



ALDER HILLS FISHING CLUB INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERMIT APPLICATION

Dug in the 1920's to supply clay to the local pottery industry, Alder Hills Fishery is a two and a half acre lake situated on the border of Bournemouth and Poole. Extraction came to an end in 1948 and the flooded clay pit has become home to a variety of fish and other wildlife.

Alder Hills is now a Nature Reserve and is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by Natural England. As such this sanctuary is primarily managed for its wildlife by Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT).

For those who wish to enjoy the natural fishing of the lake DWT runs the Alder Hills Fishing Club (AHFC) and issues a limited number of annual fishing permits (no more than 30 per annum).

The lake is low stock which will not be restocked due to its designation as a SSSI and is known to be “**Hard to fish**”. The stock includes around 35 carp up to 25lb, tench up to 5lb, roach, rudd and the odd small pike.

Annual tickets are available and run from 16th June to 14th March the following year, by completing the application form (page 2), and **posting** it back together with the items listed below to the address at the bottom of this page. Please note we are unable to accept an application by e-mail, as the relevant items below, together with your signature are required. Items to be submitted with the completed application form include the following:

- **Passport sized photo of applicant**
- **Photocopy of applicants national rod licence**
- **Payment**
- **A stamped self addressed envelope**

It is important that AHFC receive all these items to be able to process your application. If all is correct and the allocation is not full, a permit will be issued by post from AHFC.

Please note that you must read and abide by the conditions of use (page 3) each year you apply as they are occasionally amended. AHFC reserves the right to withdraw permission to fish from anyone not abiding by these conditions.

The permit fee is £25 for adults, £20 for Senior 65+ and £15 for **under** 16's. Night permits are £25 only **10** are available each year on a first come first served basis. The maximum number of permits issued each year is limited to **30**.

There are no day tickets available.

Return the application form by post to:

Alder Hills Fishing Club
c/o 34 Drew Close
Poole
Dorset
BH12 5ET

- *Please see Page 2 for Application Form and Page 3 for Conditions of Use*

**ALDER HILLS FISHING CLUB
APPLICATION FOR FISHING PERMIT**

Name

Type of permit

Night permit? (not available to juniors)

Address

Tel No * Mobile

* E-Mail Age if under 16

Fields marked with * are optional.

The licence fee is £25 for adults, £20 for Senior 65+, £15 for **under** 16's and £25 for a Night Permit (not available for juniors) limited to 10 p.a.

Cheques or postal orders payable to "DWT". Please do not send cash.

I have read and understood the conditions of use. I agree to abide by these regulations and understand that if I do not, I will have my fishing permit revoked.

Signed Date

Please help us manage Alder Hills Nature Reserve by providing any information you can in sections below.

Have you fished in Alder Hills in the last 12 months? Yes No

If yes – how often?

What did you catch?
(Please list)

Did you see any other wildlife at Alder Hills? (Please list)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit No National Rod Licence No

Night permit

Initials Date



CONDITIONS OF USE

A permit is required from Alder Hills Fishing Club (AHFC) to fish Alder Hills Lake. The number of permits issued each season will be limited in order to prevent damage to the site. The permit fee will be set in the annual scale of charges.

Permit holders are required to abide by the set of conditions listed below. AHFC and DWT reserve the right to withdraw permission to fish at any time, or to amend these guidelines.

1. Permits are issued to a named individual; they are not transferable and entitle the holder to use of no more than **2 rods** at any one time. No rods to be left unattended at any time.
2. This permit entitles the holder to fish from designated swims only. **Anglers must not light fires or barbeques, dig in any bank or grass area or cause any other damage to the site.** The creation of new swims or the dredging of weed is strictly prohibited. Please respect the no fish areas as these are intended as a sanctuary for wildlife (*see separate map*).
3. **All fishing permits must be carried whilst fishing** and produced on demand to any of the site wardens or other person appointed by DWT.
4. **No fishing will take place during the closed season (15th March to 15th June inclusive).**
5. The removal or introduction of any fish (or other animal or plant) from or to Alder Hills is prohibited.
6. The use of lead weights, fixed bolt rings, barbed hooks, multiple hooks i.e. double and trebles and any form of boat or floating fishing platform is not permitted.
7. No floating bait i.e. bread, nuts, beans, pulses or live fish are to be used.
8. No fish should be kept in keep nets or carp sacs (to avoid damage or stress to the fish).
9. The health and condition of the fish is paramount, it is therefore asked if all anglers could use an unhooking mat or similar. Fish should not be un-hooked directly on the ground.
10. Hooks and surplus line are potentially lethal and must be removed from site
11. All litter must be removed from site. Anglers will be held responsible for any litter in their vicinity. Anyone caught leaving litter will have their permit withdrawn.
12. Maximum stay of 48 hours (night permit required) with no return for 24 hours.
13. There are only 8 swims to fish and they are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please be respectful to other members when fishing.
14. Any antisocial behaviour should be reported to the police in the first instance (01202 222222) or for emergencies and fires dial 999. All other queries can be forwarded to the warden: Tel 0797 055 2679 or Email nbrooks@dorsetwildlife.co.uk

Please note: All anglers fish entirely at their own risk. AHFC and DWT accept no responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to any person or their property.