



Lancaster Canal Fishery Rules

The PAC welcomes all responsible anglers on to their fisheries and will make every effort to continually maintain and improve facilities for anglers. We are not generally in favour of too many rules and regulations, as common sense should always prevail. However, it is necessary to have rules and to enforce them in order to manage the fishery properly and in doing so, provide a sustainable fishery and provide the best possible facilities and environment for anglers. This is your fishery. We have many Club Officials and Bailiffs but we would strongly encourage all anglers to treat this fishery as if it were their own and become actively involved in helping us to maintain it, whether through removing the litter left by others or reporting incidents, wrong-doings or concerns.

- 1 Permits run for 12 months from the date of issue.
- 2 Permits remain the property of The Pike Anglers' Club of GB and may be revoked at any time by a Bailiff or Club Official.
- 3 Fisheries Bailiffs and Club Officials work in partnership with Local Authority Agencies and the Police and are authorised by the PAC National Committee to manage the fishery and enforce fishery rules. Anyone who obstructs or fails to comply fully with their instructions will have their membership revoked indefinitely.
- 4 Abusive language, words or behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 5 While fishing, you must be in possession of a valid PAC Lancaster canal fisheries permit and appropriate Environment Agency (EA) rod license(s) and these must be presented to a Bailiff/Club Official or Lancaster canal fishery member on demand. Bailiffs / members when checking licenses should produce their own card/badge.
- 6 No fish are to be transferred to, or removed from, the water. All fish must be returned, without exception.
- 7 Pike fishing is restricted to PAC members only. All PAC members must also be a member of the fishery and have a valid Lancaster canal permit in possession.
- 8 Live baits must be caught from the venue. Live baiting and dead baiting methods are restricted to the traditional pike season, 1st October to 14th March. There is no closed season on lure/Fly fishing.
- 9 Littering will not be tolerated. Anglers are expected to take their rubbish with them and must ensure that the bankside is free of litter before leaving the venue.
- 10 Members only. Day tickets are available and must be purchased in advance, Day tickets and Memberships are not available on the bank.
- 11 No guest fishing allowed without the expressed permission of the Fisheries Manager
- 12 No fires. Barbeque equipment may be used but must not scorch the grass and all remnants must be taken away as litter.
- 13 Maximum 4 rods to be used, in accordance with EA regulations.
- 14 Rods are not to be left unattended.
- 15 All anglers should be equipped with adequate tackle for landing and unhooking their quarry. An unhooking mat must be used when targeting larger species.
- 16 Members are reminded that CRT towpaths follow the length of the canal and these must not be permanently obstructed. Any temporary obstruction of the path must be kept to a minimum (as per CRT shared towpath policy).
- 17 You must treat other canal users and local residents with respect at all times. Anyone found to have brought the reputation of the club its members or the sport into disrepute may lose their membership
- 18 Members are expected to fish within the boundaries of their swim and be courteous and considerate to fellow anglers.
- 19 Noise must be kept to a minimum and reasonable level, including radios and bite alarms.
- 20 Night fishing is permitted throughout the fishery but public rights of way must not be obstructed.
- 21 Accidental damage to any part of the fishery, fencing or equipment must be reported to the Fisheries Manager without delay.
- 22 Failure to comply with any rule may result in you being asked to leave the fishery or your permit being temporarily or permanently revoked.
- 23 Any wrong-doings or concerns should be reported to a Bailiff, the Fisheries Manager or Local Authorities, as appropriate, at the earliest opportunity. These rules may change from time to time and without notice. The web-based rules will be amended and kept fully up to date. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that they are kept up to date with amendments.
- 24 No firearms of any description are to be brought on to the fishery, including stored in vehicles.
- 25 The Pike Anglers' Club of GB accepts no liability for injury or damage to persons or property however caused. Anglers attend and fish the venue at their own risk. Any matters not covered by the above rules, will be decided by the Fisheries Manager.
- 26 In the unlikely event that a member feels that they have not been dealt with professionally, fairly or appropriately by a Bailiff or Club Official, they may make a written appeal to the PAC General Secretary, whose decision will be final.
- 27 Any suggestions or ideas for improving the fishery are welcomed and should be discussed with a Bailiff or the Fisheries Manager.

John Currie, PAC General Secretary.