

Docklow Pools



Docklow Rules & Information

Whilst it's an anglers responsibility is to know a venue rules, we'd like to point out that Docklow isn't over the top with its rules. In fact the large majority have been in place since the early 70's, so years of experience everything listed below is based upon common sense and best practice. Things like litter and barbed hooks have to be mentioned as sadly not everyone looks after such a beautiful place. Our emphasis is for customers to come and enjoy a great days fishing, whilst looking after our stock. Our attitude is that the fish look after us so we look after the fish. Simple.

The best baits to use are: luncheon meat, sweet corn, maggots, caster and worm

Our staff who bailiff the pools are here to help and will check randomly rigs and bait. For help and advice call the shop on 01568760 544

- **Thieves will be prosecuted.**
- **Bait bans:** Ground bait. Paste. Cat food / Dog meat.
- **Pellets:** Docklow Tackle shop purchased pellets only to be used for loose feed. Max usage of 2 bags per session. Please keep bag as proof of purchase. No other pellets allowed
- **Barbless hooks** only venue. No Pinched barbs.
- **Surface fishing** - A great way to catch in the summer. With a Pole is preferred because of the elastic. Using a rod and line must be done using a free running ledger or bomb. No direct surface fishing i.e. No bubble floats, controllers or free lining.
- **Bans** - No braided main line or hook lengths. Please don't touch fish with rags as this will eventually kill them. No Bolt rigging just in case of breakoff. Open/cage feeders are fine without banned baits above.
- **Landings Nets** - To be used to land all fish over 4oz. Please no beaching or swinging fish in over 4oz
- **No night fishing** - All anglers to pack up an hour before dark
- **Litter louts** will be banned. Please leave facility clean and tidy. **Dogs** must be kept on a lead at all times. Prefer non "yappy or aggressive dogs" here
- **Stock Pond:** - Float fishing only. No floating baits.
- **Day ticket: Mickey Mouse, Moby Dick & Figure of 8.** All children under 16 must be accompanied with an adult. Spectators - One per angler. No large groups
- **Matches/Knock Ups:** - Clubs breaking rules such as litter, bad language and pellets will lose their roll over booking. Separate silver and carp nets preferred. 6 hour match maximum so the fish can be returned as quickly as possible. Use weighing mates where possible, please don't tip fish onto a hard surface.
- **River stretches** - None day ticket. Please call shop to book in, so we can work in harmony with the local farmers
- **Cars** must be left on the car park at all times.

Major Bill - Slightly different to above as it's a specimen pool

- **Private lake** for Major Bill members & residents who've paid £50 per week. Must be 18yrs or over. No guests.
- **No match tackle** i.e. poles, match rods etc.
- **Rig Bans:-** No fixed bolt rigs. No quicksilver braids, sacks or nets. Hook length to be less than the main line. No lead core. Coated braided hook lengths are allowed on the major bill, strength of hook length must be less than the strength of mono main line i.e. no braided main line.
- **Bivvies** should be attended at all times. No reserving pegs. Maximum 5 days bivvied up in the same peg.
- **No live baiting** or removal of any fish. Ultimately cruel
- **Pellets** are allowed on the Major Bill.
- **Minimum 42" landing net** without exception because of the size of the fish
- **Unhooking mats** - Must be large enough to deal with big Cat fish, and preferably of the poly ball variety.
- Major Bill membership covers you for a maximum of 3 rods total. 4th rods will be charged at £20 a day. Two or three rod rule, if someone is in the next peg, please use a bit of consideration
- **Cars** must be parked on the car park.
- **No setting up after dark.** Major Bill anglers must not leave the fishery during darkness.

Food

- ❖ *As before, we can offer breakfasts upon arrival and or evening meals. Again we'd be happy to help and make a day of things for you.*
- ❖ *Breakfasts continue to be £6 each*
- ❖ *Steaks 8oz are £9.95 each*
- ❖ *Club food offer continues to be £15 for breakfast & Steak dinner.*
- ❖ *We will charge for what is ordered – unless advised at least 24 hours before arrival.*

Rules (wise are the same as 2012)

- ❖ *We've introduced hemp into our accepted baits and pellets purchased from our shop as loose feed. Any hook pellet allowed.*
- ❖ *All the other rules, such as two nets in a match, and landing every fish over 4oz with a landing net remain the same.*
- ❖ *Barbless hooks as always*
- ❖ *No Groundbait, paste or partical baits (except sweet corn)*
- ❖ *Important to aware of Floating bait rule in the summer – zig rig on rods allowed. With a pole no problem. No direct method allowed.*
- ❖ *Matches are a maximum of 6 hours*
- ❖ *Weigh fish with respect – our stock look after us, so we ask we all look after them. Use weigh mats when one can.*
- ❖ *The club is responsible for litter left on the pool after the match has finished*
- ❖ *Coaches/cars are to be away from the venue by 6.30pm at the latest.*
- ❖ *Docklow Pools is a quiet country retreat predominately for couples – therefore ask shouting across the lake or bad language be refrained.*
- ❖ *A set of rules is enclosed with this letter which I'd ask all anglers of your association to be familiar with.*
- ❖ *For clarification call the tackle shop any week day 8am to 4pm.*

- ❖ Additionally rules are published on our web site and in our tackle shop

Tackle shop

- ❖ Is open from 8am and bait can be ordered by calling John, Phil or Simon on 01568760 544 they'll all be happy to help
- ❖ Fresh bait daily – maggots & casters etc
- ❖ Large stock of bait, accessories & equipment
- ❖ Bookings for our own matches and Opens are dealt with by the tackle shop

Deals and Offers

- ❖ **October through to April** (subject to availability)
 - Stock Pool only £60
 - Mid-week bookings on Match & Jack £60
 - Clubs with 2 summer bookings entitled to a mid-week match from October to April free of charge.
 - Matches on the Snake charged by the peg. Now silvers only stretch and other early pegs are predominately carp. Ask for details
- ❖ **Summer bookings** reduced from £180 to £150 per pool

Other Information

- ❖ **Docklow Championships** – 5th October. Open to any angler who has holidayed for a week at Docklow in 2013. Excellent 4 day festival. Doubles match on the Friday.
- ❖ **(New for 2013) New Year Fishing Festival** – Fishing 29th, 30th December and then partying on 31st New Year's Eve. Three day break
- ❖ **Docklow Membership** - £60 for season. Rivers just extra £12. (Concessions including seniors £40).
 - Members match every month, 2nd Saturday of the month. Great club day out with likeminded anglers
 - Every Saturday in winter.
- ❖ **Other Matches** at Docklow in season– 9am draw unless otherwise stated
 - Saturday – April to October is on Snake
 - Sunday – Stock Pool. Limited pegs. Usual high weights. Essential to book in with tackle shop
 - Tuesday – residents match for residents only on Match lake
 - Thursday – Farmer Jack Open (12 months a year, every week)
- ❖ **Docklow Classic**
 - Every Sunday throughout the winter.
 - Top 20 anglers qualify for final in March. Winner wins £1000 cash. Very popular. (Don't have to fish every match to qualify – your best 8 results used. League published on website)
- ❖ **Drennan Fishing Final** in conjunction with Match Fishing & Pole Magazine
 - Free to watch the final between the two finest match men in the country over two days. Usually on Match lake and Mickey Mouse on final day
- ❖ **Functions - Available**
 - Winter leases – for couples. November to Easter
 - Halloween, Dinner Dance, New Year, & Valentines parties

We'll confirm all transactions in writing, with the rules and information.

It should be a great fishing year again at Docklow.

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