

## **Alton Fishing Rules**

### **SEASONS**

1. Coarse fishing (No close season)
2. Predator fishing with dead or static baits, maximum of 2 trebles  
(Open 1st October through until 31<sup>st</sup> March)
3. Lure fishing, maximum of 2 trebles (Open 15<sup>th</sup> May through until 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### **PERMITS**

4. A valid permit and Environment Agency license is required to fish at Alton Water.
5. Permits must be produced on request from Rangers or any other permit holder.

### **FISHING AREAS**

6. Anglers are not permitted to reserve swims in advance unless booking a Match.
7. No fishing is permitted from the Dam, Draw-off Tower, Lemons Hill Bridge or any marked nature reserve.
8. Access to the water and vehicle parking is only permitted via routes and parking areas provided or agreed with the ranger staff.

### **GENERAL**

9. Anglers must comply with Anglian Water's Byelaws. These are displayed at the Visitors Centre and at Lemons Hill Bridge.
10. Anglers must remove all litter from the site and take it home.
11. No open fires are permitted.
12. No radios, cassette players or other broadcasting equipment may be used.
13. Any angler breaking any of the rules will be required to vacate the site.

### **ANGLING METHODS**

14. Fishing is prohibited during the hours of darkness without the permission of Anglian Water.
15. A maximum of three rods are permitted but must not occupy more than 3 metres of bank.  
(Anglers must be in possession of the required number of permits)
16. Rods must not be left unattended at any time.
17. Moderate ground baiting is permitted.
18. Live fish, dead freshwater fish and unprepared particle baits are prohibited. (Dead sea baits only)
19. Only Anglian water supplied fishing boats are allowed during predator boat season.

### **FISH CONSERVATION**

20. No fish may be taken away or brought to Alton Water,
21. Fish must not be retained in keep nets for more than 6 hours.
22. An unhooking mat must be used for all large fish.
23. Wire traces are compulsory when predator fishing and the use of pike gags is prohibited.