



Fishing and Boating at Fleet Pond

Fleet Pond Local Nature Reserve comprises 141 acres (57.5 hectares) of open water, reedbeds, marshes, woodland, heathland and grassland. The lake at 52 acres (21 ha) is Hampshire's largest freshwater lake.

Much of the Nature Reserve is SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), with the wetland being of national importance and the heathland of county importance. Many rare species of plants, animals and fungi can be found here, some of international and national importance.



The site is managed by the Hart District Council's Countryside Service in partnership with Fleet Pond Society.

Fleet Pond is also a haven for members of the local community as well as for people from further afield, who all come to the Pond to enjoy its wildlife and its tranquil setting.

Coarse fishing and boating are popular pastimes at the Pond, both of which are allowed by permits obtained from Hart District Council.



Permits

Fishing and boating is allowed by permit during the season 16th June to 14th March. (Rod Licence also required.) Permits are on sale from 16th June and can be purchased at Tackle Up fishing shop on Fleet Road or from the Rangers Workshop at Fleet Pond.

Permits are priced accordingly

Permit Type	Price
Adult Seasonal	£17.50
Junior Seasonal	£7.00
Bankside Day Permit	£3.50
Boating/Boat Fishing	£25.00

Rod Licences

Anyone aged 12 years or over who fishes for salmon, trout, freshwater fish or eels in England and Wales must have an Environment Agency Rod Fishing Licence.

A rod licence is a statutory requirement (in other words it is required by law) and entitles the licensee to use a rod and line to fish. Rod licences are issued by the Environment Agency and anyone fishing without one may be fined. They differ from permits as these only give permission to fish in a particular water or waters and are issued by fishery owners, angling clubs and so on.

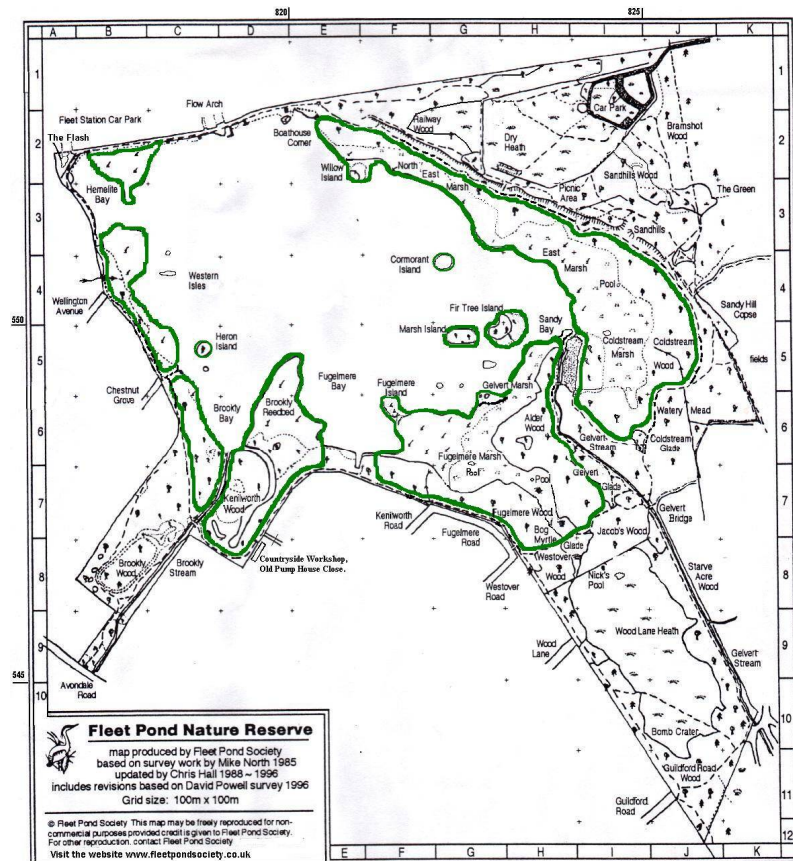
Rod licences can be purchased from any Post Office in England and Wales and can also be purchased online from the Environment Agency website; www.environment-agency.gov.uk.



Closed Season and Restriction Zones

The closed season is from 15th March to 15th June every year and is implemented by the Environment Agency. Anyone fishing during this time can be fined up to £2500. The purpose of the closed season is to protect the fish stocks during their breeding season.

Fishing at Fleet Pond is permitted from the jetties on the northern bank only to reduce disturbance to other people and the wildlife. This map shows the restricted zones outlined in green. These are highly sensitive areas used extensively by the wildlife at the Pond. Therefore members of the public are not permitted into these areas. We also ask that any boats are kept 20m away from the reedbeds, islands and our artificial Tern islands at all times.



Policies

Below is our general fishing and boating policy that we ask users of Fleet Pond to abide by. The site Bylaws also apply and these can be found on the notice boards located around the Pond.

Fishing policy

- Fishing is only permitted from 1 hour before dawn to 1 hour after dark.
- Only 2 rods are permitted per person.



- Anyone over the age of 12 is required by law to have an Environment Agency Rod Fishing Licence
- Fishing must only be from authorised jetties
- Pathways, bridges and facilities must be kept clear form obstruction.
- No rods are to be left unattended
- Lead shot is not permitted
- Please respect other users by keeping radios/music turned down
- No camping
- No fires or barbecues
- No weapons including catapults.
- No live bait
- No litter or pollution
- All permits must be submitted along with appropriate identification when requested.
- All permit holders must comply with any condition laid down by Council, its Wardens and Officers.
- Permits are not transferable.

Boating Policy

- The launching of boats is to only be from the landing stage provided at the end of Chestnut Grove.
- The use of Sailing, inflatable and Powerboats is prohibited.
- Canoes shall not exceed 6 metres and dinghies shall not exceed 4 metres lengthways.
- The maximum number of occupants per boat is 4, but this can be reduced in smaller boats.
- People, who use boats to fish, are also bound by the Fishing Policy.
- Keep boats 20 metres clear of the reedbeds and islands at all times.

Neither the Council nor its Officers, servants or agents will accept liability in contract or tort or in any other way whatever in respect of any damages, destruction, loss or injury to person or property sustained directly or indirectly in the exercise of any right herein given