

TAPPERNS LAKE RULES

On club match dates access to the lake is closed from sundown on the previous day until one hour after the match ends, except for those fishing the club match. Access to Osier lake is not affected.

1. Anglers must possess a current RFC and EA Licence and these should be produced when challenged by a Bailiff. Tapperns Lake is open from 16th of June to the 15th of June. The Island is closed from 15th March to 16th June.
2. There is **NO NIGHT FISHING** allowed and Anglers must observe “**NO FISHING**” notices.
3. This Permit allows the Angler to use two rods only and rods must not be left unattended, even if using an alarm. One non-angling guest only may accompany senior Members, and the Member must be responsible for the conduct, according to the rules, of the non-fishing guest.
4. Anglers fish RFC waters at their own risk
5. No liability can be accepted for loss or damage.
6. Anglers are allowed on the venue 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset. (This includes the car park). Fishing is only allowed between the hours of sunrise and sunset. As per the times printed in the permit
7. Junior Anglers under the age of 12 years may fish free with a senior member but must possess a FOC Permit. Once a Junior Angler reaches 12 years of age they must possess a Junior Permit and must be supervised by an adult until they reach the age of 14. See general rule 10 (web site)
8. Vehicles parked in the Car Park must display a **Parking Sticker**, either RFC or TRBL. The Car Park cannot be used for R&DAA venues.
9. One Angler only per platform except when supervising a junior. No litter should be left on or around platforms. Anglers are responsible for ensuring there is no litter within 5mtrs of the peg they have fished.
10. No fishing is allowed between platforms or from the Bridge. Access to platforms is by footpath only. Walking between platforms must be via footpath.
11. The use of bivouacs/tents, open fires, firearms, radios, boats, bait boats and TV's is not permitted. (Umbrella type shelters are allowed)
12. Anglers are not allowed to swim, or damage or cut fences, trees, flora or fauna.
13. No fish to be moved or removed from the fishery.
All fish must be returned to the swim from which they were caught.
Any photographs must be taken with the fish's welfare of paramount importance. Individual fish should be photographed either supported by hands or on an unhooking mat. Multiple catches should still be in nets or on unhooking mats.
All fish to be returned to the water as quickly as possible.
14. All carp caught to be returned to the water as soon as possible except in matches.
Silver fish may be retained in keep nets to a maximum of 60lbs (27.5kg) of fish per keep net. Another net must be used for the retention of any subsequent fish caught. In matches, carp must be kept in a separate carp mesh design net with the same net limit applicable.
Any fish showing signs of distress must be returned immediately.
15. Anglers may use barbless or micro barbed hooks.

16. Specialist soft or coated braided hook lengths are allowed.
17. Free running rigs/safety rigs must be used in conjunction with feeders and leads. No non-running rigs are allowed.
18. Tin cans of all types are banned on RFC venues.
19. When fishing for Carp, anglers must be in possession of suitable tackle, an unhooking mat, a minimum of 12lb line and a specimen net of not less than 36inch.
20. Disciplinary action will be taken against any Angler for damage or theft or the breaking of rules. The Bailiffs word is final.
21. Please do not hammer bank sticks into the platforms.
22. A Maximum of 2kg of Groundbait are allowed and a maximum of 2kg IN TOTAL of pellets, particles, sweetcorn and hemp. NO NUTS of any kind are allowed.

Registered Disabled members can gain access to the venue via Hayward's Farm. The required gate code can be obtained from the Permit Secretary. Disabled Anglers must supply their registration number of their car to the Club when applying for code. Disabled Anglers using this facility must fish from the disabled platforms only. Times allowed are 9.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sun 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please note that the access route includes locked gates and uneven tracks and may not be suitable for unaccompanied anglers confined to wheelchairs.