

BRITISH WATERWAYS LEASE CONDITIONS

1. Any gates used must be closed when not in use.
2. Trees, plants, bushes or hedges must not be cut or trimmed nor should anyone remove any turf, sand, soil, clay or materials from the banks or towpaths without the prior permission of British Waterways through the Secretary of the Southport & District Angling Association.
3. Fishing is restricted to the towing path side of the waterway.
4. Anglers must not actively obstruct or impede
 - a. navigation on the waterway
 - b. the mooring of craft at the designated mooring locations
 - c. the passage of other legitimate users along the towpath.
5. It is forbidden to
 - a. fish in a lock and within 25 meters of a lock wall or moveable bridge used for navigation purposes.
 - b. Fish within prohibited signed zones adjacent to overhead power lines.
 - c. Trespass on any property adjoining the waterway or from cause annoyance or inconvenience to the owners or occupiers thereof.
6. British Waterway requires members of the Association to produce for inspection their membership cards at the request of any representative of BW when exercising the fishing rights.

BRITISH WATERWAYS CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ANGLERS

Discarded hooks and lines, bottles and tins can kill or injure wildlife. Gather them up and take them away with you.

Consider others

- Make sure the towpath is easily passable by keeping your fishing tackle tidy
- Don't obstruct locks, bridges, designated moorings, water points or turning points
- Boat crews need access to the bank within 25 metres of locks or moveable bridges so do not fish there
- Use a pole cup if you need to feed close to boats: don't throw or catapult groundbait onto the decks or against the hulls of boats - it damages paintwork
- Don't bounce tackle off boats or tap them with pole tips - chipped paint is expensive to repair, and hooks in ropes can be very dangerous
- Boats are people's homes so please respect their privacy, including those on the opposite bank. Try to fish at least 15 metres away.
- Some boats will not be able to avoid you if you fish on the outside of bends

Take care

Don't fish within 30 metres of overhead power lines. Look out and look up - electricity kills!

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