



WELBECK LAKES FISHERY



Anglers have fished at Welbeck for generations, drawn not only by the exceptional beauty of the Estate, but also by the abundant number of fish and diverse range of species found in the lakes. The Fishery is centrally located on the Welbeck Estate, offering members the opportunity to fish in a natural setting surrounded by stunning Estate parkland with spectacular views of Welbeck Abbey across the Great Lake.

Lakes and Location

Three lakes are open for fishing at Welbeck, the Great Lake, Carburton Forge Dam and Carburton Dam, offering members up to 80 acres of fishing. The lakes and areas surrounding them have been designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest by Natural England and provide a fantastic habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, particularly birds. The lakes are located along the Carburton Road which can be accessed from the A616 via Cuckney and the B6034 via Carburton. Fishing along the three Welbeck lakes is permitted in designated areas, with separate car parking areas for each lake. The Fishery's main car park is located at the Great Lake and can be accessed through Milnethorpe Gate, also known as Fisherman's Gate. There are smaller parking areas for Carburton Forge Dam and Carburton Dam located along the Carburton road.

Fish

The following species of fish can be found in the lakes at Welbeck: Pike, Eel, Bream, Roach, Perch, Tench, Carp and Cyprinids. Pike up to 40 lbs and Carp up to 30 lbs have been caught in the lakes at Welbeck.

Season

The Welbeck Lakes Fishery season runs from the 16 June to 14 March each year. The Fishery is open for fishing Monday through Saturday during daylight hours or 7 am to 9 pm.

Membership Fees 2020/21

Single rod permit: £85

Double rod permit: £110

Junior rod permit: £35

*Club members are required to hold a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence.

How to Join

This year we'll be doing things a little differently due to the current situation with COVID 19. While we're not able to issue permits directly from Cavendish House, we've made it as easy as we can to apply.

2019 Permit Holders

If you held a permit last year you'll be able to have it updated by our Water Bailiff, Ricky Wylde, during your first visit of the season. You'll need to arrange to meet Ricky on your first visit and take your 2019 permit card, together with a cheque or cash for full payment, and he will validate your permit to fish for this year and provide you with the new gate code. Full payment must be received on that day for entry to be allowed. Please contact Ricky on 01909 509627 or 07923 250276.

New Members

If you are applying for a new fishing permit you will need to complete an application form. The application form can be downloaded from our website and completed and printed out. Alternatively, a form can be collected from Ricky the water bailiff. To hand in your form and make the payment to receive your fishing permit and the gate code, please call Ricky on 01909 509627 or 07923 250276, to arrange to meet him at the lake. Full payment must be made prior to fishing, you will also need to supply a head and shoulders passport-sized photograph to go on your fishing permit. Payment can be made by cheque or cash.

Welbeck Lakes Fishery Regulations

- 1 Only persons who hold a current Welbeck Lakes Fishery Permit, and for the sole purpose of fishing, are allowed at the Lakes.

Permit Categories are:

- (a) Double Rod: the holder will be allowed to fish with two rods, both being in a bank coverage of not more than 3 yards.
 - (b) Single Rod: the holder will be allowed to fish with one rod only.
 - (c) Juvenile Rod: the holder (for this purpose anyone below the age of 16 on 1 June at the start of the current season) will be allowed to fish with one rod only. No juvenile will be allowed on the lakeside except accompanied by an adult (holding a permit) who will be responsible for the safety of such juvenile.
- 2 Anglers must carry their permit and their current Environment Agency Rod Licence with them for production on request to the Water Bailiff and/or other authorised Welbeck Estate personnel.
 - 3 Permit holders may fish from the banks of the Great Lake, Carburton Forge Dam and Carburton Dam except for the following:
 - (a) The north bank of the Great Lake, north of the Chestnuts.
 - (b) The monument side of the Great Lake, north of the fence 200 yards south of Duck Decoy.

The perimeter of the Lakes must be kept to at all times.

The grass rides around the perimeter of the Lakes must not be obstructed at any time.

- 4 No anglers must enter Estate property before dawn or 7.00 am, whichever is the later and all fishing must cease by 9.00 pm or dusk, whichever is the earlier.

NO FISHING IS ALLOWED ON SUNDAYS.

Pike fishing IS allowed all season.

- 5 Permits will not be valid for the Great Lake on the day of the Annual Permit Holders' Cup Match. The match will not affect permit holders' access to Carburton Dam and Carburton Forge Dam.

Dates for the **Annual Permit Holders Cup Match** and **Charity Open Match** will be confirmed later in the summer, if Government guidance and social distancing allows.

- 6 No vehicles, including motorcycles and bicycles, will be allowed on to Estate property beyond the authorized car parks. When using Milnthorpe Lake Head anglers are requested only to park in the designated hard surface car park.
- 7 On no account whatsoever shall dogs be brought on to the Estate.
- 8 No fishing line or other item that would endanger wildlife is to be left on the banks.
- 9 Wire traces must be used whilst fishing for pike and eel.
- 10 All pike must be landed with landing nets. Gaffs are not to be used.
- 11 No tackle is to be left unattended.
- 12 **ALL FISH (INCLUDING PIKE) MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER.
ON NO ACCOUNT MUST ANY FISH BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE LAKES.**
- 13 Digging for worms or for any other reason is prohibited.
- 14 Use of live bait is not allowed. Use of hemp seed is not allowed.
- 15 Litter, including unwanted terminal tackle, **MUST** be taken away. Do not burn or hide it under bushes or trees. **PLEASE TAKE IT AWAY – RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT.**
- 16 In an effort to decrease fish damage and kills, anglers are encouraged to use barbless hooks. Although as yet not compulsory, the use of barbless hooks is under consideration by the Fishery and may be introduced in seasons to come.
- 17 Any fish diseased or suspected of being diseased should be reported to the bailiffs as soon as possible.
- 18 Please report any outstanding catches to the bailiffs.
- 19 Should you see anyone contravening any of the Welbeck Regulations please point out the error of their ways!
- 20 The Welbeck Estate reserves the right to close the lakes for shooting or other Estate purposes on certain days or at certain times throughout the season. Any queries should be directed to the bailiffs.
- 21 The Welbeck Estate reserves the right to cancel, without repayment, the permit of any angler breaking the regulations or whose actions are considered to be to the detriment of the Estate.
- 22 The Welbeck Estate reserves the right to close any part of the lakes at any time for maintenance, repair or improvement work.
- 23 All anglers must follow the latest Government social distancing advice.

Head Gamekeeper – Matt Boyd – 07860 853375

Water Bailiff – Ricky Wylde – 01909 509627 or 07923 250276