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## Little Britain Lake Owned and managed by Hillingdon Council

Environment Agency Statutory Rod Fishing Byelaws  
([www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-fishing-byelaws](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-fishing-byelaws))  
are in place alongside the following local byelaws relevant to this site

### Close season

Little Britain Lake and the adjacent River Colne and River Frays has a close season in place between 15 March and 15 June (inclusive) each year. During this time, there is to be **no** fishing or fishing-related activity. **This would include the use of rod and reel for any purpose.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT LITTLE BRITAIN LAKE AND THE ADJACENT RIVER COLNE AND RIVER FRAYS CAN BE CLOSED, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL, AT ANY OTHER TIME OR FOR ANY DURATION OUTSIDE OF THE CLOSE SEASON.**

### Fishing season (16 June to 14 March - unless otherwise stated)

- Any anglers aged 13 and over must be in possession of a valid and appropriate Environment Agency Rod Fishing Licence and must present it when asked by council and/or EA officers. You can check which licence you need at [www.gov.uk/fishing-licences](http://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences)
- Barbless hooks only to be used.
- All anglers must have a landing net which should be ready for use prior to fishing.
- All anglers must have an unhooking mat which should be ready for use prior to fishing.
- Overnight fishing is permitted as long as noise is kept to a minimum, ie no amplified music.
- Bivvies/fishing shelters or tents (in relation to fishing ONLY) are permitted but must not obstruct footpaths.
- Keep nets and keep sacks are not permitted (a retaining sling may be used for a **short period** while fish recover).
- Braided line is not permitted.
- Live baiting is not permitted.
- Bait boats are not permitted.
- No fixed leads or unsafe or multi-hook rigs to be used (rigs must be shown to patrol officers for inspection upon request).
- No hand lines.
- No fish are to be removed from site. All fish caught must be released unharmed back into the water.
- No fish from outside sources to be released into the lake or rivers.
- Catapults can only be used to introduce bait into the water and not for any other reason.
- Any lost line or rigs should be reported to the Green Spaces team on 01895 556000.

## Lake/river site rules

- Dogs must be kept under control at all times. No more than 4 dogs per person (except licensed professionals up to 6 dogs).
- Dogs must be placed on a lead if requested by a council officer.
- Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in the dog waste bins located around the site.
- Waterfowl and wildlife must not be threatened or harmed in any way, i.e. by throwing stones or missiles.

**The following are prohibited and relate to the whole site, ie the lake, adjacent River Colne and River Frays, fishing platforms, seating, picnic/grass areas, all footways, car parks and laybys.**

- Remote controlled/petrol driven/motorised watercraft and/or model vehicles
- Boats/dinghies (unless operated by a contractor and/or specifically sanctioned by the council)
- Inflatables of any type, including lilos and swim rings, and paddle boards
- Firearms, air arms or crossbows
- Laser pens/laser pointers
- Swimming or entering the water (unless in an emergency situation).
- The placing of any type of religious offering into the water or anywhere on site
- Open fires
- BBQs
- Drones, small, unmanned aircraft - [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/2316/drone-policy](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/2316/drone-policy)
- Magnet fishing
- Metal detecting
- The use of motorbikes/quads/mopeds/motorised scooters (except mobility scooters) other than on the highway
- Being under the influence of or selling/buying controlled drugs and/or other psychoactive substances
- Selling of food, including ice cream, and/or beverages without the express permission of the council
- Littering - litter bins on site should be used or litter taken home
- Alcohol (after having been required to stop by an authorised enforcement/patrol officer)
- Urinating/defecating except in the toilet premises designed for the purpose (not open 24 hours)
- Anti-social behaviour including foul and/or abusive language
- Fly tipping
- To encamp with or without a vehicle - this includes the use of shelters outside of those used for fishing within the open fishing season
- Fireworks and/or sky lanterns
- Damage to fishing platforms, banks, trees or aquatic plants
- Removal of signage
- Leaving the engine of a stationary/parked vehicle running
- Sleeping in parked vehicles overnight

**Enforcement officers patrol the site regularly and anyone not complying with the rules will be asked to leave immediately. Refusal to leave will result in the police being called and, in cases of Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) breaches, on-the-spot fines can be issued.**

**These rules are subject to change if deemed necessary.**

**Any issues/concerns should be reported to Green Spaces on 01895 556000.**