

# HARTLEY WINTNEY ANGLING SOCIETY WATERS

## Church Farm

**Location:** Yateley Road, Sandhurst Berkshire (OS grid reference SU826616)

**Local Police:** 0845 850 5505 (Thames Valley Police)

**Rod Limit:** 3 rods (See 3<sup>rd</sup> rod rule)

**Night Fishing:** Yes (see special notes and night fishing rules)

**Size**

Lake 1 - 6 acres	Lake 2 - 4 acres
Lake 3 - 4 acres	Lake 4 - Starter pond
River Blackwater – 400 yards downstream	

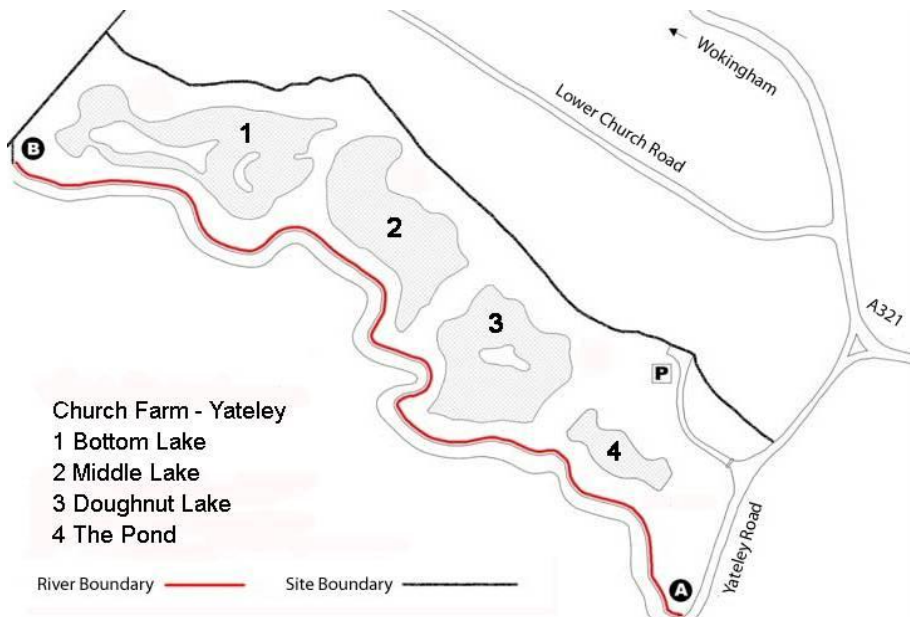


### Special Notes

- Hooks larger than size 14 and above must be micro barbed.
- Night fishing is limited to 20 anglers limited to 24 hour sessions at the weekend. 48 hour sessions are available during the week..
- No carp or barbel are to be retained in keep nets (except in matches)

### Stocks

Carp to	32lb	Roach to	1lb
Tench to	9lb	Perch to	2lb
Bream to	14lb	Rudd to	1lb
Crucian to	2lb	Pike	18lb



Situated just on the edge of Sandhurst, with its secure parking, this four-lake complex and stretch of the River Blackwater is the jewel in the crown. This quiet fishery is set in beautiful surroundings less than a mile from Yateley Town Centre. It is well worth a visit whatever your angling preference.

## **Approach**

**From the A30 at Hawley** take the B3272 (Reading Road) into Yateley Town Centre. With the Royal Oak pub on your left, turn right into Sandhurst Road, also sign posted Tri-Lakes Country Park. Follow this road for ½ mile past Tri-Lakes, the fishery entrance is approx 60 yards set back on the left, a small siding with a wooden gate.

**From Wokingham** take the A321 (Wokingham Road) sign posted Sandhurst & Camberley. As you approach Sandhurst on the 'High Street' you will pass St. Michaels School on your right, the 2nd road on the right is Yateley Road, take this turn; the fishery entrance is approx 60 yards on your right.

## **Parking**

The entrance gate is fitted with a combination lock and a padlock key. Please always ensure the gate is closed and locked behind you. Parking at the end of the track is fairly limited, please park sensibly and respect the neighbours by keeping noise levels low when entering and leaving the fishery.

## **Access**

The distance from the car park to Lake 3 via the footpath is around 45 yards. The path is fairly flat and is suitable for trolleys and barrows. All banks around the lakes are open to fishing but not the islands. The River Blackwater may be fished on the right hand bank downstream from below the road bridge opposite Tri-Lakes (point A on the map) all the way down to the boundary fence at the bottom of lake 1 (point B on the map).

## **Fishing**

### **River Blackwater**

The main species are chub, roach, perch, barbel, pike, dace & gudgeon. There are also carp to double figures with a shoal of bream at the bottom end. The flow in the summer is slow to medium but rises quickly after heavy rain. This section of the river has a variety of depths ranging from shallow 1 ft gravel runs to straight sections to 4 ft deep. There is good weed cover in places, reeds and plenty of overhanging trees as well as bends, both slow and fast in pace. The river shows true class fishing from late November when the weed dies down and the flow and colour increases. A roving approach works best for both float and ledger tactics producing excellent catches.

**Lake 1 - The Bottom Lake (members only)** Approx 250 yards from the car park.

This is becoming a mixed specimen water which contains tench to 9lb, bream to 14 lb, roach to 1lb, good numbers of common and mirror carp from 8 lb to 30 lb, ghost carp to 22 lb and pike to 18 lb. The depths in this lake vary from 15 ft by the river to 8ft at the bottom end of the lake. The main island runs parallel to the river forming a channel down both sides, these channels are reed lined with plenty of overhanging trees providing great fish holding cover.

**Lake 2 - The Middle Lake** Approx 140 yards from the car park.

This lake contains common carp to 31 lb, mirror carp to 28 lb and ghost carp to 14 lb. The tench are a good average of around 7lb, with few silverfish in the water. The shallow part of the lake is on the far left bank backing on to Lake 1. The rest of the lake has an average depth of between 6 - 8 ft with the riverside margins being slightly shallower at around 4 ft. The recent stocking program is to turn this lake into a runs water with a good head of fish between 10 lb and 20 lb.

**Lake 3 - The Top Lake (aka The Doughnut Lake)** Approx 45 yards from the car park.

This is water has been stock to cater for general pleasure anglers and you will find most methods will catch; pole, feeder, float and even surface fishing. The carp range from 3-4 lb. Tench to 7 lb, bream to double figures; with silverfish present in large numbers to 2 lb. Pike have been caught up to 17 lb on lures. The depth in this lake vary from 7 to 12 ft

During the winter months this lake has colour tapes suspended across the water and wooden cut outs of anglers prevent cormorants affecting the silver fish population.

**Lake 4 – The Starter pond**

This water is ideal for beginners and anglers seeking a good head of silver fish with the odd carp to 3lb for good measure. The depth ranges from 1ft from the road side end to 8ft near the doughnut lake.

# Firgrove Manor

**Location:** Firgrove Road, UP Green, Eversley Hampshire (OS grid reference SU798607)  
**Local Police:** 0845 045 4545 (Hampshire Police)  
**Rod Limit:** 2 rods  
**Night Fishing:** No  
**Fishing Times:** Monday to Friday Only 7.00am to 6.00pm  
All anglers must vacate the water by 6.00pm  
**Size:** 1 acres approx  
**Swims:** 18

## Special Notes:

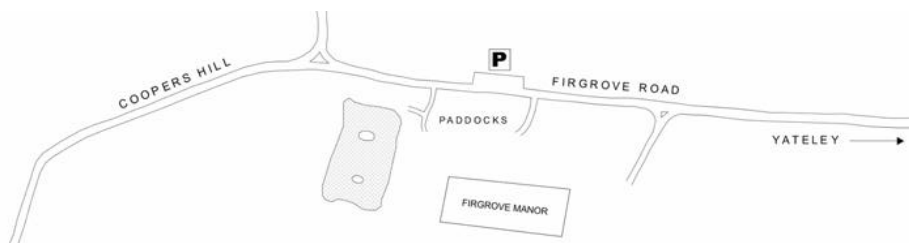
- This is a member's only fishery
- No fishing in the middle of the lilies.
- Keep your tackle close to you along the left bank where horses are moved from the stables to nearby fields.

Firgrove Manor (Yateley) is a man made lake about 200 years old. This small picturesque estate lake has its banks lined with purple rhododendrons in the summer and the water surface blossoms with a carpet of yellow lilies.

## Approach

**From Yateley Town Centre** take the B3272 (Reading Road) and travel West for about 1.5 miles towards Eversley. When you pass the signpost for the Water Sports Centre, continue approx 300 yards before turning left into Marsh Lane. Follow the road for approx 0.5 miles until the road bends sharply to the right. Take a left turn where the junction forms a grass triangle and then left again into Firgrove Road. \* The car park for the fishery is in the lay by opposite the Manor about 100 yards up the hill.

**From Hartley Wintney** take the A30 London Road East towards Blackbush. Turn left onto the A327 sign posted to Eversley, follow this road for approx 500 yards then turn right onto Coopers Hill, sign posted to Up Green. Follow this road until you pass Up Green Farm on your left, taking the next right into Firgrove Road. Now follow the directions as above \*.



## Fishing

Firgrove Lake is a good all round mixed fishery including common and mirror carp to 25 lb, bream to 5 lb, crucians to 2 lb and good tench and perch. The average depth is around 5 - 6 ft in the middle of lake between the two islands and varies from 2 - 3 ft in the margins. The carp are very old, although the average size is not of great size fish up to 25 lb have been caught. This venue is ideally suited to the float angler and good catches of mixed fish are made each season using baits such as maggots, casters, pellets, corn, bread and meat. The bream respond well to ground bait in the feeder in the open water swims with fruit flavoured baits scoring well with the better specimens. For crucian carp, using light float tackle in the margins next to the lilies.

# Lakeside Park

**Location:** Lakeside Road, Ash Vale, Surrey  
(OS grid reference SU889517)

**Local Police:** 0845 125 2222 (Surrey Police)

**Rod Limit:** Please see 'special notes' section

**Night Fishing:** Yes (see special notes and night fishing rules)

**Size:** Main Lake 12 acres  
Back Lake 1.5 acres

**Swims:** 37 on the main lake  
12 on the back lake

## Special Notes

- Please take note of the park opening and closing times.  
Club key can be used at all other times
- This fishery is situated in a conservation area, please respect this.
- Height restriction barrier of 2m at gate entrance.
- When fishing with 3 rods allowed (refer to 3<sup>rd</sup> rod rule)

## Stocks:

Carp to	25lb	Roach to	1lb
Tench to	5lb	Perch to	1lb
Bream to	5lb	Rudd to	1lb
Crucian to	2lb	Pike	15lb

Since 2005 the main lake has been restocked with over 2000lb of mixed fish including: bream, carp, tench, crucians.

A two-lake fishery set in parkland and nature ponds, lying close to the Hampshire/Surrey border in Ash Vale. The fishery is located less than a mile away from the town centre and only a few hundred yards away from the famous Gold Valley complex. This attractive spring fed gravel/sand pit has now matured since it was dug in the mid 70s. A mixed fishery that does not get a lot of angling pressure.

**Approach From M3 Junction 4, Frimley** take the A331 Blackwater Valley Road to Aldershot/Farnham. Continue on the A311 for approx 2 miles; take the Ash Vale (A3011) and Northcamp exit. \* Off the roundabout, take the second exit at the first roundabout and the second exit at the next roundabout into Lyons Avenue (A3011) sign posted to Ash Vale. At the next roundabout turn right into Ash Vale Road following this until you pass the Napier pub on your left; turn right at the mini roundabout into Lakeside Road. Go under the railway bridge and over three speed humps before reaching the fishery entrance on your left, the metal entrance gate has a two metre height restriction barrier.

**From Farnham** take the A331 Blackwater Valley Road, sign posted M3 and Camberley. Take the Ash Vale (A3011) and Northcamp exit and follow the directions as above \*.

## Parking

The access times to the park are from: 07:30am closing at

Nov - Apr Inc.	18:00pm
May - Aug Inc.	21:30pm
Sep - Oct Inc.	20:00pm

## Access

The larger main lake is approx 10 yards to the left of the car park. The path is flat and in good condition, suitable for trolleys and barrows, this path gives access to pegs 1-24. To gain access to the higher peg numbers, 25-37, which start on the far left hand side of the lake, take the path to the left of the information board in the car park. Follow this path for a short distance and take the first left, carry

straight on taking the next left through the woods. Pass round the back of the reed beds to reach the pegs on the far side of the lake. Again the path is flat and in good condition. The distance to the furthest peg from the car park is approx 250 yards.

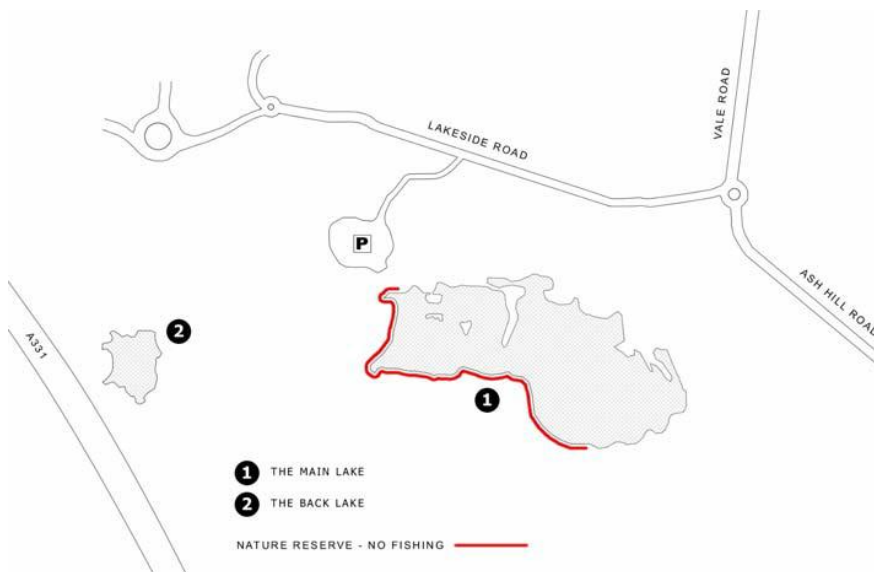
The smaller lake can be reached by following the path to the left of the information board in the carp park, this time following the path round to the right for approx 70 yards the lake is on the right.

## Fishing

### Main Lake

This lake contains most species of course fish including tench, bream, common & mirror carp, perch, roach, rudd, crucian carp, pike & roach/bream hybrids. This lake can provide some big weights of bream and tench for both match & pleasure anglers alike, with an average size of 3 - 5 lbs with specimens reaching double figures at present. The tench respond best to float or pole tactics with the best catches coming in dawn and dusk sessions. The usual baits of corn, worm, maggots and pellet will catch in conjunction with ground bait. Feeder fishing is more productive in the Autumn and Winter months. The carp in this lake are not particularly large but there is a reasonable head of double figure specimens with the occasional 20 lb fish to be caught. Pike go to 15lb ledgering dead baits in the Winter producing the better fish.

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depth of this lake varies from 3ft at the car park end round to peg No.11 where it shallows off to 2ft at the end of the point. In front pegs 15 -18 the depth of up to 5ft can be found. From pegs 19-22 the average depth to the far side is 3ft throughout the summer the lake depth can drop up to 12 inches. The water lends it hand to stalking tactics.

### Back Lake

As this is a developing fishery, holding bream, tench, carp, roach, rudd, perch, pike. The average depth is around 3ft, with thick weed beds covering most of the lake in summer. We will be undertaking a water management program on this venue over the next few years to adjust and increase stocking levels. The program will include swim building and improvements to existing swims. Our Fishery Manager is keen to hear members' comments on this venue.

# River Blackwater - Hawley Meadow

## Location:

**Car Park One:** Marshall Road Camberley, Surrey  
(OS grid reference SU860591)

**Car Park Two:** Admiralty Way, Camberley, Surrey  
(OS grid reference SU855596)

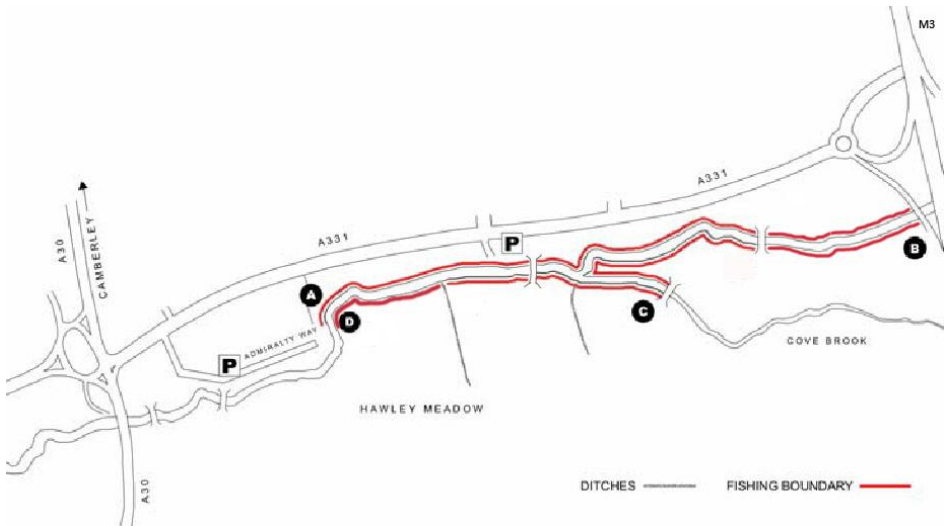
**Local Police:** 0845 125 2222 (Surrey Police)

**Rod Limit:** 2 rods

**Night Fishing:** No

## Special Notes

- Day tickets are available but only in advance from an authorized agent (please see back page).
- Beware of overhead power cables.
- No barbel or carp are to be retained in keep nets.



A quiet stretch of the river situated just off the M3 Junction 4 near Camberley. This fishery is ideally suited to the roving angler who can take full advantage of the 1-mile stretch from Admiralty Way up to Motorway on both banks

## Approach

**From the M3** take exit 4 and take the A331 sign posted Camberley/Sandhurst. \* Approx 500 yards down the dual carriageway the entrance to the car park one is on your left under a 2m height barrier.

**From the M3 to car park two**, go through three sets of traffic lights. At the fourth set of lights, next to the gas towers on your left, turn left into Admiralty way. \*\* Follow this road around the back of the industrial estate; parking is on your right.

**From Wokingham/Sandhurst** take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout go straight over and through three sets of traffic lights, the second of which being the Tesco / Marks & Spencer shopping centre until you reach the Meadows roundabout on the A30. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit on the A331, sign posted M3 turning right into Admiralty Way

for car park two at the first set of lights. Follow the directions as above \*\*. Continue on the A331 for car park one, through three sets of traffic lights past the Sainsbury superstore. At the roundabout take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit coming back down the A331 in the opposite direction to which you have just travelled. Follow the directions as above \*.

### **Access**

Access to the river is directly in front of the car park one.

From Car park two cross the bridge from Admiralty Way to gain access to the river. The path that follows this section of the river behind the industrial estate is in good condition and is suitable for trolleys and barrows. The path goes upstream towards car park one.

### **Fishing**

Fishing is from the path at the end of Admiralty Way (point A on the map) upstream for approx 1 mile to motorway (point B on the map) on both banks.

This beat starts quite shallow with some good gravel runs, gradually deepening providing some good pools with plenty of natural cover.

This water contains a vast array of fish species, noted for its chub and roach. You can also find perch, pike, gudgeon, bullheads, stone loach, rudd, dace and in the downstream section, bream to around 5 lb, the odd carp and giving some good all round sport.

**This section of the Blackwater River has the most prolific biomass of fish found in the lodden catchment.**

# River Blackwater - Shepherds Meadow, Beat One

**Location:** Station Approach, Blackwater, Surrey (OS grid reference SU854599)

**Local Police:** 0845 850 5505 (Thames Valley Police)

**Rod Limit:** 2 rods                      **Night Fishing:** No

This is the start of the Shepherds Meadow section, situated just below the A30 bridge in Blackwater. The river runs along the front of office buildings that back onto Blackwater Station.

## Approach

**From Wokingham/Sandhurst** take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout go straight over and through two sets of traffic lights, the second of which being the Tesco / Marks & Spencer shopping centre until you reach the Meadows roundabout on the A30. Follow this back round sign posted A321 (Sandhurst) but turn off at Station Approach before the A321 exit. Approx 50 yards on the right is a gated entrance and footpath to the river where beat one starts.

## Parking

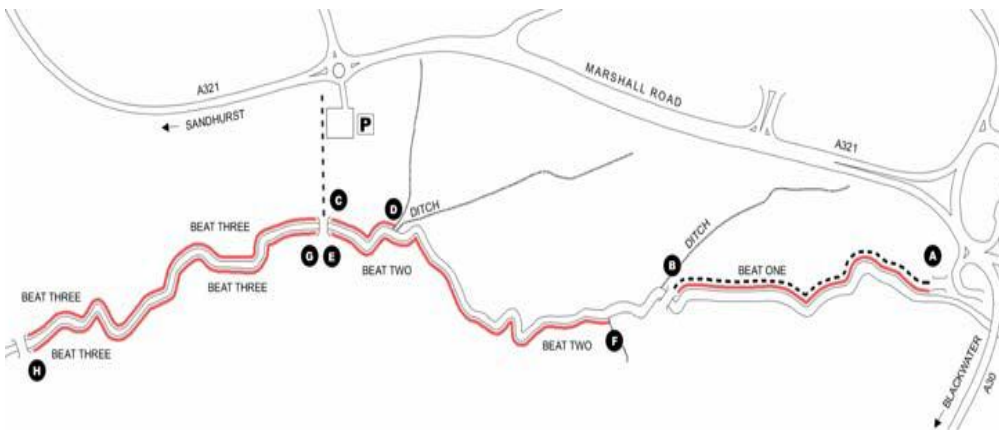
Parking can be a problem at this beat due to the fact there is no official car park for H.W.A.S members. The station car park is only 60 yards away but you will need to pay to park here.

## Access

From the gateway the walk to the river is approx 20 yards. The gravel path that runs along this beat is flat and suitable for trolleys and barrows. The boundary starts on the right hand bank downstream just below where the Wish Stream enters (point A on the map) and continues for approx 275 yards to the wooden footbridge (point B on the map).

## Fishing

This section of the river has produced good mixed catches of chub, trotting with light tackle feeding maggots. More swims are accessible during the winter months when the weed dies down. One of the best roach swims in just 60 yards downstream from Blackwater train station on the first left-hand bend of the river. This section ends at point B on the map where the wooden foot bridge crosses the river.



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# Shepherds Meadow, Beat Two & Three

**Location:** Marshall Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire (OS grid reference SU848606)  
**Local Police:** 0845 850 5505 (Thames Valley Police)  
**Rod Limit:** 2 rods                      **Night Fishing:** No

## Special Notes

- Day tickets are available but only in advance from an authorized agent (please see back page).
- No barbel or carp are to be retained in keep nets.

These two sections are opposite the Marks & Spencer and Tesco shopping centre and continue downstream behind Sandhurst Recreation grounds and council offices. Beat two starts at point C on the map.

## Approach

**From Wokingham/Sandhurst** take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout turn right into Shepherds Meadow car park under the 2m height barrier.

## Parking

There is ample parking at this fishery, but be aware many other users do park here so don't leave valuables on display in your car.

## Access

Access to both beat two and beat three is around 60 yards from the car park. A surfaced path takes you to the bridge over the river dividing beats two & three. Beat two is to the left of the bridge (upstream) and beat three is to the right of the bridge (downstream). The Blackwater Valley Path follows the river and is suitable for both trolleys and barrows.

## Fishing

Beat two can be fished on the bank nearest the car park from the footbridge (point C on the map), up to where the two ditches enter (point D on the map). The far bank can be fished from the footbridge (point E on the map) up to the gate dividing the two fields (point F on the map).

Beat three (downstream) is on both banks from the footbridge (point G on the map), down to the wooden footbridge (point H on the map).

Both beats provide many bends, pools and natural cover giving the mobile angler plenty to go at. Good roach can be found throughout these sections as well as chub, perch and small pike at regular intervals. This section of the river provides a good mixed bag, some of the swims require boots or waders to stand in the water to get the best position for trotting.

# River Blackwater - Mill Bridge (aka The Cattery)

**Location:** Mill Lane, Yateley, Hampshire  
(OS grid reference SU819620)

**Local Police:** 0845 850 5505 (Thames Valley Police)

**Rod Limit:** 2 rods

**Night Fishing:** No

## Special Notes

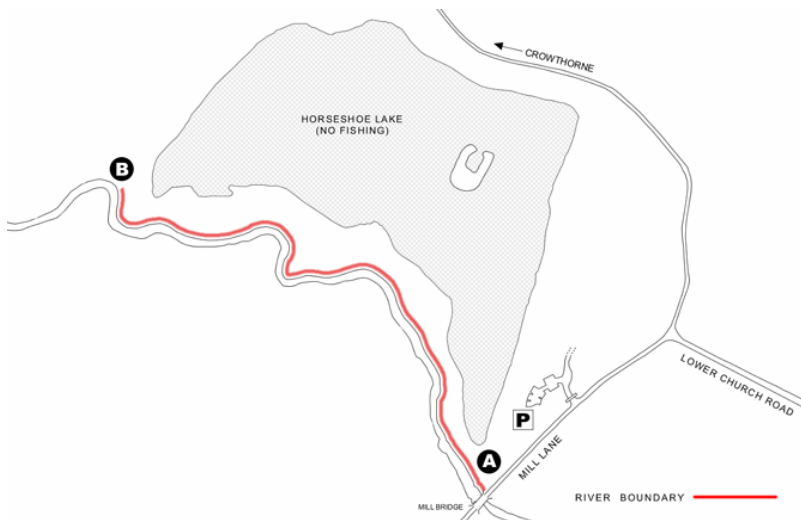
- The river operates a close season between 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June inclusively
- No night fishing.
- Day tickets are available but only in advance from an authorized agent (please see back page).
- Beware of overhead power cables.
- No barbel or carp are to be retained in keep nets.

An excellent fishery for the adaptable river angler, producing some outstanding catches. This stretch of the river starts from Mill Bridge on Mill Lane less than 200 yards down stream from the Church Farm complex and less than 1 mile from Yateley town centre.

## Approach

**From Yateley town centre** take the B3272 (Reading Road) travelling West, when you pass Yateley Manor School on your left, take the next right into Mill Lane, sign posted Sandhurst/Crowthorne. Follow this road to the end turning right at the T junction. Continue for approx 300 yards over Mill Bridge, the car park is approx 100 yards on the left signposted Horseshoe Lake. \* Enter under the 2m barrier and turn left under another 2m barrier into the first car park.

**From Wokingham** take the A321 (Wokingham Road) sign posted Sandhurst & Camberley. As you approach Sandhurst on the 'High Street' turn right at St. Michaels School onto Lower Church Road, also sign posted Horseshoe Lake. Continue to the end of this road



turning left at the T Junction onto Mill Lane, travel for approx 80 yards, the entrance is on the right sign posted Horseshoe Lake. Follow the directions as above \*.

### **Parking**

There is ample parking at this fishery, but be aware many other users do park here so don't leave valuables on display in your car.

### **Access**

The distance from the car park to the river is approx 60 yards via a gravel path then a raised boarded walkway from the far end of the car park. The path meets the river just below Mill Bridge, the start of this section (point A on the map). Fishing is allowed on the right hand bank downstream from Mill Bridge for approx 600 yards. The path runs parallel to the river and is flat, hard gravel suitable for trolleys and barrows. The section ends at the Bracknell Forest Borough Council sign at the bottom end of Horseshoe Lake and the start of the bird sanctuary lake (point B on the map).

### **Fishing**

This section has produced some fantastic mixed catches of quality fish on a variety of methods and baits. The first three swims at Mill Bridge are akin to fishing a small weir pool where the depth is approx 6 - 8 ft. These swims have produced double figure barbel, bream reaching 8 lb, carp to 20 lb, roach over 1 lb and chub over 6 lb. Double figure pike, perch, dace, rudd. Feeder fishing in the winter months has produced quality catches of mixed fish. A roving approach will bring mixed bags of fish any time of year.

# Wyndham's Pool & Hospital Pond

**Location:** Cricket Hill Lane, Yateley, GU46 6, Hampshire  
**Rod Limit:** 2 rods  
**Night Fishing:** Members Only

Wyndhams pool is an old reservoir that became a fishery in the 80's. It holds some large carp, and is also populated with other coarse fish such as perch, roach, tench and pike. The track to Wyndham's Pool and Hospital Pond is just off Cricket Hill Lane, a few hundred metres up the hill from the Cricketers Pub.

There is no fishing allowed on the A30 pond or Strood Pool. This to provide the best possible habitat for dragonfly nymphs and other invertebrate larvae that can be heavily predated by fish.

Fishing is open to members of HWAS and day ticket anglers. Day Tickets must be purchased in advance see outlets on website or the nearest outlet is Yateley Angling Centre, 12/16 The Parade, Yateley GU46 7UN, 01252 861955

Cost £5 Anglers (over 12 years of age) should also hold a current Environment Agency Rod Licence. Those found not to have a valid day ticket will be charged £10 on the bank.

A closed season operates from 15 March to 15 June. This is because the Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and Natural England stipulate this condition.

## Site Rules

- No fishing allowed on the A30 pond or Strood Pool.
- No fishing without a valid HWAS permit or day ticket
- Night fishing is open to HWAS permit holders only
- No Keep nets
- No Ground bait
- Barbless hooks only
- No fixed leads
- All fish to be returned to the water, no fish to be removed
- No introduction of fish
- Landing net and Unhooking mat required
- EA rod license is required, and must be presented on request
- A Maximum of 2 Rods per one angler to be used
- Any rod set up on the bank will be considered to be in use
- All anglers must ensure their swim and surrounding area is free of litter at all times
- No Fires
- No Swimming, Boating or remote control boats

A list of rules can be found in the Wyndham's Pool Car park. Any infringements of these rules will result in offenders being asked to leave the venue, and may result in a permanent ban