



LOWER MILL  
COTSWOLDS

## **Fishing Club Rules & Information 2021**

### **Fishing & Boating Rules**

- All Residents of the Lower Mill Estate are entitled to become members of the Fishing Club which means you may fish on the lakes as permitted and in accordance with the seasonal restrictions.
- All fishing activities must comply with the Lower Mill Estate Fishing Club Rules.
- All boating activities must comply with the Lower Mill Estate Sailing Club Rules.
- Members of the Fishing Club may be accompanied a maximum of two guests.
- A valid rod licence must be carried at all times when fishing. (This is available from the Post Office).
- No electric powered watercrafts are allowed on the Estate.
- Live saving flotation devices are placed throughout the estate.
- Any behaviour from fishermen likely to bring The Lower Mill Estate into disrepute will result in automatic suspension of fishing rights.
- The Lower Mill Estate Angling Club has a limited public membership. Members of the Angling Club may only fish Mill Lake and Farmhouse Lake according to membership subscriptions.
- The Estate carries a strict publicity ban to ensure the ongoing security of the fish; this means NO press coverage of captures or articles about any of the lakes.
- No rods to be left unattended at any time.
- No live baits for Pike fishing.
- Lure fishing is only allowed on LME lakes between 1st October and 14th March.
- No fires, no loud radios and anglers' camps are not to be left unattended.
- All anglers should act as bailiffs whilst on the Estate and report any inappropriate action.
- Unhooking mats must be used by all Carp and Pike anglers.

- The Lower Mill Estate accepts no responsibility for loss or injury to any person or property whilst on the premises and reserves all rights with regard to the operation of the fishing club.
- Under no circumstances should any fish be removed or introduced to any lake without permission from the Estate Office. Trout can be removed from Flagham Fen and Spinney Lake.

## **Fishing Lakes & Information**

- **Mill Lake**

Carp, Tench, Bream from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May, Pike from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March. Maximum of 3 rods at any time. No fish retention at any time. No keep-nets or sacks. (Estimate 35 – 40 large carp)

- **Farmhouse Lake**

Residents and Guests are NOT allowed to fish on Farmhouse Lake until they have fished on Mill Lake for a minimum of one year and have demonstrated that they are competent anglers with adequate fishing equipment. Fish welfare is of paramount importance on all lakes but particularly with the large carp on Farmhouse Lake. Carp, Tench, Bream fishing from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May, Pike from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March. Maximum of 3 rods at any time. No fish retention at any time. No keep-nets or sacks. (Estimate 25 – 30 large carp)

- **Freeth Mere SSSI**

No access to track between Freeth Mere and Somerford Lagoon from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March to protect over wintering wildfowl. Coarse fishing from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> March. Pike fishing from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March.

- **Somerford Lagoon**

The lagoon is nationally important for over wintering wildfowl and so the southern and eastern shoreline are closed from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Coarse fishing season runs 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May. Pike from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March. (Estimate 8 large carp)

- **Flagham Fen**

Trout fishing open from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September. The season may be extended on a catch and release basis. Please ask at the Estate Office for further details. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout. No lure fishing. Maximum of one rod per person. Maximum of three fish removed per person per day. A boat is available for fishing.

- **Clearwater Lake**

Carp, Tench, Bream from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May. Only those home-owners and guests staying on properties with direct access to the lake may fish in Clearwater. (Stock of 1000 – 2000 small carp)

- **Howells Mere Lake**

Carp, Tench, Bream from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May. Only those home-owners and guests staying on properties with direct access to the lake may fish in Howells Mere. (Stock of 2000 – 3000 small carp)

- **Spinney Lake**

Tench, Perch from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> May. Pike 1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> March. Trout all year round.