

Keeping You Safe - An Anglers Guide

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Please wear appropriate protective clothing considering current ground and weather conditions. Areas of soft mud, cracked, rocky or wet, slippery surfaces maybe present so please take care when accessing the water. Always wear eye protection, have sunscreen, a mobile phone and water available. Keep cuts and grazes covered and wash your hands before eating. Please take note of our fishery rules.

Boat Fishing

Boat operation instruction is available so please ask a member of staff if you would benefit from this. Always wear a lifejacket before going onto a pontoon and have your mobile phone switched on. In thunderstorms, stop fishing, lower your rods, and move to the nearest bank. Always give way to sailors and windsurfers. Smoking is not permitted on boats or on the pontoon. Remain seated and ensure the kill cord is always attached to the driver. In rough weather, keep your engine revs down and do not anchor broadside to the wind. Keep the bow of the boat pointing into the wind when under power.

Bank Fishing

When backcasting be aware of your surroundings and do not cast unless you are sure it is clear behind to do so. Nonslip, felt or studded boots are advised when fishing on slippery, wet surfaces. Look out for uneven ground, tree roots, algae, or debris. Do not wade from the dam or in water above thigh height (No fishing permitted from Pitsford, Grafham or Alton dams). Tread carefully when wading and be cautious of hazards under the water. Use a bank stick to identify hazards and soft silt. Wearing a lifejacket is recommended when wading or bank fishing. If driving on the access tracks stick to the 10mph speed limit, put on your hazard lights, and give way to walkers and cyclists. Always park your vehicle in designated areas.

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