

## **BRISTOL WATER FISHERIES GENERAL REGULATIONS PIKE FLY FISHING - BLAGDON LAKE 2025**

- 1) **PERMITS:** No person is permitted to fish without first having obtained a permit and paid the appropriate fee. Permits are not transferable and must be produced upon request to any person duly appointed to act on behalf of Bristol Water plc.
- 2) **PIKE FISHING METHODS:** Only fly-fishing is permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Rods must not be left unattended while fishing. The possession and/or use of bait of any kind, spinning, trolling and trailing are prohibited. A minimum of 40lb wire must be used for all traces. Heavy mono is not permitted to be used as a trace material. Traces must be a minimum of **10** inches in length. Flies over 5 grams in weight are not permitted at any of our waters. De-barbed or barbless single hooks only
- 3) **BAG LIMITS:** All fish must be returned to the water un-harmed. Please use mats provided and ensure the fish is kept out of the water for the minimum amount of time. Anyone found retaining or mishandling fish may face exclusion and/or be reported to local angling groups and agencies.
- 4) **FISHING TIMES:** Fishing is permitted to commence from 8am until sunset. In exceptional circumstances boats may be delayed in leaving the jetty. Target time slot for launch of fishing boats is 08:00 to 08:30; subject to boat preparation times that vary as a function of weather conditions and rainfall on the morning and/or during previous 24 hours.
- 5) **LICENCES:** All anglers must be in possession of a valid National Rod Licence before fishing.
- 6) **BOAT FISHING BEHAVIOUR:** All anglers must wear a lifejacket. The Company will lend lifejackets to those who do not bring their own on application to Woodford or Blagdon Lodges. All boat anglers must watch and sign to say they have understood the company Health and Safety DVD prior to fishing. Boats must not anchor whilst fishing Blagdon for the Pike. Similarly, Boats are not allowed to hold position with an electric outboard. Boats must stay at least 50 metres out from the bank when bank anglers are present. Do not cross in front of or anchor near other boats that are drifting. Boat users must be wary of all other lake users and wildlife. Boat anglers must not cause significant disturbance to wildlife at this site. A lack of care or consideration for wildlife and other lake users whilst on the water may result in a ban.
- 7) **FISHING RETURNS:** All anglers must submit returns after each visit. Nil returns are required and we ask you to record all fish returned. Failure to provide completed catch returns could result in a ban.
- 8) **PARKING:** Permit holders must use the Company's car parks; may not drive over hay meadows or leave vehicles on grass banks or verges. Where required to do so by notice, permit holders entering or leaving the reservoir enclosures must close and/or lock the gates.
- 9) **EQUIPMENT:** Anglers fly fishing for pike at Blagdon Lake must carry suitable nets and mats. Anglers are requested to bring suitable unhooking tools to return fish.
- 10) **BYELAWS:** Bristol Water byelaws prohibit shooting, disturbance of wildlife, discarding of fishing line and litter, introduction of fish, entry of dogs, lighting of fires, bathing and camping on Company property.
- 11) **THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE:** The Company reserves the right to exclude anglers at any time from the whole or any part of its property. Details are available at the Lodges.

**BREACH OF ANY OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN A BAN FROM FISHING AND/OR PROSECUTION.**

By order of Bristol Water. 2025