

## Green Park Guidance for Anglers

Longwater Lake is an area of Green Park that is intended to be enjoyed by not just those working on the park, but also those who have an interest in angling. You must sign in at 100 Longwater Avenue and be in the possession of a fishing rod licence which is available from the Post office or the Environmental Agency. Persons under the age of 18 years need to be escorted and supervised by adults at all times whilst around the lake and the Estate.

### Permits/Licences Costs and Charges

The rod licences cost £27 for Adults 16 – 65 years, £5 for 12 – 16 year olds, £18 for over 65's and kids under 12 do not require a licence. There is also an 8 day licence available at £10 and a day licence at £3.75. Apart from the weekly and day licences, the licence is valid for one year and allows two fishing rods per licence holder.

A RDAA permit is required for all RDAA members and these permits can be bought from the Reading District Angling Association (RDAA). Because Green Park is private property, the Green Park Occupiers and staff do not need a RDAA fishing permit, but need to acquire a fishing rod licence. There is a fine of up to £2000 if a valid fishing licence cannot be produced whilst fishing on the lake. This is enforced by the Environmental Agency. The cost of the permit is as set out by the RDAA and is valid for one year.

The fishing season at Green Park is from 16 June to 15 March. Fishing hours for RDAA members are from 07:00 until 21:00 during the fishing season. For the Occupiers and staff with valid rod licences, dawn to dusk applies. Please see the fishing club rules and RDAA rules on pages 3 & 4 of this document. We want you to enjoy the lake and the fish stock that it contains and this guide has been designed to provide practical information on the lake and assist you in staying safe whilst you are at Green Park. Green Park work on a catch and release basis. The fish are the property of Green Park and should not be removed from the estate.

### Footpaths

There is a network of footpaths throughout Green Park for your use to access the various fishing pegs. Whilst we maintain these paths to ensure year round access, during heavy periods of rain (particular during winter months), the footpaths on the waters edge are prone to becoming water-logged. At such times the The Green Park Management Team (GPMT) will place signs out advising of whether a footpath is open or closed and we would ask that you adhere to the restrictions in place. During these times the fishing pegs will be flooded and not accessible for fishing.

The footpaths are intended to provide an approved route from place to place around the park and so are maintained and cleaned as necessary. We recommend that you stay on the paths and avoid walking onto the grass or muddy areas adjacent to the lake as these are not managed to accommodate people in wet or icy weather. Staying on the footpaths will help you avoid injury and keep you clean and dry. Please ensure you wear appropriate footwear.

### Severe / cold weather

Severe and cold weather can create unsafe conditions. Pooled water can freeze creating slip hazards, snow can hide divots and undulations in the ground. The GPMT will endeavour to keep footpaths and bridges open for safe use, however there are times that signs will be put out advising you to avoid certain areas. Please adhere to these warnings as they are for your own safety. It is recommended that you have appropriate footwear at all times in adverse weather conditions avoid grassed areas adjacent to the lake edge as these can be particularly slippery during cold weather.

Who to contact in emergencies

For all emergencies please contact Green Park Security Control based at 100 Longwater Avenue on **0118 945 0006**.

Dead wildlife should not be handled or approached as to avoid potential contraction of disease. Please report such occurrences, and any cases of injured wildlife, to Green Park Security Control on **0118 945 0006**.

Alan Hughes from the RDAA can be contacted in emergencies only, on: **07786936794**

**Park fishing pegs, benches and rescue aids (Red L)**



All anglers must abide by the RDAA guidelines issued at the time of signing in.

In addition to the RDAA guidelines, it should be noted that enjoyment of the lake and fishing activities are at the visitors discretion and Green Park Reading Limited will not be held responsible. Such risks include but are not limited to:

- Intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning from alcohol consumed whilst angling at Green Park.
- Injuries resulting from malfunctioning fishing equipment or misuse of equipment owned by anglers e.g hook wounds either self inflicted or inflicted by others.
- Injuries resulting from walking on a hill, slipping and/or falling on rough terrain.
- Changes in weather or temperatures which may result in dehydration, hypothermia, frostbite, windburn, sunburn, colds or flu.
- Any injuries or illness resulting from failure to follow the park angling guideline.

#### Fishing club rules

Permit holders must not, whilst on Green Park Estate property, use the same for any purpose other than angling and in particular must not:

- (a) Fail to sign in at 100 Longwater Avenue and use the peg designated to the angler by Security, unless reserved beforehand.
- (b) Leave any rubbish, bottles or disposable cans on Green Park Estate.
- (c) Throw into the water or leave on the banks of any lake or river or in any other part of Green Park Estate. Permit holders fishing a swim will be responsible for the cleanliness of the bank and water margin up to a distance of 10 metres from their fishing point.
- (d) Do any act that may cause pollution of the water or environment.
- (e) Commit any nuisance or act whatsoever, (for example the playing of a radio on a high level) whereby interference, offence or annoyance may be caused to other persons using the lake or lawfully on Green Park Estates land or to local residents.
- (f) Unduly tread down or damage banks of any lake or river.
- (g) Break or damage any fence, tree, shrub or hedge.
- (h) Light any fires or camp.
- (i) Dogs are permitted on Green Park providing owners clean up after them and exercise proper control over them. Rule 9 (d) above must be complied with and that person in charge of the animal shall be responsible for any loss, damage, injury or nuisance it may cause. What constitutes proper control shall be at the discretion of the Bailiff or other representative of Green Park Estate and may vary from time to time.
- (j) Wade, bathe or swim on Green Park Estate property.
- (k) Interfere with fowl, swans or other wildlife or livestock or take eggs off of any bird.
- (l) Keep nets are not permitted.
- (m) Night fishing is not permitted.
- (n) Fishing of the pontoon or boats are not permitted.



## Reading and District Angling Association

R&DAA abbreviated rules. Please read the full rules on the website, ([www.rdaa.co.uk](http://www.rdaa.co.uk)). This is your responsibility before signing your permit card.

Check water booking sheet, (issued with permit card or on website) before fishing. No night fishing before booked match.

Environment Agency current rod license must be held.

Remove all litter within 5 metre radius of swim.

Carry RDAA permit at all times when on Association property.

Do not fish outside permitted hours, (back page of RDAA permit). See website for venue specific times.

Maximum of two rods. (S.G. Exception, see website).

Do not fish within 30 metres of overhead lines, (penalty: suspension for 12 months).

Do not fish from landing stages, permanent moorings, locks or bridge approaches on canals or within 25 metres of locks or swing bridges.

No boats on any RDAA property, (see S.G. rules for limited venues use of bait boats).

Do not light fires, cut trees, camp, (S.G. Exception) or damage crops.

All gates to be kept closed and locked, (penalty: removal of permit and three year ban).

Failure to abide by these rules and regulations of the Association could lead to your permit card being confiscated by a warranted bailiff.

These permits authorise the member to fish from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset or until 9pm, (darker nights) on eligible waters, see venue page on website. Members will cease fishing after the one hour or 9pm and be given 30 minutes to leave the venue.

Any member who has tackle, (assembled or not) in his possession on the venue outside permitted hours will be deemed to be fishing.

### Emergency Telephone Numbers

R&DAA Bailiff hotline: 0796 409 5904

Pollution & Environmental incidents: 0800 807 060, (24 hour free emergency line).

Canal dewatering: Office hours 0145 232 800 or 0800 479 9947, (24 hour).

Swan lifeline: 0175 385 9397

Website: [www.rdaa.co.uk](http://www.rdaa.co.uk) Tel: 0118 986 7430

E-Mail: [rdaa@rdaa.co.uk](mailto:rdaa@rdaa.co.uk)