.
- F6 Please restrict the use of keepnets and the amount of groundbait used and use barbless hooks if possible.
- F7 Disabled Platforms are for the use of anglers (and a companion) who cannot, because of their disability, easily fish other swims.