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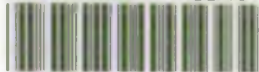
**Guardians of the
Water Environment**

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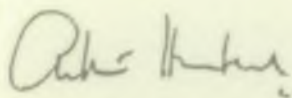
Welcome to the Southern Region of the NRA, an area which offers freshwater anglers a wide variety of sport with noted river and still-water fisheries in Kent and Sussex, salmon and trout in the Hampshire chalk streams and sea trout throughout the Region. Details of day permit waters and general information for anglers are included in this guide to help you find the water of your choice.

The NRA, as guardian of the water environment, is responsible for maintaining, improving and developing fisheries. This work requires the active involvement of the public we serve; it is only by working together that we can achieve the results we are seeking.

Anglers have an enviable reputation for protecting the environment and keeping their waters in good condition. Please help by making sure that your sport does not interfere with the enjoyment of others – in particular take special care in disposing of unwanted tackle so that wildlife is not harmed.

Before starting to fish, every game and coarse angler should have a current NRA fishing licence and permission to fish from the owner or lessee of the fishing.

In all aspects of its fisheries activities, the NRA is guided by a statutory Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee, whose members contribute knowledge and experience in a wide variety of issues which affect fisheries. In addition to this central forum, the Southern Region operates three County-based Fisheries Advisory Committees covering Hampshire/Isle of Wight, Sussex and Kent. The Chairmen of these committees sit on the Regional Committee. Committee members give freely of their time and I welcome this opportunity to thank them for their part in nurturing the excellent fisheries we enjoy in this Region.



Arthur Humbert
Chairman, Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee





NATIONAL RIVERS AUTHORITY – *Fisheries Services*

The NRA, as guardian of the water environment, has a duty to maintain, improve and develop fisheries. This is in addition to other functions which include flood defence, land drainage, water resource management, pollution prevention, development control, conservation, inland navigation and the promotion of water-based recreation.

For historical and practical reasons our fisheries staff are divided into three teams serving the same areas as the County Fisheries Advisory Committees; Hampshire/Isle of Wight, Sussex and Kent. They work to catchment boundaries and are based in Winchester, Pevensey and Leigh near Tonbridge. Their addresses are given on the facing page.

Each Fisheries Team consists of a County Fisheries Officer, Assistant Fisheries Officer, two Senior Bailiffs and three Bailiffs. These are reinforced by part-time and Honorary Bailiffs who check angling licences at weekends.

In addition, we operate a fish farm and a hatchery in Kent and have a scientific team to run the Hampshire Salmon Investigation, which uses fish counters and radio-tracking to research the influence of river flow etc. on salmon runs. Because of its significance for the development and control of water resources, the salmon investigation is financed from the water resources account.

FISHING FOR BASS AND MULLET

These species are widespread in the lower estuaries of most of our rivers. If you are fishing for bass and mullet in brackish water using methods which would not normally be used for coarse fish or eels, a rod and line licence is not required.

NATIONAL RIVERS AUTHORITY FISHERIES OFFICES

REGIONAL OFFICE

Regional Fisheries Officer
Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road,
Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1LD
Tel. (0903) 820692

HAMPSHIRE/ISLE OF WIGHT

Hampshire Fisheries Officer
Sarum Court, Sarum Road,
Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5DP
Tel. (0962) 713267

SUSSEX

Sussex Fisheries Officer
Coast Road, Pevensey Bay,
East Sussex BN24 6ND
Tel. (0323) 762691

KENT

Kent Fisheries Officer
Medway House, Powder Mill Lane,
Leigh, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9AS
Tel. (0732) 838858

OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS

Urgent calls outside office hours should be directed to the telephone number on page 32.

FISH PASSES

The demands made by modern society on our rivers are such that salmon and sea trout populations are under stress. Their survival depends not only on there being clean rivers where young fish can thrive, but also on the absence of obstructions which prevent adult fish returning from the sea to the streams where they were born.

Over the centuries many rivers with the potential to support salmon or sea trout runs have been blocked by weirs, sluices and water mills, but these are now being by-passed by the NRA which has an ambitious programme to build fish passes round these ancient obstructions. Interesting examples can be seen at Abbey Mill, Romsey (R. Test), Barcombe Mills, Sussex (R. Ouse) and on some of the weirs at Chatham and Canterbury (R. Stour).



FREE FISHING WATERS

Owners of the following waters permit free fishing. These are places where you can fish without the need to belong to an angling club, but you **MUST** have a rod licence regardless of where you fish.

WINCHESTER

The River Itchen at The Weirs in Winchester is owned by the City Council who permit public fishing. Public fishing is allowed on the Itchen Navigation immediately South of Winchester, from the left bank between Blackbridge and Saint Catherine's lock.

SOUTHAMPTON

Public fishing for **COARSE FISH ONLY** is allowed from the left bank of the River Itchen between Woodmill and Mansbridge. Southampton City Council permit fishing on the Ornamental Lake, Southampton Common Pond and Mansbridge Reservoir.

DITCHLING COMMON POND

One mile East of Burgess Hill, three miles South of Haywards Heath.



Fishing on a shoestring.

PILTDOWN POND

Two miles West of Uckfield this pond is owned by the golf club, which allows public fishing.

RIVER ARUN

Public fishing is allowed on the right bank of the River Arun between Arundel and Ford railway bridge.

RIVER MEDWAY

Upstream from Yalding Sluice, 200m South bank. The Lees at Yalding, South bank. From East Farleigh to Maidstone, North bank (except the new mooring area).

RIVER ROTHER (EAST)

River Rother between Iden and Scots Float, near Rye, free fishing is permitted from the roadside bank.

Apart from the waters listed above there are many miles of rivers not owned by the angling clubs or syndicates. Most of these are in the headwaters of the rivers and some provide excellent wild fishing; all that is needed is an approach to the land owner who then may give you permission to fish. But remember the Countryside Code; take your litter home, close gates, respect crops and animals, and do not become a nuisance, or you could jeopardise your sport and that of others.

CLOSE SEASON (ROD AND LINE)

The following close seasons are in force in the Southern Region.

All dates are inclusive:

Coarse fish March 15 – June 15

Rainbow trout, on totally enclosed waters only. No close season.

All areas except the River Darent and Cray catchments:

Salmon October 3 – January 16

Sea trout November 1 – April 30

Trout November 1 – April 2

River Darent and Cray catchments:

Salmon, Sea trout and Trout October 1 – March 31

(all waters which are not enclosed)

Salmon, Sea trout and Brown trout October 30 – March 31

(enclosed waters)



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HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Angling Opportunities

With their spring fed flow of pure chalk water, the Rivers Test and Itchen are world renowned for their trout fishing. Although the major parts of these rivers are strictly private some beats are available to visiting anglers; for those prepared to book in advance day rods may be obtained through letting agencies and local tackle shops.

The lower reaches of the River Test and River Itchen are notable salmon fisheries and both rivers have a run of sea trout. The River Meon, a chalk stream to the East of the county, harbours wild brown trout and supports a run of sea trout.

The New Forest streams provide a nursery area for sea trout and small wild brown trout. The Forestry Commission does not permit sea trout or trout fishing in their waters in the New Forest.



PERMISSION TO FISH

Day Ticket Waters in Hampshire

Day, half season and season rods are available on trout fisheries, and occasionally on sea trout and salmon fisheries through Rod Box Fishing To Let, The Rod Box, London Road, Kingsworthy, Winchester SO23 7QN. Telephone (0962) 883600 and The Orvis Company Incorporated, The Mill, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge. Telephone (0264) 781212.

ANDOVER ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Day tickets available on Foxcotte Lake, Charlton, from the Hon Sec Mr M Hopper, 4 Loveridge Close, Andover SP19 5ND. Telephone (0264) 332687.

AVINGTON TROUT FISHERY

Three lakes plus River Itchen carrier. Day tickets available, open all year and stocked daily. Contact the Fishery Manager, Avington Trout Fishery, Avington, Nr Winchester. Telephone Itchen Abbas (096 278) 312.

BROADLANDS ESTATE

Some trout and salmon fishing available on the River Test. Contact the Estate Office, Broadlands, Romsey. Telephone (0794) 517888.

BROADLANDS LAKE

Day tickets available on 27 acre coarse fish lake. Contact Mr M Simmonds, 4 Church Cottage, Lee, Broadlands, Romsey. Telephone Totton (0703) 869881 or Southampton (0703) 733167.

CHIPHALL LAKE

Trout fishing on 5 acre lake. Contact Mrs M Madsen, Chiphall Lake Fishery, Northfields Farm, Wickham. Telephone (0329) 833295.

DEVER SPRINGS

Trout fishing on two lakes. Contact Mr N Jackson, Dever Springs Fishery, Barton Stacey. Telephone (0264) 72592.

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Season permits for juniors only on the River Itchen at Bishopstoke (Riverside Road stretch) and Hiltingbury Lake, Chandlers Ford. Apply to Borough Council Offices, Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

EASTLEIGH DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

Varied coarse fishing and some game fishing. Details and membership form from the Honorary Secretary, 325 Market Street, Eastleigh. Day tickets for 10 acre coarse lake from local tackle dealers.

DAY TICKETS.



FORESTRY COMMISSION – NEW FOREST WATERS

Coarse fishing is by permit only at Hatchet Pond and Cadman's Pool but coarse fishing for children under 16 is provided free of charge at Roundhill and Janesmore Ponds. Forestry Commission fishing permits may be obtained from: Forestry Commission Campsite Offices (during camping season); Forestry Commission, Queens House, Lyndhurst; Leisure Fayre, High Street, Lyndhurst; Smith's Sports Shop, 24/25 Queen Street, Lyminster, Davis Fishing Tackle, 75 Bargates, Christchurch, Bournemouth Fishing Lodge, 904 Wimborne Road, Moordown, Bournemouth; Pro Fishing Tackle, 258 Barrack Road, Christchurch; Queensmeade Village Shop, High Street, Beaulieu; Bell Sports, 9-10 New Road, Hythe, Southampton; Tightlines Angling Centre, 1a Rumbridge Street, Totton; The Post Office, Main Road, East Boldre; Bramshaw Post Office Stores, Nr Lyndhurst, Swift Services, Fishing Bait and Tackle, 10 Gore Road, New Milton; Poulner Post Office and Stores, 256 Southampton Road, Poulner, Ringwood; East Boldre Stores, East Boldre; Poingdestre's Angling Centre, 1/5 Cannon Street, Shirley, Southampton.

FISHERS POND, COLDEN COMMON, Nr WINCHESTER

This is now a limited season ticket fishery. No day tickets.

HAMPSHIRE & SUSSEX ANGLERS ALLIANCE, HAMPSHIRE WATERS

Day ticket waters at Hilsea Moat Eastern Hants, Hilsea Moat Western, Hants and Sinah Warren Lake, Hayling Island. See also entry under Sussex Waters on page 17. Secretary Mr R Huskisson, 5 Orchard Way, Fontwell, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0SH. Telephone (0243) 65539.

Member Clubs: Portsmouth & District Angling Society, Hon Sec Mr R Snook, 86 Caernarvon Road, Portsmouth. Telephone (0705) 662986.

HORDLE LAKES

Trout and coarse fishing available on six lakes at Golden Hill, Nr New Milton. Tickets from Smith's Sports Shop, Lyminster. Telephone (0590) 673834.



"Small keep nets can damage fish"

WARNING – DISCARDED TACKLE KILLS

The use of lead weights is illegal.

Fishing hooks and nylon line are dangerous to wildlife.

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME AND DISPOSE OF IT SAFELY



JOHN O'GAUNT LAKE, KINGS SOMBORNE

Trout fishery. Telephone Keith Parse, Romsey (0794) 388130.

LEOMINSTEAD TROUT FISHERY, Nr LYNDHURST

Neil Branscombe, Emery Down, Lyndhurst SO4 7GA. Telephone Southampton (0703) 282610.

MARWELL MANOR FARM

Trout fishing on 2½ acre lake. Contact Mr V Hill, Marwell Manor Farm, Nr Winchester. Telephone (0962) 777280.

MEON SPRINGS FISHERY

Lake fishing for trout on 1½ acre lakes. Contact H N Butler Farms Ltd, Whitewool Farm, East Meon. Telephone (0730) 87249.

MOORHEN FARM FISHERY

Trout fishing on 2 acre lake. Contact Mr D Coles. Telephone (0420) 82011.

MOPLEY POND

Trout fishing available on small lake in the spring. Coarse fishing. Day and half day tickets. Mr Brian Tillman, Mopley Farm, Mopley, Blackfield. Telephone Fawley (0703) 891617.

NYTHE LAKE

Trout fishing on 3 acre lake. Contact Mr D Riley, Itchen Valley Trout Farm, Spring Lane, Alresford. Telephone (0962) 732776.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

Hon Sec Mr R Snook, 86 Caernarvon Road, Portsmouth. Telephone (0705) 662986. See under Hampshire and Sussex Anglers Alliance.

PORTSMOUTH SERVICES FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION

Open to all serving former members of the Armed Forces. 11 beats of River Meon and River Itchen. Trout and sea trout in former and trout and grayling in latter. Hon Sec Cpt F Hefford OBE, DSC, AFC, RN, 20 Stroatley Rise, Bunch Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1AF. Telephone (0428) 651440.

RIVER FARM, FUNTLEY

Trout fishing available on River Farm Lake. Contact Mr F Reid, River Farm, Funtley Lake, Fareham. Telephone (0329) 841215.

ROMSEY MEMORIAL PARK, RIVER TEST

Tickets obtained from Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey. Telephone (0794) 515117. Juniors half price.

ROOKSBURY MILL TROUT FISHERY, ANDOVER

Two lakes and ½ mile stretch of River Anton. Contact the Manager, Rooksbury Mill, Rooksbury Road, Andover. Telephone (0264) 352921.

STOCKBRIDGE, GREYHOUND INN, RIVER TEST

Fishing permits available at the Inn. Telephone (0264) 810833.

SWAY LAKES

Coarse fishing available on Sway Lakes. Contact Mr T Clarke, Barrows Lane, Sway. Telephone Lyminster (0590) 682010.

TEST VALLEY ANGLING CLUB

Hon Sec L V Childs, 25 Nelson Close, Romsey SO51 7DA. Telephone (0794) 522499. Membership, B Hogben, Tight-Lines Angling Centre, 1a Rumbridge Street, Totton, Southampton. Telephone (0703) 863068.

TURFCROFT FARM FISHERY, BURLEY

Coarse fishing on 2 acre lake. Contact Keith and Christine Duell. Telephone (0425) 403743.

WALDENS FARM FISHERY, WEST GRIMSTEAD

Coarse fishing on five lakes totalling 6 acres. Contact Dave Wateridge. Telephone (0722) 710480.

WINTERSHILL LAKE

Trout fishing on 3½ acre lake. Contact Mr Jones, Wintershill Trout Fishery, Wintershill Farm, Durley, Southampton. Telephone (0703) 601421.

ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight Freshwater Angling Association welcomes visitors to its waters on the River Yar at Brading and Alverstone and Somerton reservoir. Temporary membership can be obtained from the Hon Sec Mr I de Gruchy, 66 Merrie Gardens, Lake, Sandown PO36 9QS. Telephone (0983) 406847 and tickets are also available from the Bailiff at Somerton Reservoir.

BRADING

Coarse fishing on ¾ acre lake and the River Yar. From October to March telephone booking is essential. Contact Mr G Redfern, Morton Farm, Brading. Telephone (0983) 406132.

HALE MANOR LAKES

Coarse fishing on two 1 acre lakes, and trout fishing on 2¼ acre lake. Contact Mr D Brown, Hale Manor, Arreton, Nr Sandown. Telephone (0983) 865204.

ISLAND FISH FARM AND MEADOW LAKES

Coarse fishing and trout fishing. Contact the Fishery Manager, Muggleton Lane, Brighstone. Telephone (0983) 740941.

STAG LANE LAKE

Coarse fishing on ½ acre lake. Day tickets available from Scotties Tackle, 11 Lugley Street, Newport. Telephone (0983) 522115.

WHITWELL

Coarse fishing on three ½ acre ponds. Ideal for youngsters. Contact Mr Morris, Jolliffes Farm, Nettlecombe Lane, Whitwell. Telephone (0983) 730783.





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SUSSEX

Angling Opportunities

The Sussex rivers drain the vales of the Weald, but although they cut through the South Downs to the sea they have only a small portion of chalk water in their flow. Because of the nature of their catchments they tend to flood in the winter and to have low summer flows so that for much of their length these waters are controlled by weirs which make them deep and slow moving. Although they all support wild trout populations in their headwaters these rivers are best known for their coarse fisheries. The lower reaches of the Arun, Western Rother, Ouse and Adur all have notable sea trout runs with the size of fish taken being generally larger than in Hampshire. Sussex has several stillwater trout fisheries.





PERMISSION TO FISH

Day Ticket Waters in Sussex

ARDINGLY COLLEGE

Coarse fishing. Day tickets to fish the College pond available from Mr Windsor, 29 Queens Road, Haywards Heath RH16 1EH. Telephone (0444) 455749 and Rev Waters, 3 Stangrove Cottages, Ardingly.

ARDINGLY RESERVOIR

Specialists pike water, 198 acres storage reservoir max depth 55 feet. Contact Nigel Roberts. Telephone (0444) 892549.

ARLINGTON RESERVOIR

Trout fishing owned and managed by the Eastbourne Water Company. Limited day tickets bookable in advance. Information may be obtained from the Recreation Officer, Fishing Lodge, Arlington Reservoir, Berwick, Eastbourne. Telephone Alfriston (0323) 870810.

BARCOMBE RESERVOIR

Owned by the Mid Sussex Water Company, the trout fishing is managed by the Ouse Angling Preservation Society. Details on request from Mr DJ Drummond, Whistlefield, Lewes Road, Ringmer.

BOGNOR REGIS AND DISTRICT FRESHWATER ANGLING CLUB

Secretary R Huskisson. Telephone Slindon (0243) 65539. See under Hampshire and Sussex Anglers Alliance.

BOJO FISHERIES

Barratts Park Farm, Lower Pond, Heathfield. Tickets are available from Bob Eldridge. Telephone (0323) 763187.

BORDE HILL ESTATE LAKE

3 acre coarse fishing. Day tickets from garden kiosk. Telephone (0444) 417260.

BROAD FARM, HELLINGLY

Day ticket coarse fishery. Tickets available on the bank. Telephone (0323) 841247.

BURTON MILL POND, Nr PETWORTH

Tickets available from Tripp Hill Garage, Eittleworth. Telephone D Hayler on Fittleworth (079882) 267, 8.00am-6.00pm Monday to Friday. 9.00am-1.00pm Saturday and 10.30am-12.30pm Sunday.

BUXTED OAST FARM, Nr UCKFIELD

Coarse fishery.

CALPAC

Coarse fishing. River Arun from Houghton Bridge to South Stoke; North bank at Pulborough and South bank 1 mile downstream of railway; North bank at Stopham.

DAY TICKETS.



Day tickets. General Sec Mr J W Taylor, 10 Collens Field, Guildford Road, Pirbright, Surrey GU24 0DD. Telephone (0483) 486022.

CHALK SPRINGS TROUT FISHERY, ARUNDEL

Trout fishing on Spring Lakes. Enquiries to Mr J Glover, Chalk Springs, Park Bottom, Arundel. Telephone (0903) 883742.

CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

Coarse fishing. 4 gravel pits at Chichester. Weekly permits from Fishermen's Den, Bognor. Telephone Bognor (0243) 866663. River Arun from South Stoke Bridge to Arundel Town Bridge and Burpham back water. Day tickets from tackle shops in Chichester. Secretary Mrs C Luffman. Telephone Bognor Regis (0243) 867673.

CHICHESTER CANAL SOCIETY

Coarse fishing. Details from J Cooper, 'Jaspers', Coney Road, East Wittering, Nr Chichester, Sussex. Day tickets available from local tackle shops and Kirklands Stores, Hunston. Telephone Chichester (0243) 671051. Chichester Bypass Bridge to Donnington. Secretary Mrs L M Wilkinson. Telephone Birdham (0243) 512144.

CHURCH FARM, CHALVINGTON

Coarse fishery. Tickets available on site.

CIDER COTTAGE, FRAMFIELD

Day tickets available on site. Contact Mr C Brazil.

CLIVE VALE ANGLING CLUB

Coarse fishing. Hastings. Clive Vale reservoir. Ecclesbourne reservoir. Hon Sec B Taylor, 131 Ashburnham Road, Hastings. Telephone (0424) 717254 or J Greenhalf, telephone (0424) 420370.

COMPLEAT ANGLER FISHING CLUB AND POLEGATE ANGLING CENTRE

Coarse fishing. Cuckmere River, Milton Lock to railway. Pevensey Haven, Pevensey Bridge to Chillye Bridge. Extensive waters on Wallers Haven. Hon Sec V W Honeyball, 12 Bodiam Close, Longland Road, Eastbourne. Telephone (0323) 645615. Day tickets from the Compleat Angler Tackle Shop, Eastbourne and Polegate Angling Centre.

COULTERSHAW MILL, FITTLEWORTH

See under Hampshire and Sussex Anglers Alliance. Day tickets available from local tackle shops.

CROWBOROUGH ANGLING CLUB, UNDERHILL LAKE, MARESFIELD

Day tickets from Crowborough Tackle Shop, Whitehill Road, Crowborough.

FAIRFIELD FARM, WEST HAM, EASTBOURNE

Coarse fishing lake. Tickets available from Caravan Site.

FENN PLACE MILL, EAST GRINSTEAD

Trout, day ticket trout fishery. Telephone (0342) 715466.

FURNACE BROOK FISHERY, COWBEECH

Two lakes, coarse and trout fishing. Tickets available on site. Telephone Rushlake Green (0435) 830298.

GOLDEN CROSS FISHERY, Nr HAILSHAM

Coarse fishing. Day tickets available on site.

HAILSHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Coarse fishing, Cuckmere River, Hailsham. Pevensey Haven and Chilley Stream. Wallers Haven near Middle Bridge and Boreham Bridge Horse Eye Sewer. Day membership for coarse fishing only. Hon Sec Mr A Dean, 5 Garfield Road, Hailsham. Telephone (0323) 843317.

HAMPSHIRE AND SUSSEX ANGLERS ALLIANCE - SUSSEX WATERS

Secretary Mr R Huskisson, 5 Orchard Way, Fontwell, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0SH. Telephone (0243) 65539. Member Clubs: Bognor Regis and District Freshwater Angling Club, Petworth Angling Club, Petersfield and District Angling Society. Day ticket waters at River (Western) Rother, Chithurst, Sussex. Durfield Manor, Sussex. Fittleworth, Sussex. Coultershaw and Shopham, Sussex. River Arun, Watersfield, Sussex. Tickets available from Jones Stores, Fittleworth; Swan Shop, Pulborough and the Covert, Petworth. See also entry under Hampshire Waters page 10.

HASTINGS, BEXHILL & DISTRICT FRESHWATER ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Coarse fishing, Buckshole reservoir, Wishing Tree reservoir and Harmers Pond, Alexandra Park, Hastings. Hon Sec Mr P Maclean. Telephone (0424) 715218. Day tickets from Mr T Barton, 51 St Helen's Park Road, Hastings.

THE HASTINGS FLY FISHERS' CLUB LTD.

Powdermill and Darwell waters. Company Sec Captain Donald E Tack, "Ogwen", 23 Wealden Way, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea. Telephone Cooden (042 43) 3957. Bookings for day tickets. Telephone Darwell (0580) 880407 and Powdermill (0424) 870498.

HAYWARDS HEATH AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

Coarse fishing. Brown trout and sea trout. Balcombe Lake, Slaugham Mill Pond, Valebridge Mill Pond, Leigh Water, Mill Farm Pond, Wabblegate Pond, Roach Pond and approximately 11 miles of the River Ouse from upstream at Lindfield to Goldbridge at Newick. Hon Sec Mr J Kenward, 60 Franklyn Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4DH. Telephone (0444) 452572. Holiday tickets only.

HEATH POND, PETERSFIELD

Coarse fishing. Day tickets from The Bait Box, Petersfield. Telephone (0730) 66999.

HOWBOURNE LAKE, BUXTED

Coarse fishing. Contact Mr Cottenham. Telephone Buxted (082 581) 3455.

ISFIELD ANGLING CLUB

Coarse fishing Bushmere Lake, Tony Barnard Lake, Alwines Lake, Pevensey Haven and Chilley Stream at Westham, Fairhazel Pool, Black Ven Pond, Bolney Grange, Wallers Haven at Normans Bay, Barratts Park Farm, Wilderness Lake and Hedgecourt New Lake, Highlands Lake, Norman's Pond, River Uck and River Ouse at Isfield. Temporary membership. Hon Sec Mrs M Morris, 25 Selby Rise, Uckfield.

LANGNEY ANGLING CLUB

Coarse fishing. Langney Haven, Kentland Fleet, Hurst Haven, Batbrooks Pond at Berwick. Tickets from Tony's Tackle, Eastbourne, and Polegate Angling Centre.

LITTLE DECOY POND, HALLAND

Contact Mr Ford. Day tickets for coarse fishing available on site and from Perrys Tackle, Lewes.

LOWER HONEY GREEN FARM, HALLAND

Day tickets available at water. Telephone Halland (082 584) 334.

MANOR FARM, HORAM, N r LEWES

Coarse fishing lake. To the rear of Merrydown Brewery. Tickets available from Tea Rooms.

MBK LEISURES

Coarse fishing on two lakes at St Patrick's Lane, Liss. Tickets available from all local tackle shops.

MICHELHAM PRIORY, HAILSHAM

Coarse fishing permits available on site.

NEWELLS LAKE, LOWER BEEDING, HORSHAM

Specialist carp and coarse fishery. Guest tickets, only obtained by booking in advance. Mr T Cotton, Newells Pond House, Newells Lane, Lower Beeding. Telephone (0403) 891424.

OLD MILL FARM, BARCOMBE (BROWN'S BOATYARD)

Coarse fishing. River Ouse. Day tickets available at farm.

PASSIES POND

Church Farm, Coombes, Lancing. 4 acre coarse fishery. Day tickets only, available on site.

PECKHAMS COPSE TROUT FISHERY, CHICHESTER

Trout and coarse fishing on gravel pits. Enquiries from the Manager, Southern Leisure, Lakeside Village, Vinnetrov Road, Chichester. Day tickets, tackle and information available by the trout lake. Telephone (0243) 787715.

PETERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

See under Hampshire and Sussex Anglers Alliance Sussex Waters. Secretary A P Wigley, 27 Thorn Close, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 4HZ. Telephone (0730) 268299.

PETWORTH ANGLING CLUB

Secretary G J Mason, 18 Willow Walk, Petworth. Telephone (0798) 42172 (see Hampshire and Sussex Anglers Alliance). Waters on River Rother and River Arun. Temporary membership from local tackle shops.

PULBOROUGH ANGLING SOCIETY

Coarse fishing with a few sea trout. Tidal River Adur at Bramber. Day tickets from the News Agency, Bramber Bridge. River Arun, Watersfield, Pulborough. Tidal River Arun at Greatham Bridge, Washington and downstream of Pulborough. River Rother approx. 1 mile at Hardham. Weekly permits only from Tropicana and some tackle shops.

ROTHER ANGLING CLUB, MIDHURST

Coarse fishing. River Rother, South bank. 1 mile upstream of Midhurst. Temporary membership from Rice Bros, West Street, Midhurst, and One Stop, North Street, Midhurst.

SHERMANBURY PLACE FISHERY, HENFIELD

Coarse fishing. Lake and River Adur. Tickets on site.



SIR GEORGE STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK

Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, Hampshire. Contact Mr Cleaver. Day tickets available from site office. Telephone (0705) 451618 or 476082.

SOUTHWATER BUSINESS CENTRE

Coarse fishing on one pond. Tickets on site.

SOUTHERN ANGLERS

Coarse fishing. Sir George Staunton Country Park, Chichester Canal, River Rother – North bank downstream from pumping station for approx. ½ mile to Boundary Board. Access via public footpath at Habin Bridge. Treasurer Mr P Hartshorn. Telephone (0705) 254887. Tickets from Committee and a few tackle shops. Secretary Mrs Gloria Banbury. Telephone (0705) 691935.

SOUTHERN LEISURE CENTRE, CHICHESTER (SLC)

(See also Peckhams Copse) Gravel Pits coarse fishing complex. Tickets from reception. Telephone (0243) 787715.

TANYARD FISHERY

Trout and coarse fishing. Tanyard Lane, Turners Green, Danehill. Telephone (0825) 791010.

THORNDEN COTTAGE POND, PONTS GREEN

Coarse fishery. Tickets available on site.

VICTORIA INSTITUTE ANGLING CLUB, ARUNDEL

River Arun – South Stoke to Arundel Town Bridge including Burpham Backwater. Day tickets from Black Rabbit, George and Dragon (Burpham) and Tropicana tackle shop, Littlehampton. Secretary Mrs Jeffery, Arosa, 3c Fitzalan Road, Arundel. Telephone (0903) 551651 or Mr B Varney, Kiah, Manser Road, Walburton. Telephone (0243) 551651.

WESTHAMPNETT GRAVEL PIT, CHICHESTER

Coarse fishing. Day tickets available from Barry Millington, the Underground Space Centre (Windsurfing Centre), Coach Road, Westhampnett, Chichester PO18 ONX. Telephone (0243) 776439.

WINTONS FARM COARSE FISHING LAKES

Wintons Farm, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. Telephone (0444) 236493.

WOOLMER ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Coarse fishing, Le Court Pond, Empshott, Nr Liss. Telephone Tony Barnet on Bordon (0420) 472573.

WORTHING AND DISTRICT PISCATORIAL SOCIETY

Coarse fishing and sea trout. River Arun, West bank from Houghton Bridge to Timberley Wood. River Adur, North bank from Bay Bridge to Tenchford. Laybrook Lakes. Tickets from Ken Denman Ltd, 2 Marine Place, Worthing; Lagoon Tackle Shop, 327 Kingsway, Hove.

WYLANDS FARM, CATSFIELD

Coarse and trout fishery. Seven lakes, day and season tickets available on site. Telephone (0424) 893394. Matches welcome.

YEW TREE TROUT FISHERY, ROTHERFIELD

Trout. 6 acre lake and two small pools. Fly only. Day/season ticket.
Contact J Schumacher (Owner). Telephone (089285) 2529.





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Angling Opportunities

The Kent County Fisheries Area includes all of Kent, part of East Sussex, Surrey and Greater London. Within this catchment, the Kentish Rivers Medway, Great Stour and Eastern Rother drain the clay based Weald which results in low summer flows and flashy spate and flood conditions when sufficient rain falls. Much of the Darent catchment in Northern Kent and a section of the Great Stour between Canterbury and Wye runs through chalk. The influence of this mineral plus associated springs normally provides a greater flow stability and a high productivity in fish life. Unfortunately, the recent drought and heavy abstraction from the chalk aquifer to meet our domestic and industrial needs has had an adverse impact upon these rivers and their fisheries.



The river bed gradients and catchment geology has a major effect upon the quality and distribution of fish species. In many of the head water streams, wild stocks of brown trout proliferate and quality trout are often caught in the middle reaches of the River Great Ouse, Little Ouse and Darent.

The Great Ouse and Eastern Rother experience small runs of migratory fish notably sea trout, which are usually caught between June and the end of October.

The middle and lower river reaches are principally populated by quality coarse fisheries composed of roach, bream, chub, perch, pike and eels. The Great Ouse estuary at Plucks Gutter and Grove Ferry is nationally renowned for its coarse fishery, particularly bream stocks. The Royal Military Canal, which was constructed to speed defensive troop deployment in Napoleonic times, is also a popular venue for match fishermen because of its consistency of quality fish catches.

There are numerous still water fisheries in Kent which accommodate the full range of game and coarse fishing opportunities.



PERMISSION TO FISH

Day Ticket Waters in Kent

ALLHALLOWS HOLIDAY PARK, ISLE OF GRAIN

Coarse. Small lake. Day tickets. Telephone (0634) 270385.

BARDEN LAKE, HAYSDEN COUNTRY PARK, TONBRIDGE

10 acres, coarse, purpose built disabled fishing stations. Day tickets. Contact Mr R Keywood. Telephone (0732) 355301.

BARTLEY MILL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Coarse. 1 acre lake. Mixed fishery. Suitable for children. Contact Mr B Tully. Telephone (0892) 890820/890372.

BAYHAM ABBEY LAKE

Trout. 16 acre lake. On line River Teise. Corporate entertainment. Contact John Parkman (Owner). Telephone (0892) 890276.

BAYHAM L'EGLISE LAKE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Trout. 1 acre lake. Flyfishing only. Contact J Sullivan. Telephone (0892) 890908.

BETTSHANGER COLLIERY WELFARE ANGLING SOCIETY

Coarse fishing. River Stour. Plucks Gutter. Carp ponds (members only). Secretary Mr A Bell. Telephone (0304) 366301.

BEWL WATER, LAMBERHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Trout. 770 acres storage reservoir. Day/season tickets. Contact Malcolm Ridges, Southern Water plc. Telephone (0892) 890352.

BIDDENDEN TROUT FISHERY

Trout. Small static trout fishery. Day/season tickets. Contact Mr N Goddard, Chickenden Farmhouse, Staplehurst. Telephone (0580) 891471.

BLUEBELL FISHERY, MAIDSTONE

Coarse. Two 0.7 lakes with carp, roach, rudd, perch, tench, pike and curcian carp; limited number of day permits, disabled and toilet facilities; lakeside parking. Contact Mr J Brimacombe. Telephone (0634) 660649.

BOUGH BEECH RESERVOIR

A season only trout fishery owned and managed by East Surrey Water. Contact Arthur Spence. Telephone (0737) 765933.

BROCKHILL COUNTRY PARK, SALTWOOD

Coarse. Tickets available after 9.00am on site or from Romney Tackle Shop. Peg limit of 10 plus bait restrictions. Pay attention to notices. Telephone Ron Staveley SKAA (0303) 260803.

DAY TICKETS.



BROOKLANDS LAKES, DARTFORD

Coarse. Deep 20 acre lake, very popular day permit fishery. Carp, tench, pike, roach, bream and eels. Bankside permits issued. Access via Princess Road or Powder Mill Lane. Car parking available. Contact Dartford & DAPS, 17 High Road, Wilmington.

CAPSTONE FARM COUNTRY PARK, CHATHAM

Coarse. Country Park. Static water (1 acre). Day tickets available. Contact Visitor Centre. Telephone (0634) 812196.

CHEQUER TREE FISHERY, BETHERSDEN, ASHFORD

Trout. 4 acre lake. Day/season tickets. Fly only. Fishing 1st March – 1st January. Contact Mr C Drew (Owner). Telephone (0233) 820078 or (0322) 222393.

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE LAKE, EDENBRIDGE

Coarse. 2 acre lake. Mixed coarse fish. Telephone (0892) 870347.

DANSON PARK LAKE, BEXLEYHEATH

Coarse. Shallow 20 acre park lake. Mixed coarse fish notably roach. Angling restricted to South bank. Access via Danson Road/Lakeside Close. Park gates. Handicapped facilities available. Permits available on bankside. Contact Miss Claire Wells, General Office, Leisure Link. Telephone 081-298 0266.

DARWELL RESERVOIR

Trout. 180 acre storage reservoir. Angling interests controlled by Hastings Flyfishers Club Ltd. Telephone (0580) 880407.

DUNGENESS LONG PIT, DUNGENESS

Coarse. Tickets available on the bank or from Romney Tackle Shop. Contact Ron Staveley SKAA. Telephone (0303) 260803.

GEDGES LAKE, TONBRIDGE

Coarse. Controlled by Paddock Wood AC. Day permits (if accompanied by a member) available from Club Secretary. Contact G Haynes, 23 Bramley Gardens, Paddock Wood TN12 6BD. Telephone (0892) 832730.

HOATHLEY FISHERY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Trout. Day tickets from Hoathley Farm, Clay Hill Road, Hook Green, Lamberhurst. Contact Hoathley Farm.

IDEN WOOD, PEASMARSH, RYE

Coarse. Day tickets from local shop. Contact Elms Saddlery, High Street, Peasmarsh. Telephone (0797) 230241.

LAKEDOWN TROUT FISHERY, CROWBOROUGH

Trout. Day/season ticket, fly only. Contact Fishery Manager. Telephone (0435) 883449.

MID KENT FISHERIES

Offering eight coarse fishing lakes in the Canterbury area. No day tickets available – strictly members only. 2 acre lake for rainbow trout fishing on day ticket. Exclusive chalk stream brown trout fishing also available on day ticket basis. Telephone the Fisheries Manager on (0227) 730668 for further details.

MOUSEHOLE LAKE TROUT FISHERY, MAIDSTONE

Trout. 3 acre lake, fly only. Located on B2015 at Nettlestead Green, Nr East Peckham. Telephone (0622) 871447.





OTTER CHANNEL AND ROMNEY MARSH

3 miles of River Rother – Jury's Gap Sewer. Coarse. Controlled by Clive Vale AC. Contact Hon Sec, Bret Taylor, 131 Ashburnham Road, Hastings. Telephone (0424) 717254.

PALMARSH BALLAST PIT, HYTHE

Coarse. Day tickets available on site.

PETT POOLS, HASTINGS

Coarse. 25 acres of lakes controlled by Hastings and Bexhill AC. Day tickets from nearby Market Stores, Pett Level. Contact Mr P McLean, 37 Collier Road, Hastings TN34 3JR. Telephone (0424) 715218.

PICK HILL, TENTERDEN

Coarse. South of Tenterden on the B2082. Day tickets available on site.

POOH CORNER FLY CASTING SCHOOL, ASHFORD

Trout. Fly casting tuition on small trout lakes. Fishing private. Contact I Thompson. Telephone (0580) 241219.

POWDERMILL RESERVOIR, HASTINGS

Trout. 49 acre storage reservoir. Angling interests controlled by Hastings Flyfishers Club Ltd. Telephone (0424) 870498.

RIVER CRAY, FIVE ARCHES MEADOW

Coarse. 1/2 mile upstream and downstream (approx.) Five Arches Bridge adjacent St. James Church, North Cray By-pass, Bexley. Roach, tench, carp, perch and pike. Contact Miss Claire Wells, Leisure Link, General Office. Telephone 081-298 0266.

RIVER MEDWAY (YALDING)

Coarse. Controlled by Maidstone Victory. Contact J Perkins, 33 Hackney Road, Maidstone. Telephone (0622) 729047.

RIVER MEDWAY (TONBRIDGE)

400 yds downstream of Leigh Barrier including Old Shallows. Towpath bank from Town Lock to Eldridges Lock. Tonbridge Sports Ground (except behind bowling green and tennis courts). Day tickets. Telephone Mr R Keywood (0732) 355301.

RIVER ROTHER (HASTINGS)

Coarse. 3 miles at Lower Rother Bank. Block bookings only for Wittersham Stretch from Clive Vale Angling Club. Contact Hon Sec Bret Taylor, 131 Ashburnham Road, Hastings. Telephone (0424) 717254.

RIVER STOUR (CANTERBURY)

Coarse. Grove Ferry to Plucks Gutter. Temporary membership from CDAA or from Bailiff on the bank. Contact Hon Sec Riversdale, Mill Road, Sturry, Canterbury. Telephone (0227) 710830.

ROYAL MILITARY CANAL, RYE

Owned by NRA but fishing let to Angling Club. Organisations as follows:

APPLEDORE – IDEN LOCK

Rother Fisheries Association, contact The Secretary, Mr S Crowley, 9 Haydens Close, Orpington BR5 4JE. Telephone (0689) 871135.

APPLEDORE DAM – KENARDINGTON BRIDGE

Honeycroft Fisheries, contact Ken Crow, Honeycroft Farm, Three Elm Lane, Golden Green, Tonbridge. Telephone (0732) 851544.

KENARDINGTON BRIDGE – RUCKINGE BRIDGE

Contact The Secretary, CALPAC, Mr J W Taylor. Telephone (0483) 486022.

RUCKINGE BRIDGE – GIGGERS GREEN BRIDGE

Contact The Secretary, SKAA, Ron Staveley, 6 Black House Hill, Hythe CT21 5UL. Telephone (0303) 260803.

GIGGERS GREEN BRIDGE – SEABROOK OUTLET

Cinque Ports Angling Society, contact The Secretary, R MacGregor, 31 Burmarsh Road, Hythe. Telephone (0303) 269094.

ST. MARY'S BAY

Off the A259 between New Romney and Dymchurch. Coarse. Tickets available on the bank or from Romney Tackle Shop. Bait restrictions. Contact The Secretary, SKAA, Ron Staveley. Telephone (0303) 260803.

SCHOOL POOL, DARE, FAVERSHAM

Coarse. 1 acre lake, mixed fishery controlled by Faversham AC. Day tickets Monday to Friday only. No tickets available on the bank. Contact Mr P Downs, 6 Gordon Square, Faversham. Telephone (0795) 539354.

SINGLETON LAKE, ASHFORD

Coarse. 2 acre lake controlled by Ashford Borough Council. Day permits from local shop. Telephone (0233) 637311.

SPERRINGBROOK SEWER, ROMNEY MARSH

Coarse. Near Appledore, Romney Marsh. Controlled by CALPAC. Day tickets available from General Secretary. Contact J W Taylor, 10 Collens Field, Guildford Road, Pirbright, Surrey GU24 0DD. Telephone (0483) 486022.

SPRINGHILL TROUT WATERS, PEMBURY

Trout. 2½ acre lake, flyfishing only. Small dry fly nymph lake. Contact Mr A Manwaring. Telephone (0892) 825152.

SPRINGWOOD FISHERY, LAMBERHURST

Trout. Three small wooded lakes, flyfishing only. Contact J Berberich. Telephone (0580) 87525.

STONAR LAKE, SANDWICH

Coarse. 50 acre gravel pit, carp to double figures, roach, rudd, etc. Day permits available from local tackle shop. Contact Mr D Rawlings. Telephone (0227) 728289.



TENTERDEN TROUT WATERS, COOMBE FARM, TENTERDEN

Fly fishing for rainbow and brown trout. Full day/half day permits.
Contact Barry Evans (Owner). Telephone (05806) 3201.

WEIR WOOD RESERVOIR, EAST GRINSTEAD

Mixed. 280 acre storage reservoir. Trout and coarse, boats available.
Contact I Taylor. Telephone (0342) 822731.

WILDERNESS LAKE, EAST GRINSTEAD

Coarse. 8 acre lake. Temporary membership available from Hon Sec, Isfield AC.
Contact Mrs M Morris, 25 Selby Rise, Uckfield. Telephone (0825) 763608.

TRANSFERS OF FISH

Indiscriminate fish movements can spread fish diseases which would put our stocks at risk and it is for this reason that the National Rivers Authority has been given the duty to supervise fish transfers.

Fish from any source stocked into inland waters require the consent of the National Rivers Authority, but if they come from an area where an Order is in force under the Diseases of Fish Act, the permission of the Ministry is also needed. Application forms for permission to restock waters are obtainable from the Authority's Regional Office or from the Fisheries Officers, who are pleased to advise on any aspect of fishery management.

It is illegal to import live salmon or trout or live wild freshwater fish. The consent of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is required for the import of salmon and trout eggs or of hatchery-reared freshwater fish.

SOME USEFUL ADDRESSES



Most of the waters in this area are privately owned or are leased to an angling club and although day tickets can be obtained throughout the Region, resident anglers will probably prefer to join a local angling club. Clubs are popular and may have waiting lists, or they may restrict their membership to the inhabitants of a certain locality, but many clubs welcome new members and a list of Club Secretaries can usually be obtained from your local public library. Alternatively you may find one of the following organisations helpful:

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ANGLERS

Secretary General
2 Wilson Street
Derby
Telephone (0332) 362000

SALMON AND TROUT ASSOCIATION

Director, C Poupard
Fishmongers' Hall
London Bridge
London EC4R 9EL
Telephone 071-626 3531

KENT ANGLERS CONSULTATIVE ASSOCIATION

Secretary, B J Turner
17 Mill Lane
Sevenoaks
Kent

HAMPSHIRE ANGLERS CONSULTATIVE ASSOCIATION

Secretary, D Eastwood
27 St Marys Road
Stubbington
Hampshire PO14 2HP

SUSSEX ANGLERS CONSULTATIVE ASSOCIATION

Secretary, Dr B Lindsey
3 St Anne's Crescent
Lewes
East Sussex



THE NATIONAL ROD FISHING LICENCE

Introduced January 1992

Before fishing anywhere in Southern Region every game and coarse fish angler should possess a current fishing licence as well as permission, where necessary, to fish from the owner or lessee of the fishery.

Acquiring a licence has been made much easier by the introduction of one National Rod Fishing Licence that covers every NRA region for an all-inclusive annual fee.

The 1992 cost of this licence is just £12.50 (£6.50 for Senior Citizens aged 60+, the disabled and juniors aged 12-16).

THE BENEFITS

- You can use a rod and line anywhere in England and Wales.
- You can fish for all species including salmon and sea trout.
- You can use up to two rods where local byelaws and rules permit.

THE WORK

Your rod licence will help the NRA to continue its important work in: Fishery improvement • Fish rearing and river stocking • Fish rescue due to drought, pollution etc. • Fish health screening • Anti-poaching patrols • Fish population surveys.

DON'T FORGET

- You will still need to obtain permission to fish in most cases from owners/tenants of fishing rights.
 - You are not entitled to fish from public footpaths or bridges without permission of the owner/tenant of the fishing rights.
- You may be asked to produce your licence and failure to do so could result in prosecution and a maximum £1,000 fine.
- You must abide by the close season for both game and coarse fish which may vary from region to region.

National Rod Fishing licences are available from all NRA Southern Region offices and most tackle agents. Duplicate fishing licences are available only from NRA Southern Regional office.

AVOIDING ANGLING ACCIDENTS



RESPECT FOR OTHER USERS

As rivers increasingly become a popular environment for all kinds of leisure activity, those different demands on the water and river bank may encroach upon one another unless the utmost care and sensitivity is shown. It is imperative that the angler display the same kind of consideration for the rower or canoeist as he or she would expect in return.

FISHING FROM A BOAT

Remember:

- Don't take a boat out unless fully experienced.
- Take navigation aids and distress signals.
- Listen in advance to weather forecasts.
- Wear a lifejacket.
- Leave a message saying where you are going.
- Check the safety and stability of the craft.
- Keep an eye on weather conditions. Take shelter if necessary.
- Always fish sitting down.
- Unless absolutely necessary, don't fish alone.
- If the boat capsizes, stay with it unless you are close enough to the shore to swim to safety.
- Don't wear waders in boats.

RIVER FISHING

To avoid being caught out by rapidly rising river levels, always do the following:

- Keep an eye on the weather and the colour of the water. Flood water increases water colour.
- Don't panic if you fall in, go with the current until you reach a shallow bank.
- Carry a wading staff.
- Make sure the soles of your waders grip properly.

FISHING TOO NEAR THE CLIFF OR BANK EDGE

Falls can be prevented by:

- Moving slowly and carefully.
- Staying in safe walking areas.
- Wearing the right footwear – no smooth rubber soles.
- Fish in company and carry a whistle.
- If you fall in, run around to keep warm after leaving the water. It is important to keep the circulation going.



FISHING TACKLE

To minimise risk:

- Look behind you when back casting.
- Wear polarised glasses for better visibility and eye protection.
- Keep a first-aid kit to hand, together with a pair of pliers to deal with fishing hooks should they become embedded in you. If the hook is near the surface push it through and cut off the point and barb, before withdrawing the rest of the hook.

Remember, Safety when fishing is a matter of commonsense and not taking chances.

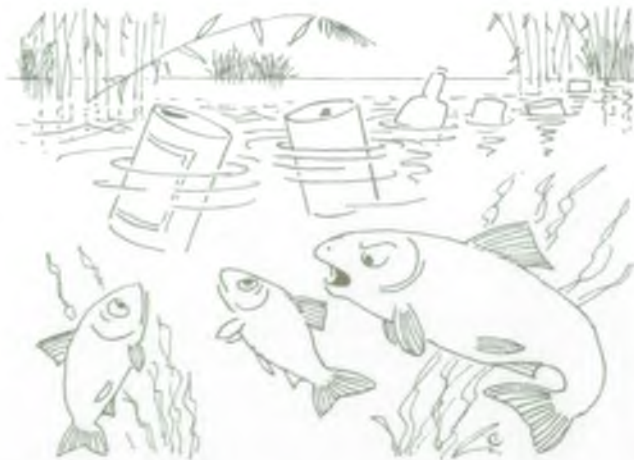
ANGLERS – BEWARE OF OVERHEAD POWER WIRES

Fishing near or under overhead electric wires can be very dangerous if rods, poles or lines get too close or touch them. This particularly applies to rods and poles made from carbon fibre which will very readily conduct electricity and can electrocute or burn anyone holding one which touches or even goes near an overhead electric wire.

Anglers have been seriously burned and even killed through using carbon fibre rods near overhead electric wires.

REMEMBER –
damp fishing line and lead-cored line can also conduct electricity.

**KEEP WELL AWAY FROM OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
WIRES AND STAY ALIVE**



POLLUTION



If you find pollution or dead fish it should be reported as soon as possible to the appropriate National Rivers Authority Area Office at the telephone numbers listed below:

AREA	OFFICE HOURS
Winchester & Isle of Wight	(0962) 713267
Chichester	(0243) 786431
Pevensey	(0323) 762691
Rye	(0797) 223256
Leigh	(0732) 838858
Canterbury	(0227) 765061

24 HOUR EMERGENCIES – FREEPHONE (0800) 252676

COUNTRY CODE

Please observe the country code.

- SHUT GATES
- KEEP TO THE FOOTPATH
- TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME
 - DO NOT START FIRES

FISH-HOOKS AND NYLON LINE ARE DANGEROUS TO BIRDS AND ANIMALS.

Take them home and dispose of them safely.



FISHERIES BYELAWS

The Water Act (1989) transferred the fisheries functions of the SWA to the NRA from September 1, 1989. All references to Southern Water Authority should be read as references to the Southern Region of the NRA. The area covered by the byelaws, however, remains the same.

THE SOUTHERN WATER AUTHORITY in exercise of their powers under Section 26(b) of and Schedule 3 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Byelaws:

1. **Application of Byelaws**
These Byelaws shall apply to the whole of the Authority's Fisheries Area.
2. **Interpretation**
 - (a) In these Byelaws:
"Authority" means the Southern Water Authority.
"Authority's Fisheries Area" means the Fisheries Area of the Authority as defined by the Southern Water Authority Constitution order 1973 as amended.
 - (b) Other expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them by Section 41(1) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.
3. **Returns of Salmon and Migratory Trout Taken**
Any person fishing for salmon or migratory trout within the Authority's Fisheries Area shall by the last day of November in each year make a true return in the form set out in the Schedule to these Byelaws to the Authority containing full particulars of the number, weight and place of capture of salmon and migratory trout taken by him within the Authority's Fisheries Area in each month during the year, or a statement that he has caught no such fish.
4. **Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line)**
The annual Close Season for fishing for salmon with rod and line shall be the period between October 2 and January 17 following.
5. **Annual Close Season for Migratory Trout (Rod and Line)**
The annual Close Season for fishing for migratory trout with rod and line shall be the period between October 31 and May 1 FOLLOWING.
6. **Annual Close Season for Non-Migratory including Rainbow Trout (Rod and Line)**
 - (a) The annual Close Season for fishing for non-migratory trout with rod and line shall be the period between October 31 and April 3 following, EXCEPT THAT
 - (b) There shall be no annual Close Season for rainbow trout in enclosed reservoirs, lakes and ponds containing rainbow trout only.
7. **Prohibited Modes of Fishing**
During the annual Close Season for freshwater fish (the period between March 14 and June 16) no person shall fish with rod and line for salmon, migratory trout or non-migratory trout (including rainbow trout), other than with an artificial fly or lure, without the previous consent of the Authority in writing.
8. **Prohibited Instruments**
The use of any instrument (not being a fixed engine) for taking salmon, trout or freshwater fish is hereby prohibited. Provided that this Byelaw shall not apply to:
 - (a) the use of rod and line (which shall not be left unattended) and a landing net, gaff (consisting of plain metal hook without a barb); or taylor used as auxiliary to angling with rod and line;
 - (b) the use of a licensed net for salmon or migratory trout;
 - (c) the use with previous consent in writing of the Authority of any instrument in connection with:
 - (i) stocking, restocking or breeding fish
 - (ii) scientific purposes
 - (iii) improvement or preservation of a several fishery
 - (iv) any other purpose approved by the Authority
 - (d) the use of any instrument by an officer of the Authority acting in his official capacity.
- 8.(a) **Prohibition on use of lead weights**
 - (i) Subject to paragraph (ii) below, no person shall on or after June 1, 1987 use for taking salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels in any waters within the Authority's fisheries area any fishing line to which is attached, directly or indirectly, any lead in the form of a lead weight.
 - (ii) Paragraph (i) above does not prohibit the use of a lead weight of 0.06 grams or less, or of more than 28.35 grams.

Interpretation
For the purposes of this Byelaw: "lead" includes any alloy or compound of lead; "lead weight" means split shot or any other thing suitable for weighting fishing lines which is neither incorporated and fully enclosed in the core of the fishing line, nor incorporated in the construction of a swim-feeder, self-cocking float or a fishing lure; "fishing lure" means any device, including a fishing fly, which is designed to attract fish and which incorporates a fishing hook.
9. **Taking of Undersized Trout**
No person shall take any trout of a size less than hereinafter specified: Migratory Trout 38cm; Non-Migratory Trout 23cm. The size shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the fork or cleft of the tail when the fish is laid flat.
PROVIDED that this Byelaw shall not apply to any person who:
 - (a) takes any undersized trout unknowingly or unintentionally if he at once returns it to the water with as little injury as possible or;

- (b) with the previous consent in writing of the Authority (which may be given subject to such conditions as the Authority thinks fit), takes any undersized trout for a scientific purpose or for the purpose of protecting, improving or replacing stocks of fish;
- (c) being the owner or occupier of a fish farm (or the servant or agent of any such owner or occupier) takes any undersized trout from that fish farm.
10. Annual Close Season for Salmon and Migratory Trout (Netting)
The annual Close Season for fishing for salmon and migratory trout otherwise than with rod and line, shall be the period between July 31 and February 15 following.
11. Weekly Close Time for fishing for Salmon and Migratory Trout other than with Rod and Line
The weekly Close Time for fishing for salmon and migratory trout otherwise than with rod and line, shall be the period between the hour of 6.00 on Saturday morning and the hour of 6.00 on the following Monday morning.
12. Kind of nets that may be lawfully used for Salmon and Migratory Trout
The length, size and description of nets, and the manner for using the same (not being fixed engines) which may be lawfully used for taking salmon or migratory trout in the Authority's Fisheries Area shall be as follows:
Draft or Seine Nets:
Such nets shall be unarmoured nets, consisting of a single sheet or wall of netting not more than 185 metres in length measured along the headrope when wet, and not more than 7.5 metres in depth and shall be used by holding one end of the net on the shore or bank, and by shooting the net from a boat which shall start from such shore or bank, and return without delay to the shore or bank from which it started, and then drawing the net onto such shore or bank.
13. Night Netting
The use of any inland water in the Authority's Fisheries Area of any net for the taking of fish except a landing net or eel net between the expiration of the first hour after sunset and the commencement of the last hour before sunrise is hereby prohibited.
14. Numbering of Nets
Each licence for a net shall be distinguished by a number. The label issued by the Authority with each licence and bearing the number of such licence, shall be attached and shall be maintained attached, to the headrope of the net for the use of which the licence is granted.
15. Carrying of Unlicensed Nets
The carrying in a boat or vessel whilst being used in fishing for salmon or trout of any unlicensed net, other than a landing net, or of any licensed net which does not have attached to it the label prescribed in Byelaw 14 is hereby prohibited.
16. Fixed Engines
The placing and use of fyke nets and other fixed engines is hereby authorised in the circumstances described below:
(a) Fyke nets may be placed and used for the purpose of taking eels subject to the following conditions:
(i) The net and leader shall be constructed of a material with a mesh size not less than 19mm and not greater than 36mm full stretched mesh, if knotted, and not less than 12mm and not greater than 23mm internal diameter, if knotless.
(ii) The leader length shall not exceed 10 metres and its height shall not be greater than the net aperture.
(iii) The net aperture shall not exceed 1 metre at its widest point.
(iv) Each net placed and used alone or each string of nets shall be attached to a buoy.
(b) Traps other than fyke nets may be placed and used for the purpose of taking eels subject to the following conditions.
EITHER
(a) they consist of an implement **USED ON OR BEFORE** the 1st day of March 1988 fixed to the bed of an inland water such that eels may be separated from the body of the water by system of bars, grids or meshes and from which the trapped eels are prevented from escaping.
OR
(b) they consist of any other implements subject to the following conditions:
(i) there shall be no leader
(ii) the dimensions shall not exceed 2.0 x 0.75 x 0.75 metres
(iii) they shall be constructed of a material with a mesh size not less than 19mm and not greater than 36mm full stretched mesh, if knotted, and not less than 12mm and not greater than 23mm internal diameter, if knotless.
(c) Owners of fish farms and their agents and employees in the normal course of business may use any fixed engine, within the confines of their fish farms, for taking or facilitating the taking of salmon or trout (including rainbow trout) reared on the premises, or freshwater fish or eels.
(d) Officers of the Authority, and other persons with the previous written consent of the Authority, may use any fixed engine for taking or facilitating the taking of salmon, trout, rainbow trout, freshwater fish or eels for scientific purposes or for the better management, protection, preservation and improvement of any fisheries in the Authority's area.
- In this Byelaw unless the context otherwise requires:
'Fixed engine' shall have the same meaning as in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975;
'Freshwater fish' shall have the same meaning as in the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975; 'Inland water' has the same meaning as in the Water Resources Act 1963.
17. Revocation of Existing Byelaws
Any Byelaws made under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and any act repealed by that Act, heretofore in force within the Authority's Fisheries Area are hereby revoked.

Management of the Darent and Cray catchments in North West Kent has been transferred from the NRA Thames Region to the NRA Southern Region, but the fisheries byelaws of the former Thames Water Authority will continue to apply in this area for the time being. Copies of the Thames fisheries byelaws are available from the Kent Fisheries Officer.



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