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S&TC SURREY BRANCH TROUT FISHERY RULES 2017

The Estate's Gamekeeper (Roger Jones) and the Fishery's Acting Bailiff (Chas Metcalfe) are responsible with the Committee for enforcement of these Rules.

The Committee reserves the right to modify these rules during the season if they deem it necessary to protect the fishery.

Fishery Rules

1. The Fishery shall be known as Flanchford Trout Fishery, the Estate being allowed one rod.
2. The administration shall be vested in the committee appointed from time to time (and approved by the S&TC Surrey Branch Committee). Hereafter called "The Committee"
3. It is a condition of membership or attendance as a guest that neither the Salmon and Trout Conservation nor The Surrey Branch nor their respective Officers, nor the Fishery Committee, nor the owners or servants of the estate shall be held liable in any way whatsoever for death or bodily injury to any member or guest, or for loss or damage to any property or vehicles whilst on the property of Flanchford Farm.
4. The Fishery will be open from 1st March until the last day of February the following year.
5. Members must be in possession of the appropriate National Rod Licence.
6. Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in immediate exclusion from membership

Estate Rules

7. Fishing not to commence before sunrise and shall cease half an hour after sunset. Fishing to commence after noon on those notified days when shoots are taking place on the Estate.
8. No wading allowed
9. No dogs allowed
10. No transistor radios or similar items to be allowed.
11. No fishing from boats
12. Entry to the Fishery shall be by the lane near Flanchford Bridge.
Fishermen must drive **SLOWLY** past the cottages and along the track to the car park. Vehicles must only be parked on the site provided and not driven or parked adjacent to any of the lakes.
13. Any litter must be deposited in the appropriate receptacles provided in the fishing hut.
14. Members must shut the gate behind them and replace the lock on entering and on leaving the fishery. Lock code (**will be advised**)
15. No lighting of fires or barbeques is allowed. Picnics however are permitted.
16. Fishing from the South bank of lakes Nos, 2 to 4 inclusive and in front of the cottages on Lake 1 is prohibited.
17. Members shall not walk anywhere beyond the bounds of the fishery.
18. Members are not allowed to dig up or cut any vegetation around the fishery without express permission from the Committee. Management of the habitat around the lakes will be undertaken by the owners or the committee or during nominated member working party days.

Fishing Rules

19. All flies **MUST** be barbless or crushed barb
20. One artificial fly or nymph **ONLY** tied to a single hook no larger than hook size No 10
21. Boobies, eggs and other "flies" with foam in the dressing are not allowed
22. **ALL** fish over 3lb (or 20" length), **ALL** brown trout and all fish after an angler's bag limit **MUST** be unhooked carefully and returned to the water in accordance with the Catch and Release Rules below.
23. Members **MUST** kill any fish which are diseased, malformed, damaged during catch or obviously out of condition and the Committee advised by a note in the catch book or if a serious problem by telephone to a member of the Committee.
24. The use of lead shot on a cast is not permitted.
25. **ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS MUST SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL AT THE FISHERY** and record the time and duration fished, the weight (or estimated weight/length for C&R), specie, lake number, fly or nymph type used and any other pertinent information. **ALL NIL RETURNS MUST BE RECORDED.**

Catch and Release Rules

26. Land fish as quickly as reasonably possible - don't play it to exhaustion. Small fish can be aquaplaned in close by keeping the head high in the current.
27. Use a stronger (i.e. 6 – 7 lb) leader than you would normally use for the expected size of catch
28. Wherever possible leave all fish in the water. Bring the fish to the side and unhook it in the water.
29. If a net must be used, the net bag should be made of soft material and unknotted, leave the fish in the water in the net while releasing the hook.
30. If the hook is in the fish's gills, throat or gut the fish **MUST** be removed and counted against the angler's bag.
31. If a fish must be handled, wet hands first to avoid removing the protective slime on the skin of the fish.
32. No fish should ever be thrown back into the water.
33. All fish must be revived prior to release. Hold it in the water just above the tail. Push the fish forward and back slowly until it is ready to swim strongly on its own - this may take a few minutes. It does not hurt to revive a fish a bit longer than you feel is necessary. (When fish are released too quickly, they will often swim out of sight, lose their balance, turn on their side and die.)

Membership

34. All members of the fishery **MUST** be members of the Salmon and Trout Conservation.
35. **Any Member wishing to resign from the fishery must send written notice to the Committee no later than 7th January 2018.**
36. Membership of the fishery is limited, although a Member may purchase for his own use 2 rods i.e. a Double Rod. (note: - in exceptional circumstances the limit may be increased)
37. Members are to exercise all the rights and privileges hereby granted in a proper and sportsmanlike manner.
38. The committee reserves the right not to accept any application for membership or renew any membership or to cancel any existing membership at any time. In every case without affording a reason.
39. Rods are strictly non-transferable other than allowed under Rule 40.
40. A member will be entitled to introduce one fishing guest, who may fish with his or her own rod, and one non-fishing guest at any time. The guest(s) must be accompanied by the member at all times. The guest need not be a member of the S&TC, but if fishing **must hold an EA licence and also have appropriate third party indemnity insurance which covers fly-fishing.** A maximum of 6 guest entries per member is allowed though the season and the catch record must show against the member's name "and guest" and give the name. A monetary guest fee of £10 must be paid for each fishing guest and if fish are taken member and guest joint catch must not exceed the member's own fish limit. This guest fee will be billed in writing to the member upon monthly collation of the catch record and should be settled within 28 days.
41. Membership categories and catch limits are:
 - Catch and release is permitted at any time
 - Full rods – maximum of 2 fish in any 7 day period to be removed from the Fishery
 - Junior Rods - maximum of 2 fish in any 7 day period to be removed from the Fishery