

# The Ashby Canal - Fishing Rules

## Terms

Ownership: The Ashby Canal is owned and managed by Moira Furnace Museum Trust (MFMT) and Leicestershire County Council (LCC).

Site: The grounds owned, leased or managed by the above.

Staff: Those employed by the MFMT or LCC, or those specifically authorised to carry out duties on behalf of MFMT or LCC.

## General Points

- Any person(s) or club(s) found breaking the following rules may be banned permanently with no refunds. Existing agreements with clubs may be revoked without refund.
- Every care must be taken to protect the environment and safeguard all wildlife. No fish or any other wildlife to be damaged, killed or taken (with the exception of invasive non-native species such as Xander). Removal of fish away from the water will be treated as theft under the Theft Act 1968 and will be reported accordingly. Offenders will be prosecuted.
- Carrying a valid rod licence is compulsory. Non-production of a valid licence will result in immediate temporary exclusion from the venue. Repeated offense may result in a permanent ban.

## Fishing Practices

- Anglers should always follow the 'Golden Rules' as listed in the Angling Trust Code of Conduct for Coarse Anglers.
- Barbed hooks are forbidden. Only barbless pike lures are permitted. Regular spot checks are carried out to ensure barbless hooks are being used.
- Landing nets are compulsory. Unhooking mats must be used when landing large fish.
- Fires, loud radios, swimming, or fishing from boats are not permitted.
- Discarded tackle, excess bait and all other litter must be removed from site.
- Dogs to be kept under strict control at all times.
- Verbal abuse towards others will not be tolerated. Anyone committing what is deemed to be anti-social behaviour will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to fish again on this canal.
- No surface fishing.
- No Trout or Halibut pellets.

## Fishing Locations

- Fishing is only permissible in certain locations. Please see areas A – D on the 'permitted fishing areas' map. This includes the marked peg locations from the locks, south to the footbridge. This information can be found on site, from the MFMT office or online at: [moirafurnace.org/fishing](http://moirafurnace.org/fishing)
- Pegged fishing locations (Areas B & C) have been clearly marked and must not be moved or tampered with. The Donisthorpe (Area D) and Bath Yard (Area A) basins are not pegged.
- Fishing from the canal towpath is not permitted unless previously arranged with staff with the exception of the Donisthorpe woodland and basin as highlighted in green on the map.
- The canal waters and pathways must be shared with other visitors (boaters, walkers/dog walkers, cyclists, horse riders, contractors, and other members of the public). Care should be taken to keep rods and equipment from blocking or hindering access. Parallel fishing techniques must be used where access is limited. MFMT cannot reserve the sole use of the waters for individual or match anglers.
- Digging the banks or damaging vegetation is not permitted. If maintenance work is required a request should be made at the MFMT office. The single exclusion is that swims may be raked clear of weed when necessary, using only unpowered equipment from the bankside.
- When parking vehicles at the MFMT, anglers may use the car parks at MFMT when open. Parking elsewhere on the site requires permission to be granted in advance of each occasion, from a staff member.

## Prices

- Day tickets may be purchased from the MFMT office / museum entrance (during opening hours) or bankside from a Bailiff. The correct fee must be paid on the day or in advance. If the MFMT office is closed, then this should be done the following working day. Unnecessary delays in payment will be seen as an infringement of these rules.
- To qualify for concession rates proof must be shown at time of purchase.
- A maximum number of two rods per person is allowed. If fishing from a pegged location the rod butts must be within one meter from the centre of the peg. If two pegged locations are used two fees will be charged. Rods must never be left unattended.
- Day fishing is valid from dawn till dusk (as determined by Greenwich Observatory, London).
- Night fishing / camping is only permitted on the lock to footbridge section.

For up to date prices and maps, please go to:

[www.moirafurnace.org/fishing](http://www.moirafurnace.org/fishing)  
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