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No Article **Extract from Company Articles & General Byelaws**

1. The Colchester Angling Preservation Society Limited was Registered on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Company No 7243033, this is a Company Limited by Guarantee.
  - 5.1 Every member of the club undertakes to contribute such amount (Not exceeding £1) to the clubs assets if it is wound up while they are a member or within one year after ceasing to be a member as may be required for payment of the clubs debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of contributories among themselves.
  - 5.2 Any profits generated by the club shall be used to further the objects of the company and shall not be paid to the members as dividends.
  - 5.3
2. 6 Proposal of Members. - All applications for membership of the club must be confirmed in writing, signed by the candidate or electronically submitted via the Clubs website and must be in the form that the directors from time to time prescribe.

**The Board of Directors has the right to refuse membership for any reason, also to suspend or expel any member who fails to comply with CAPS Ltd Company Rules, or in their opinion acts in a manner prejudicial to the good name of the Company or the sport of Angling. Anglers are expected to behave in a reasonable and responsible manner at all times.**

3. 11 Election of any new members shall be at the directors discretion.
4. 7 Subscriptions: The annual and other subscriptions and entrance fee (if applicable) payable by members of the club are to be such as the directors from time to time prescribe.
5. All members must pay the annual subscriptions.

Senior Citizens Membership is available to all members over 65. Junior (under16) and Intermediate membership shall be available for the following age groups:

**Under 10 years old FREE**

10 - 12 years old (under 13)

13 - 15years old (under 16)

16 - 19 years (Intermediate)

The qualifying date for the Junior and Intermediate members shall be their age on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Juniors Under 13 must be accompanied by a Senior member on all Society waters with the exception of Snake Pit, Inworth Grange and Wellhouse Farm where the minimum age is **16**

All Junior members under 16 must be accompanied by a senior member of the club whilst night fishing on any of the club waters. All concessionary members birth dates must be recorded on their membership cards.

Single Night Permits – are not available for Snake Pit, Bovington 1 & 2, Layer Pit

Seasonal Night Tickets – **48 Hour Limit on all waters, you must not return for 24 hours. Please note where multiple waters exist on a complex e.g. Bovington, Brakes, Inworth each individual lake is considered a separate water and as such you can move between lakes. 72 Hour Limit in Winter Months 1<sup>st</sup> Oct–28<sup>th</sup> Feb inc**

Night tickets not available for Layer Pit.

**If you do not have a night ticket, you cannot fish before 6.00am and must stop fishing by 10.00pm. You must then leave the water and cannot stay at your peg overnight.**

**Juniors do not require a night permit.**

6. 8 Life Member

8.1 On the recommendation of the directors any person being a member of the club may, at any general meeting of the club, be elected a life member of the club without any special payment for such life membership.

8.2 A two-thirds' majority of those voting is necessary for election of a Life member.

Every life member is entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the duties of a member of the club during his life (subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of article 13) without any further payment, annual or otherwise, except in respect of his guarantee contained in clause 5 of the memorandum of association of this club.

7. Members may purchase guest tickets for non-members to fish on all Society waters with the exception of Layer Pits and Snake Pit. Members are restricted to one guest ticket at any one time and guests may only fish in accordance with the regulations stated on the ticket. Guest tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE from our website [www.colchesteraps.org](http://www.colchesteraps.org)

Adult members can buy **2 guest tickets if guests are under 16**

**Guests are not allowed to night fish.**

Juniors may only purchase Guest Tickets for Adults.

8. Any member may be accompanied by one non-fishing guest, who will not occupy a peg other than that of the host member. The member shall be responsible for the conduct & safety of the guest.

9. 3 **Membership:** - The number of members with which the club proposes to be registered is 2,500 but the directors may, whenever the business of the club requires it, authorise an increase of members
10. 16 Rights of members personal: - The rights of a member as such are personal and are not transferable and cease upon their death.
11. 12 Rights of Members: -  
12.1 Subject to the express provisions of these articles and to the memorandum of association, and to any byelaws made by the directors of the club as provided below for the time being in force, all members of the club are entitled at all times to be supplied, at such charges as the directors from time to time determine, with permission to fish all waters held by or on behalf of the club whilst permits for Layer Pit are issued at Directors discretion.  
12.2 Subject to the provisions of these articles all members are entitled to all the rights and subject to all the duties of a member of the club provided that overseas and temporary members do not have the right to nominate or be elected as officers or directors of the club.
12. 15.1 If the conduct of any member is in the opinion of the directors injurious to the character of the club or objectionable in any respect, that member may be required by the directors to resign, and, if he does not resign within one week, the member may (after he has been given the opportunity to justify or explain his conduct) be expelled by resolution of the directors and then ceases to be a member of the club, and all sums that have been paid by the member are forfeited.  
15.2 A member expelled under this article may appeal by giving written notice of appeal to the secretary within 10 days from the posting of the notice of expulsion.  
15.3 Upon receipt of a notice of appeal a special meeting must be convened within 28 days and, if that meeting passes a special resolution rescinding the expulsion, then the member must be reinstated as from the date of the resolution.
13. 24 Voting rights  
24.1 All members of the club may attend general meetings of the club and every member shall have one vote.  
24.2 No member may vote at any meeting unless all the money then due from him to the club has been paid.  
24.3 Every member of the club entitled to vote has one vote and no more
14. 14 Non-payment of subscriptions  
Any member whose annual subscription is unpaid on 1st April in any

year ceases to be a member of the club and forfeits all right in and claim upon the club and its property unless the directors suspend the operation of this provision, which they may do as regards any particular member on such terms as they determine at their discretion. Members joining during the membership year must pay their subscription at the time of their application to join the club.

15. 30.3 At the clubs Annual General Meeting (AGM) Officer/Directors will be elected for a maximum 3 year term, Non-Executive Directors will be elected for a one year term. All retiring Directors are eligible for re-election. The Secretary is appointed by the Board and is not subject to election by the members.

16. 31 Election of Officers

Subject to that provided for in the articles, the election of officers other than the secretary and other directors of the club, must take place in the following manner.

31.1 Any two members of the club may nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other director of the club, having previously received his assent.

31.2 The name of each member so nominated, together with the name of his proposer and seconder, must be sent in writing signed by all three of them to the secretary of the club by 30<sup>th</sup> November each year.

31.3 A list of names in alphabetical order, with the proposers' and seconds' names, must be posted on the club's website for at least 14 days immediately preceding the annual general meeting.

31.4 Balloting lists must be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates only in alphabetical order.

31.5 Each member present at the annual general meeting and qualified to vote may vote for any number of candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies.

31.6 If insufficient candidates are nominated, the directors may elect a member to fill the remaining vacancy or vacancies

31.7 If any candidate declines to serve after being elected, the candidate who has the next largest number of votes must be elected.

31.8 If 2 or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, the directors must select by lot from such candidate(s) who is elected.

17. 32.1 The secretary of the club must be appointed by the directors for such a term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they think fit.

32.2 The directors may terminate the secretary's appointment and fill a vacancy in the office.

18. 33.1 All casual vacancies arising amongst the directors or offices of the club must be filled by the directors.
19. 34 Removal of Directors  
The office of a director is vacated if:
- 34.1 Their membership of the club is terminated in accordance with article 15.4;
- 34.2 The director absents himself from three consecutive monthly meetings of the directors without special leave of absence from the other directors; or
- 34.3 Gives the directors one calendar months' notice in writing that he resigns his office; or
- 34.4 Is removed by special resolution passed at a general meeting of the club.
20. 38 Byelaws
- 38.1 The directors of the club may from time to time make, alter and repeal any byelaws they consider necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the club, and in particular, but not exclusively, they may by such byelaws:
- 38.1.1 Regulate the terms and conditions upon which honorary guests, children of members of the club and visitors may use the waters of the club.
- 38.1.2 Promulgate the rules to be observed and the prizes to be given in relation to any matches and the award of Trophies
- 38.1.3 Temporarily suspend membership or terminate membership for breach of any byelaw or any article of association of the club.
- 38.1.4 Regulate all matters that are commonly the subject of club rules,
- 38.1.5 Set close seasons and temporary restrictions on any Society water.
- 38.2 The directors must adopt whatever means they consider sufficient to bring all byelaws, alterations and repeals to the notice of the members of the club.
- 38.2.1 All byelaws, so long as they are in force are binding on all members of the club.
- 38.3 No byelaws may be inconsistent with, or affect or repeal anything contained in, the memorandum or articles of association of the club or be in breach of any statutory provision.  
Any byelaw may be set aside by a special resolution of a general meeting of the club
- 38.4 Resolutions for the alteration of Rules are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> November previous and will be decided by a majority of two thirds of the members voting at the A.G.M.

21. 39 Delegation  
39.1 The directors of the club may delegate any of their powers to Committees appointed by the directors.  
39.2 With the exception of a sub-committee with less than 4 members or one concerned with the purchase for the club, or supply by the club, of alcohol, a sub-committee shall have a minimum of one director present and comprise of any number of members as directed by the directors.  
39.3 In the exercise of the powers delegated to it, a committee must conform to any regulations prescribed by the directors.  
39.4 Any delegation of powers or appointment of a committee may be recalled or revoked by the directors at any time.
22. 28 Remuneration  
The directors or officers of the club are entitled to receive expenses incurred in the carrying out of their duties and agreed by the directors; no other remuneration is to be paid unless agreed by the members.
23. Miscellaneous reimbursement expenses paid to Officers /Directors:  
The Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall receive the equivalent of 4 times the current adult membership fee- all other officers including Chairman shall receive the equivalent of twice the current adult fee.  
Non-Executive Directors will be paid reimbursable expenses equivalent to the current adult fee.
24. In the absence of the Chairman the Directors will elect a Chairman for that meeting only. Elected Chairman to have a casting vote only.
25. No member may attend a Board meeting unless specifically invited, in writing, by the Secretary. The invited member shall not take part in the proceedings unless specifically invited to participate by the Chairman. The invited member shall remain in the meeting at the Chairman's discretion. The invited member to have no voting power.
26. 17 Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
17.1 The club must hold a general meeting in each year as its AGM in addition to any other meetings in that year, and must specify the meeting as the AGM in the notices calling it.  
17.2 Not more than 14 months may elapse between the date of one AGM of the company and that of the next.  
17.3 21 days notice shall be given of the AGM which shall be held on the first Monday of February in each year at such time and place as the directors appoint.

27. The Secretary shall take the minutes of each Board meeting and AGM and shall conduct the Society's correspondence.
28. The President of the Society shall be elected at the AGM and will be eligible for re-election annually. In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the committee will elect an acting President who shall hold the position until the following AGM. Vice Presidents shall be elected at the AGM and will be eligible for re-election annually.
29. The Treasurer shall receive, and be responsible for all monies paid into the societies accounts and settle by means of cash, bank transfer or by cheque (which will bear the signatures of two of Treasurer, Chairman or Secretary) all debts and liabilities incurred on the societies behalf. The period for the financial year shall be 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
30. 40 Audit  
An auditor or auditors must be appointed and his or their duties regulated in accordance with the Act.
31. 35 Accounts  
35.1 The Directors of the club must ensure that proper books of account are kept in respect of:  
35.1.1 All sums of money received and expended by the club and the Matters in respect of which the receipts and expenditure take place  
35.1.2 and the assets and liabilities of the club.  
35.2 The books of account must be kept at the registered office of the club, or at such other place or places as the directors think fit, and must always be open to the inspection of the directors.  
35.3 The directors must from time to time determine whether, and to what extent, and at what times and places, and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the club, or any of them, are to be open to the inspection of members of the club who are not directors.  
35.4 No member who is not a director has any right to inspect any account or book or document of the club except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors.
32. 36 Presentation of accounts  
36.1 Once at least in every year the directors must lay before the club in general meeting an account of income and expenditure for the period since the preceding account.  
36.2 A balance sheet must be made out in every year and laid before the club in general meeting, these accounts will be up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the prior year.  
36.3 A copy of the balance sheet must be made available to members

- who attend the annual general meeting of the club, and may be made available on written request from a member to the Secretary.
- 36.4 Every account and balance sheet must be accompanied by a report of the directors and the account, report and balance sheet must be signed by 2 directors and countersigned by the secretary.
33. 42 It the club is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the club and any other sanction required by the act (or by any other provision of the Companies Act 1985 which shall remain in force)
- 42.1 Divide among the members in specie or in kind, the whole or any part of the assets of the club, and
- 42.2 Vest the whole or any part of the assets of the club in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he, with the same sanction determines.
34. Any member who, for any reason whatsoever, feels aggrieved in any way will make his grievance known to the Secretary in writing and will not under any circumstances pursue his objections in any other way. The Committee will endeavour to resolve the matter to a satisfactory conclusion to all parties involved.
35. Bailiffs and members are empowered to ask any persons on any Society water to produce their current membership certificate. The certificate must be carried at all times. Failure to do so will result in the person being asked to cease fishing and leave the water immediately.
- All official Society Bailiffs and Directors have the authority to confiscate a member's certificate pending investigation by the Directors. Offenders may be requested to appear before the Bailiff's. They still have the right to appear before the Board.
36. All members must abide by Environment Agency Bylaws, and be in possession of the appropriate rod licence(s)
37. Members may use two rods from April 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September except where specified otherwise. Three rods are permitted on all Society still waters from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March, except Layer Pit, Oliver's Lake, West Mersea and Brookhall.
38. No angler shall leave a baited rod unattended in or out of the water. The following is taken from EA rules.
- 'You must make sure that the distance between the butts of the outermost rods aren't more than 3 metres when fishing with multiple rods and lines. It's illegal to leave a rod and line in the water unattended or over which you don't have sufficient control.

39. At any time when a restriction order is imposed as a result of an outbreak, such as foot and mouth disease are in operation and affects land abutting Society waters, there shall be no fishing until the order is cancelled.
40. No fishing on Society stock ponds without permission of the Committee, offenders will be immediately expelled.
41. **Where locks are fitted to access gates these gates must be kept locked after either entry or exit. Gates left open will result in a ban for the offender.**
42. Bivvies, tents, umbrellas and tackle etc, must not block access around the fishery.
43. Any member vacating a swim for more than 90 minutes must remove All their tackle to free the swim for other members.  
Members may only occupy one swim at any time.
44. Marker floats may be used provided that they are reeled in after baiting and casting the baited rod. On no account are they to be left out whilst fishing.
45. **Dogs, Guns, Wildlife & Property**
- (1) No angler shall under any circumstances, be accompanied by a dog, or carry a gun on Society waters (unless specifically authorised in writing). Society Bailiffs may, whilst carrying out their duties, be accompanied by a dog. **The Bailiff is to be totally responsible and in full control and liable for the behaviour of the dog**
  - (2) Members must not leave gates unfastened, walk or park vehicles on cultivated land, no crops to be crossed. Only approach or leave the waters by the recognised footpaths and entrances. Great care must be taken not to disturb game or wildlife or damage fences or hedges or property belonging to the owner.
  - (3) Under no circumstances shall members light fires, (except using cooking stoves) unless engaged on official Society business. For the avoidance of doubt disposable barbecues are regarded as a fire.
  - (4) Members are not allowed to cut down bushes and trees to clear swims they may clear weed from the swim. New swims can only be created on official work parties.
46. **Baits, Ground baits and Application**
- a) The use of all nuts including Tiger Nuts as hook baits or loose feed is banned on all Society waters.
  - b) All ground bait (including loose feed) must be thrown in by hand or by use of catapults, throwing sticks, swim feeders, bait droppers and spods/bait rockets.
  - c) Use of Floating baits, such as Dog Biscuits is ltd to 5kg per day.

47. d) All Spombs must either float or have a float attached for ease of retrieval  
**Noise, Disturbance and Litter**
- a) The playing of Media Devices may only be used in conjunction with headphones.
  - b) Radio controlled and WiFi driven equipment is forbidden on all Society waters. Castable fish finders are permitted.
  - c) No member shall leave any form of litter, plastic bags or fishing line on Society waters. Any member fishing any peg is responsible for all litter at that peg and if proved that this rule has been disregarded the member will be Banned for Life.
48. **Safety**
- a) Anglers are not permitted to fish within restricted areas adjacent to overhead electric cables and must be at least 30 metres away from any source of electricity, and must not fish in any roped off areas.
  - b) Members must not interfere with or abuse Society lifebuoys located on Society waters. These are for emergency use only.
  - c) No boats of any type to be used on Society waters other than those used by official working parties (special safety restrictions apply).
  - d) **Wading** past knee height is not allowed on all Society waters, with the exception of returning and photographing large fish, this should only be done with another member present, **no night photos to be taken in the water.**
  - e) **Bicycles** must be left in the Fishery Car Park or pushed to the members swim. Cycling round waters is prohibited.
50. **Alcohol & Drugs** Bailiffs are authorised to confiscate the membership card and permit of any permit holder who is considered to be endangering their own or other members safety by being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, solvents etc.  
**All illegal substances are banned.**  
**Any Member found in possession of illegal substances whilst on Society Waters will face a Life Ban**
51. **Matches and Trophies**
- a) Members are not allowed to fish on match lengths on dates published in the fixture list.
  - b) Trophy holders shall return Society trophies to the Match Secretary one month before the end of the season. Trophy holders failing to return their trophies within the period shall not be eligible for future trophies for a period of two years.
  - c) In matches on still waters, carp over 20lb, bream over 8lb and tench over 7lb should be weighed and released and not placed in keepnets.

- d) When Fisheries are closed for Matches or Work Parties anglers must be packed up and vacated the Car Park by 7.00am at the latest. In the case of Work Parties only anglers who have been at the Work Parties may fish afterwards until midnight that day. When Matches are fished the pegged areas are closed until 5.00pm

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### **Fish Handling, Retention and Welfare**

- a) All anglers unhooking or handling a fish on the ground must use an unhooking mat with minimum dimensions of 100cms x 70cms x 2.5cms or carp cradle, no other device may be used. An unhooking mat must be used under the weighing nets/slings etc. to place fish on before, during and after the weighing.
- b) **All nets, weigh slings and unhooking mats must be completely dry before use on CAPS Ltd waters. Non-compliance with this will be treated as a very serious offence.**
- c) Fish must not be retained in polythene bags.
- d) The minimum size of keepnets to be used is 3mtrs long by 45cms across.
- e) No carp to be kept in keepnets, unless constructed of 'carp safe' material for at least the bottom two rings and the full length of at least one side and shall not be less than 3mtrs long by 50cms across No fish over 5lb to be kept in keepnets except on Society controlled matches on still waters.
- f) All Society bailiffs are empowered to inspect and insist that members remove fish from their keepnets should the enclosed fish show distress.
- g) Bailiffs and Officers of the Society are empowered to and may carry out random checks of bait buckets, bags and terminal tackle etc to ensure Members are compliant with Society Rules.
- h) All anglers must be in possession of a suitable sized landing net.
- i) The use of long shank bent hooks and injurious terminal tackle (such as fixed rigs where the lead/feeder cannot be ejected on main line breakage) is prohibited.
- j) No member is allowed to introduce/remove any fish to or from Society waters, except when carried out by Society officials for fishery management purposes. All fish/eels must be returned to the water alive after capture. Fish/eels must not be killed, or taken away from the fishery, to do so may give rise to a civil prosecution under schedule 1 section 2 of the theft act.
- k) Carp may be retained in 'carp sacks or floating retainers' for up to 30 minutes and then released, (one fish per sack/retainer).
- l) At the request of the Head Bailiff any Company Director has the authority to close a water for as long as deemed necessary whilst fish are spawning.

- m) **Any member that wishes to photograph any fish that they catch must not be standing with the fish. They should be knelt down with the fish over the unhooking mat at all times. All fish to be returned in a controlled manner.**

### **Pike Fishing rules**

Fishing for Pike allowed from **October 1<sup>st</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Please check individual water pages for any specific water rules, e.g. Brakes Pits.

Live baits only to be used from same water and caught in same session.

Pre frozen dead baits coarse or sea are permitted.

Freelined static dead baits are banned.

Main Line 15lb minimum or 0.35mm braid.

Wire trace 30lb minimum and 18inch minimum length.

Large rubberised landing nets only to be used.

Anglers must be in possession of; side cutters minimum of 11 inches

For removing/cutting treble hooks.

Only Barbless or semi-barbless (one micro barbed point and

2 barbless points to hold the dead bait to be used).

Appropriate size unhooking mat must for the size of pike that are likely to be caught. Mats with sides are preferred but not compulsory.

The use of pike gags is prohibited.

The club reserves the right to close swims to pike fishing if it is felt that certain pike are being repeatedly caught in the same swim.

A notice will be erected in the swim if this circumstance should arise.

## **Contacts and Websites you may find of use**

The Environment Agency

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Telephone: 08708 506506

The Angling Trust

[www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net)

Telephone: 01568 620447

Acquire your rod licence on-line

[www.ea-transactions.gov.uk](http://www.ea-transactions.gov.uk)

Specialist Group Sites

[www.carp.com](http://www.carp.com)

[www.ukcarp.net](http://www.ukcarp.net)

[www.catfish1.com](http://www.catfish1.com)

[www.thecatfishsociety.co.uk](http://www.thecatfishsociety.co.uk)

[www.thebarbelsociety.co.uk](http://www.thebarbelsociety.co.uk)

[www.thecarpsociety.com](http://www.thecarpsociety.com)

[www.barbel.co.uk](http://www.barbel.co.uk)

[www.pacgb.com](http://www.pacgb.com)

Match/General Sites

[www.total-fishing.com](http://www.total-fishing.com)

[www.anglingtimes.co.uk](http://www.anglingtimes.co.uk)

[www.anglersnet.co.uk](http://www.anglersnet.co.uk)

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## **Health and Safety Policy**

C.A.P.S. Ltd is committed to ensuring the Health and Safety of its membership on Society waters.

In particular, C.A.P.S.Ltd will ensure :

- It provides and maintains safe and healthy fisheries.
- Effective systems of communication and consultation on Health and Safety via our website, social media and Officers
- That members and third parties are at all times responsible for their own health and safety while on our waters.
- C.A.P.S. Ltd cannot be held responsible for consequences and actions which arise from the breaking of these rules.
- Contractors will provide the Society with a copy of their insurance cover, plus they will maintain management of their own health and safety while on our waters.
- Health and Safety standards are maintained using Industry and Health and Safety guidance where possible.
- Health and Safety will be audited and reviewed within our own safety management system.
- C.A.P.S. Ltd actively complies with Health and Safety law.

### **Weil's Disease**

There has been a number of cases around East Anglia, but as far as we know none have been reported on C.A.P.S. Ltd waters.

It is however prudent to take all possible precautions, as the disease is carried by rats it is best practice not to leave edible food or baits laying around our waters.

Uncovered cuts in water can be contaminated with this disease, to reduce the risk of infection always carry plasters in your tackle box, and use sterile wet wipes to clean cuts and scratches.

NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/leptospirosis>



## **BEWARE OF OVERHEAD POWER CABLES**

**DO NOT USE CARBON FIBRE RODS OR POLES NEAR  
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**AVOID FISHING IN ELECTRICAL STORMS OR WITHIN  
30 METRES OF ANY SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY  
DO NOT GO FISHING IN STORMS –FALLEN TREES  
SUBSIDING BANKS AND FLOODING CAN LEAD TO  
SERIOUS ACCIDENTS**

**All Members, Volunteers and Permitted  
Guests are at all times responsible for their  
own safety and actions and for the safety of  
others who may be affected as a result of their actions or  
omissions.**

**Entry to and from CAPS Ltd waters in a vehicle  
is entirely at the Anglers risk.**

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# UPSHERS LAKE - Fingringhoe



**Approx Post Code : CO11 1RG**

**Head Bailiff: Phil Saville Tel: 07544 100399**

**Directions:** From Colchester head out towards Fingringhoe via Old Heath Road which in turn becomes Fingringhoe Road. At crossroads which has Whalebone pub on the corner, turn left into Church Rd and then take right into Brook Hall Rd. Our lake is at the end of this road.

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**Parking:** Parking at far end of lake.

**Toilet:** Toilet on site all year in car park.

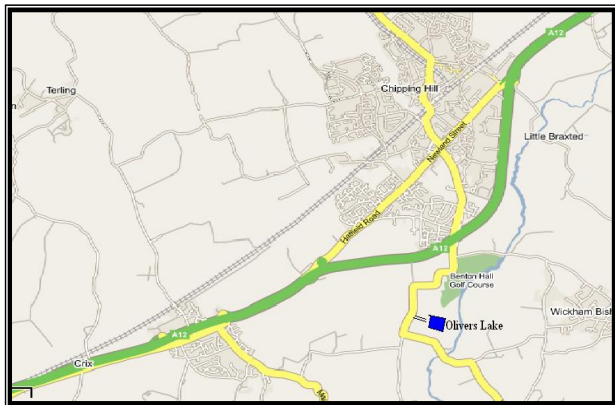
**Fish:** The stock is unknown at present but Roach,Rudd,Pike,Tench and Carp appear to be present.

**Restrictions:** Fishing from marked pegs only.

2 Rods all year round.

No Spodding allowed (fish welfare)

## OLIVERS LAKE – Witham



**Head Bailiff :** Justin Chesson **Tel:** 07708 871781

**Directions:** From Colchester take the A12 towards London leaving at the Witham exit. Continue through Witham town centre before turning left towards Maldon. Follow this road beneath the A12 flyover, through a series of bends and continue along for about 400 metres of straight road. The entrance to fishery is down a track on the left.

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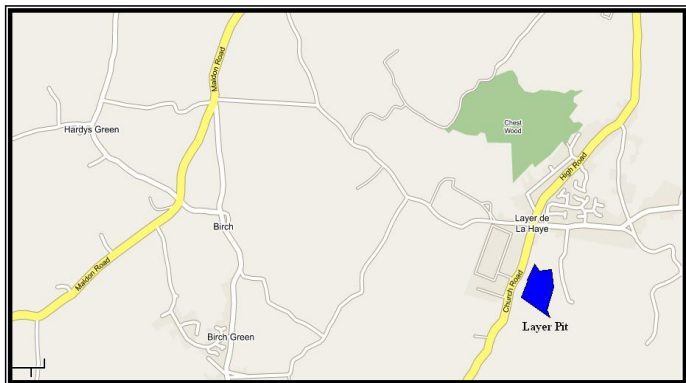
**Parking:** Park in car park inside the gate. Cars must not be taken round the lake. Gate to be kept locked.

**Toilet:** Located in car park, on site all year.

**Fish:** Tench, Crucians, Perch, Carp, Bream, Roach and Rudd.

**Restrictions:** Members are permitted to use two rods throughout the year.

# LAYER PIT – Layer-de-la-Haye



## LAYER PIT Layer-de-la-Haye South of Colchester

Map Ref: TL96801960

Post Code: CO2 0EP

**Head Bailiff:-** Charlie Claxton **Tel:** 07464 310326

**Directions:** From Colchester take the B1026 Maldon Road continue to Layer-de-la-Haye. Fishery is about 200yards past the crossroads, opposite the waterworks.

What three words: ///stand.dress.select

**Parking:** On the gravel car park inside the entrance gates.

**Fish:** Carp, Bream, Tench, Perch, Roach, Pike and Eels.

**Toilets:** Toilet facilities are available near the car park. These toilets should be kept locked using lock number supplied on rear of membership card.

All swims at Layer are single swims with the exception of the Boathouse Swim which is the only double on the Pit

## **LAYER PIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RULES**

- a) **The Layer Pit area is out of bounds to Society members between 10:00pm and 05:30am, except for official working parties.** No parking, waiting or queuing within the Parish Boundaries of Layer -de-la-Haye at any time. **No entry to the car park before 05:30am.No access to the fishery before 6:00am.**
- b) No motor vehicles to be parked on farm or concrete roadways near Layer Pit. They must be parked on the high ground car park inside the entrance gates.
- c) Anglers are not permitted to fish within restricted areas adjacent to overhead electricity cables and must be at least 30 metres away from any source of electricity. All roped-off areas are out of bounds.
- d) Maximum of 2 rods permitted throughout the year.
- e) **Fish Welfare: Fish are not to be played whilst the mainline is “Clipped Up”**
- f) **Health & Safety: When Carp angling the main line must be a minimum of 15lbs breaking strain.**
- g) Layer Pit is only available to members that have a valid Layer Pit Upgrade. Upgrades are available by attending four working parties. When four work parties have been attended membership card along with £30 fee for Adults, £15 Juniors should be sent to the membership secretary who will issue the upgrade.Members not wishing to attend working parties may purchase a Layer upgrade by paying the sum of £130 for all adults less £25 for each work party attended or £15 for all juniors.  
**N.B. Upgrades** are only available through Membership Services. Please note above conditions may alter from time to time and the latest requirements are available on the company’s web site

**The entry gate must be shut and locked at all times**

**Please note Guest Tickets are not available for Layer Pit**

**Please read the Information on the following 2 pages**

## **BIOSECURITY WARNING**

*Crassula helmsii* is a non native invasive plant that inhabits wetland habitats. It has many names the most common being New Zealand Pygmy weed or Australian Swamp-stonecrop.

This plant is able to regenerate from tiny fragments, can rapidly establish and dominate affected areas, The effects of this plant on a wetland are **significant**. It can reduce the quality of fishing and is a threat to native plant species. Anyone coming into contact with this plant can carry around and therefore spread it including **fishing equipment, clothing and boots**.

**Essex & Suffolk Water** have recently undertaken a costly project to remove this plant and the sand bar from Layer Pit, Anglers returning this site **MUST BE AWARE** that they can spread the plant between sites. CAPS Ltd have several different waters so all members must be vigilant and responsible in their actions. All members should follow and incorporate the **CHECK. CLEAN. DRY** motto.

If *Crassula helmsii* returns to Layer Pit, Essex & Suffolk Water are to be informed and together with CAPS Ltd will initiate a plan of action. Please check our WEB Site for further information on identification of this plant or go to the GB non native species secretarial website.

STOP THE SPREAD

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CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

Invasive plants and animals harm the environment, reduce the quality of fishing and spread disease. Please help to stop them by following the Check, Clean, Dry code.

CHECK

Check your equipment and clothing for living plants and animals. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly. If you do come across any plants and animals, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY

Dry all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Look out for the invasive species that are a problem in our waterways



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**Colchester Angling Preservation Society Ltd  
Fixture List and Water Closures 2026/2027**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Pegs Closed</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Fishing Times</i>
<b>APRIL</b>						
Sun 5th	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 5th	<b>work party</b>	<b>club</b>	<b>Inworth 1&amp;2</b>	both lakes	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 12th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 12th	<b>Work party</b>	<b>club</b>	<b>Bov1&amp;2</b>		9.00am	-1.00pm
Thu 16th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's	1-28	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 19th	sweepstake	club	St.Osyth	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 19th	<b>work party</b>	club	<b>Brakes Pit</b>	whole lake	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 26th	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 26th	<b>work party</b>	<b>club</b>	<b>Rectory pool</b>	whole lake	9.00am	-1.00pm
<b>MAY</b>						
Sun 3rd	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 3rd	<b>work party</b>	<b>club</b>	<b>Bov1&amp;2</b>		9.00am	-1.00pm
Thu 7th	sweepstake	club	Upshers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 10th	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 14th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	10-40	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 17th	<b>work party</b>	<b>club</b>	<b>Snake pit</b>	whole lake	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 17th	sweepstake	club	Preston's	1-40	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 24th	sweepstake	club	St Osyth	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 31st	<b>work party</b>		<b>Mersea</b>	whole lake	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 31st	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
<b>JUNE</b>						
Thu 4th	sweepstake	club	Upshers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sat/sun 6th/7th	24hr charity match		Layer Pit	whole lake		both days
Sun 7th	charity open	<b>open</b>	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 11th	sweepstake	club	Prestons lake	1-30	1.30pm	15.00-20.00
Sat 13th	ACI		Oliver's	whole lake	8.00am	9.00-2.00
Sun 14th	sweepstake	club	St Osyth	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 21st	EICL	Away	Kelvedon		8.00am	10.00-3.00
Sun 28th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
<b>JULY</b>						
Thu 2nd	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	10-40	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 5th	sweepstake	club	Prestons lake	1-45	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 9th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's	1-28	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sat 11th	junior match	club	Brookhall	whole lake	9.00am	10.00-2.00
Sun 12th	EICL	club	Preston's	whole lake	8.00am	10.00-3.00
Sat 18th	ACI		Brookhall	25-48	8.00am	9.00-2.00
Sun 19th	caps Vs does	team x10	away		8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 26th	Russ Goodacre Memorial	<b>open</b>	Prestons	1-50	8.30am	10.00-4.00
<b>AUGUST</b>						
Sun 2nd	Reg Upsher memorial	club	Oliver's	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 6th	sweepstake	club	Upshers lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 9th	EICL	team	Brookhall	whole lake	8.00am	10.00-3.00
Sat 15th	ACI		Oliver's	18-39	8.00am	9.00-2.00
Sun 16th	Charity Open	<b>open</b>	Prestons lake	1-50	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 23rd	sweepstake	club	Oliver's	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 27th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	10-40	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 30th	sweepstake	club	Prestons lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
Thu 3rd	sweepstake	club	Upshers Lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sat 5th	junior match	club	Brookhall	whole lake	9.00am	10.00-2.00
Sun 6th	EICL	team away	Doe's AC			
Sun 6th	carp match	club	Layer pit	whole lake	all day	
Sat 12th	ACI		Brookhall	25-48	8.00am	9.00-2.00

**SEPTEMBER cont**

Sun 13th	silverfish only	club	Layer pit	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sat 19th & 21st	bailiff social club	Brakes pits	both lakes	7.00am-7.00pm		
Sun 20th	caps vs does.	team x10	Oliver's.	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 24th	sweepstake	club	St Osyth	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 27th	EICL	Team	River Chelmer		8.00am	10.00-3.00

**OCTOBER**

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sat 3rd	ACI		Oliver's	18-39	8.00am	9.00-2.00
Sun 4th	sweepstake	club	St Osyth	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 11th	<b>work party</b>		<b>Layer pit</b>	whole lake	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 11th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 18th	<b>work party</b>		<b>Brakes pits</b>	both lakes	9.00am	-1.00pm
Sun 18th	sweepstake	club	Preston's lake	1-45	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Thu 22nd	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	10-40	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 25th	3x5 league	team away	police AC			
Sun 25th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00

**NOVEMBER**

Sun 1st	EICL	Team	Maldon canal		8.00am	9.30-3.00
Sun 8th	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00
Sun 8th	<b>work party</b>		<b>Prestons Lake</b>	whole lake	9.00am - 1.00pm	
Sun 15th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	sweepstake	club	Ushers lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00
Sun 22nd	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00
Sun 29th	sweepstake	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00

**DECEMBER**

Sun 6th	Xmas Match	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-2.30
Sun 13th	3x5 league					
Sun 13th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00
Sun 20th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.00am	9.30-3.00

**JANUARY 2027**

Sun 3rd	silver fish only	club	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.00
Sun 10th	3x5 league	team	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.00
Sun 17th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.00

**FEBRUARY**

Mon 1st	<b>CAPS Ltd AGM.</b>		<b>Belle Vue Club</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>		
Sun 7th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.00
Sun 14th	<b>work party</b>	club	<b>Brakes pit</b>	whole lake	9.00am	1.00pm
Sun 14th	silverfish only	club	Olivers lake	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.30
Sun 21st	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	9.30-3.30

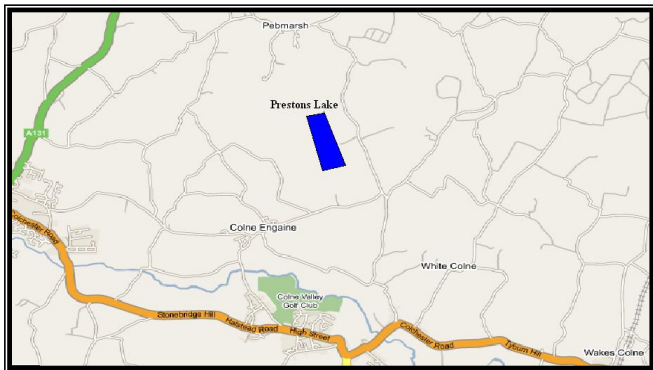
**MARCH**

Sun 7th	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 7th	<b>work party</b>	club	<b>Prestons</b>	whole lake	9.00am	1.00pm
Sun 14th	sweepstake	club	Oliver's lake	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 14th	<b>work party</b>	club	<b>Layer pit</b>	whole lake	9.00am	1.00pm
Sun 21st	sweepstake	club	Brookhall	whole lake	8.30am	10.00-4.00
Sun 21st	<b>work party</b>	club	<b>Oliver's Lake.</b>	whole lake	9.00am	1.00pm\
Sun 28th	sweepstake	club	Preston's lake	1-45	8.30am	10.00-4.00

To book in to all club matches and events please contact Andy Howard on 07818 214507

Please Note to cover the club under its insurance Only club members are allowed to attend work Parties  
When Fisheries are closed for Matches or Work Parties anglers must be packed up and vacated the Car Park by 7.00am  
at the latest. In the case of Work Parties only anglers who have been at the Work Parties may fish afterwards until  
midnight that day. When Matches are fished the pegged areas are closed until 5.00pm.

# PRESTONS LAKE – Pebmarsh



**Grid Ref: TL85403210 Post Code : CO9 2NP**

**Head Bailiff:** Joe Firman Tel: 07514 429664

**Directions:** From Colchester take the A1124 towards Halstead. At White Colne turn sharply right at the triangular green (road signed for Pebmarsh). Follow for 2.5 miles and the lake is on left down a track. What three words: ///obtain.sweeter.candles

**Parking:** Only park in the car park area by lake. No vehicles to be taken around the lake. Any member found doing this will be expelled.

**Toilet:** On site all year is located next to the car park at end of track.

**Fish:** Roach, Rudd, Bream, Tench, Crucians, Perch, Carp and Pike.

**Restrictions:**

- Fishing from permanent pegs only.
- Topmost end of lake is out of bounds at all times.
- No fishing from dam wall.
- Members are permitted to use up to three rods throughout the year.

**Beware of snags in the original stream bed.**

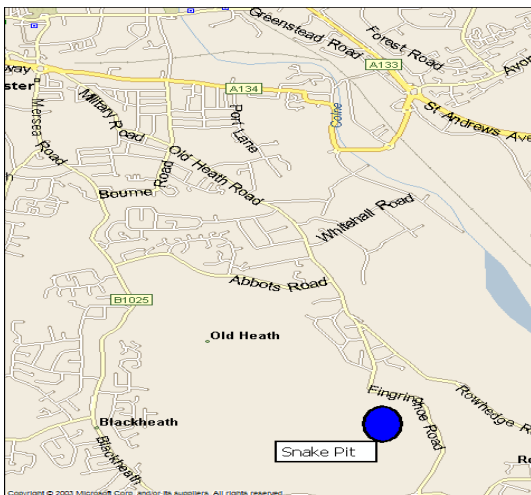
# SNAKE PIT

Near Rowhedge

Grid Ref: TM01802220 PostCode:CO5 7JL

Head Bailiff:

Tel:



**Directions:** From Colchester either follow Military Road which leads onto Old Heath Road or take the B1025 West Mersea Road, turn left into Abbots Road and through to 'T' junction. Turn right into Old Heath Road which joins Fingringhoe Road. The entrance to the lake is on the opposite of a sharp left hand bend.

What three words: [///lungs.shine.chill](http://lungs.shine.chill)

**Parking:** Park by the entrance or down the bottom of the track.

**Toilet:** On site all year. **Fish:** Carp, Catfish, Tench and Pike

**Restrictions:** a) No fishing in the snags. b) Members are permitted to use **two** rods during the summer months (1<sup>st</sup> April 30<sup>th</sup> September) and three rods in winter (1<sup>st</sup> October- 31<sup>st</sup> March).

**Please note Guest Tickets are not available for Snake Pit**

## BOVINGTON LAKES - Hatfield Peverel



**Grid Ref : TL80501140 Post Code : CM3 2JL**

**Head Bailiff :** Lewis Ellis **Tel:** 07539 951757

**Directions:** From Colchester take the A12 towards London, leaving at the Hatfield Peverel exit. Shortly afterwards turn left towards Maldon (B1019). Follow this road for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile before turning left into a minor road. Entrance to the fishery is through a gate about 200 meters down road. The first lake on the left is Bovington 1, drive past this lake, down the track to No. 2 lake.

What Three Words: [///tags.wants.elder](#)

**Parking:** Bovington 1 : Inside the entrance gate on the left. **N.B.** No parking in the field down near the bottom of the track.

Bovington 2 : Car park on the low ground at the bottom of the track as you approach the lake. **Note:- Having spent thousands of pounds on the track, speeding will not be tolerated Offenders face a Life Ban**

**Toilet:** The toilet is located near Bovington 1 bottom of track.

Toilet is on site all year round.

**Fish:** Bream, Roach, Rudd, Perch, Carp, Tench and Pike.

### **Restrictions:**

- Access gate to be locked at all times after entry/exit.
- Members are permitted to use a maximum of two rods in the Summer months 1<sup>st</sup> April- 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Bovington 2 – If members wish to double up in a swim then a maximum of 3 rods per swim is permitted throughout the season.
- Spodding is not allowed on either lake. (Fish Welfare)
- 3 Rods per angler allowed from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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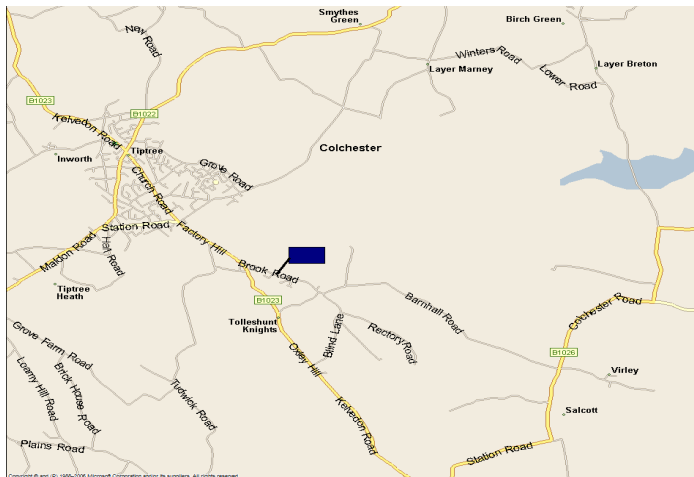
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# BROOKHALL LAKE

## Tolleshunt Knights



**Map Ref: TL913155 Post Code: CM9 8WD**

**Head Baliff :** Rob Houlding **Tel:** 07770 666955

**Directions:** Take the B1023 from Tiptree towards Tolleshunt Knights on approaching the village bear left onto Brook Road approx. 200yds further on track left leads down to lake

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**Parking :** Through gate at end of lane.

**Gates must be left shut and locked**

Only 2 Rods per angler allowed throughout the year  
Fishing from permanent pegs only.

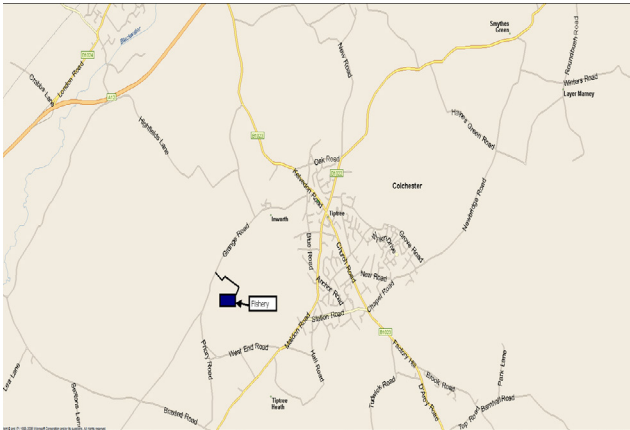
**Toilet:** on site in car park all year round

**Fishing:** Carp, Roach, Bream, Tench, Rudd, Perch

**Fish Conservation**

**Keepnet Rule: 2 nets must be used if anglers wish to keep carp in keepnets.  
1 net for silvers and 1 for carp.**

# INWORTH GRANGE 1- Tiptree



**Grid Ref : TL88541591 Post Code : CO5 0QQ**

**Head Bailiff:** Wayne Smith **Tel:** 07943 608735

**Directions:** From Colchester take the A12 southbound, turning off at the Rivenhall turn off. Follow the slip road to the bottom and then turn right at the junction. Follow this road up past Braxted Park (approx 2 miles) and turn left into Grange Road. Proceed along Grange Road for just over a mile and you will find the entrance into the gravel company on the right hand side.

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**Parking:** Only park in the car park by the lake. No vehicles to be taken round the lakes. Any member found doing so will be expelled.

**Toilet:** On site in the main car park all year.

**Fish:** Tench, Crucians, Perch, Roach, Rudd, Carp and Pike.

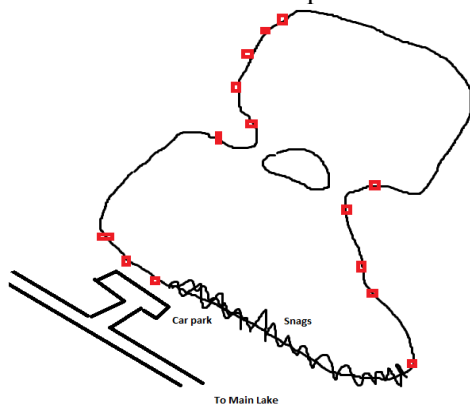
**Restrictions:**

- Fishing on top canal lake will be allowed once improvements are carried out.
- The gravel workings are out of bounds.
- Spodding** is not allowed on Inworth 1
- Members are permitted to use two rods during the summer months (April to September incl.) and three rods in the winter (October – March incl.)

**Beware of gravel trucks when using access track**

## INWORTH GRANGE 2

Tiptree



**Introduction:** This four acre lake will take a few years to be truly up and running but once it is, will make provide superb pleasure and specimen non-carp angling with a focus on Bream and Tench. There is also a healthy head of silvers and Pike are also present.

**Directions:** Following the same directions as provided for the Inworth complex and as you drive down the gravel track you will see the turning approximately 150 yards before the main car park. If the car park is full for this lake please use the main car park.

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**Toilet:** In the main car park all year round.

**Fish:** Tench, Bream, Perch, Roach, Rudd and Pike.

**Spodding:** is not allowed on Inworth 2

**Note:** At present you cannot walk around the whole lake, you either walk to the left or the right.



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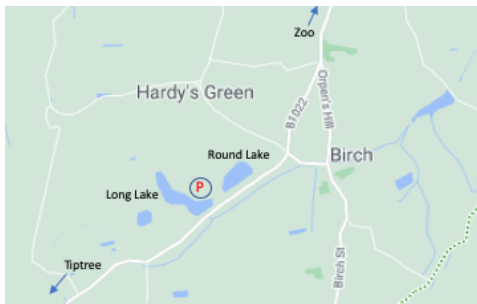
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# BRAKES PITS

## Birch



Post Code: CO2 0NU

**Head Bailiff:** Pete Hamilton **Tel:** 07979 732192

**Directions:** The pits can be found on the B1022 Maldon Road between Colchester and Tiptree. It is around 5 mins from Colchester Zoo and the entrance is just before the Hanson Aggregates gravel pit entrance if coming from Colchester.

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**Parking:** A main carpark is available for both Pits, there is also a smaller carpark on the right for the Round Pit. No driving around the Pits as the track gets very soft.

**Toilet:** In main Car Park. On site all year.

**Fish:** Specimen Carp are the main species in both pits. As of 2023, 4 carp over 40lb in Long and 6 between 20lb and 36lb in round. Large Pike also exist

**Restrictions:** Members should ensure they are familiar with the general rules of the club, but some specific to this water.

- a) Parking in Main Car Park Only  
3 Rods will be allowed all year.
- b) Long Lake: No fishing where the gravel pit operates, this is well signposted.  
Round Lake: No Fishing on road bank, this is roped off.  
As with other waters no radio-controlled boats allowed on the water

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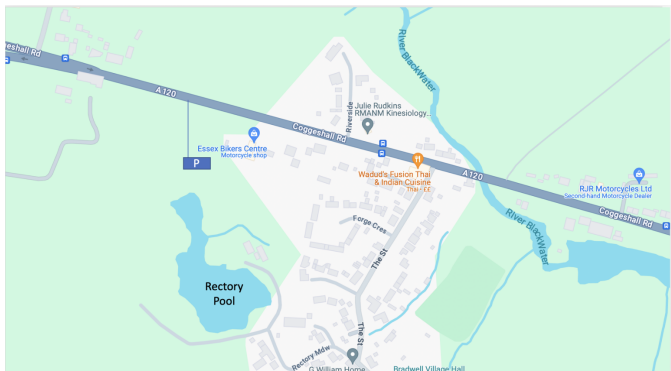
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# RECTORY POOL

## Bradwell



**Map Ref: TL80362294 Post Code: CM77 8EB**

**Head Baliff :** Keaton Riseborough **Tel :** 07903 003774

**Directions:** From Colchester follow A120 towards Braintree. The Car Park entrance is located on the left about 200meters past the Wadud's restaurant, just before the road splits into a dual carriageway. It is a turning directly off the main road into a small track where a gate provides security.

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**Parking :** Is only permitted within the sunken area that forms the car park. Any member parking outside this area will face an automatic life ban.

**Toilet:** on site in car park from 1<sup>st</sup> April 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**Fishing:** Carp, Roach, Bream, Rudd, Perch

**Restrictions:**

Fishing from permanent pegs only

Maximum of 2 rods throughout the year.

# WELLHOUSE FARM

## West Mersea



**Grid Ref: TM01601452 Post Code: CO5 8RU**

**Head Bailiff:** Kevin Payne **Tel:** 07530 919796

**Directions:** From Colchester take the B105 to West Mersea and pass over the Strood and proceed to the right past the East Mersea turning where you will see a lay-by on the left and approx. 150 metres further on the entrance to the car park.

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**Parking:** Through locked gate in designated car park.

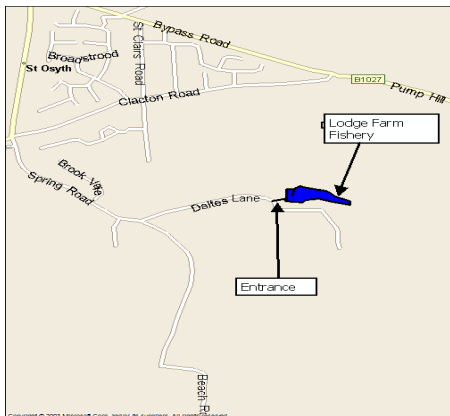
**Toilet:** In car park all year.

**Fish:** North Lake (nearest Colchester) contains mainly carp up to 30lb plus a small number of silver fish.

**Restrictions:** a) Only two rods permitted at any time.

# LODGE FARM

## St Osyth



Grid Ref: TM13301540 Post Code: CO16 8SA

**Head Bailiff:** Ed Young Tel: 07470 662042

**Directions:** From Colchester take the B1027 towards St. Osyth and when approaching the village turn right proceeding along Colchester Road and on to Spring Road before turning left into Daltes Lane travel for ¼ mile as the road bends right the entrance to the car park is directly in front of you.

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**Parking:** The gate is fitted with a Society lock.

**Fish:** The water contains a good head of Carp in the range of 6-14lb along with a fair number of 20lb plus Mirror Carp. Bream of 4lb plus and other silver fish are also stocked.

**Toilet:** in the car park all year round.

**Restrictions:**

- Only 2 rods permitted April to October inclusive, three rods permitted in winter, November to March inclusive.
- No fish over 5lb in keepnets except for organised matches.
- Fishing from designated swims only

## **RIVER STOUR –Henny Street Henny Road,Henny Street,Sudbury**

**Head Bailiff:** Steve Howell **Mobile:** 07846 611822

The fishing on this mile long stretch which is shared with Billericay DAC is not considered easy, but it can yield excellent specimens. The average depth is about 5 feet but variations mean it varies from 2-10 foot .

Several shoals of Bream to 10lbs plus, Chub to 6lbs, Pike to 21lbs,Tench, Roach, Perch and Dace are present.

**Directions:-** This stretch is on Henny Road between Bures and Sudbury, parking is in a layby half a mile before Henny Swan Public House if travelling from Bures. There is a stile by parking area which has to be crossed, the gate is permanently locked for farm access only.

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No Toilets on this stretch.

Close season applies 15<sup>th</sup> March-15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.

**Anglers must not dig swims into bank**

## **RIVER STOUR:** Nayland -Langham

The Club held these waters for most of its history, a few years ago we gave these stretches up but we are now pleased to have them back in our portfolio.

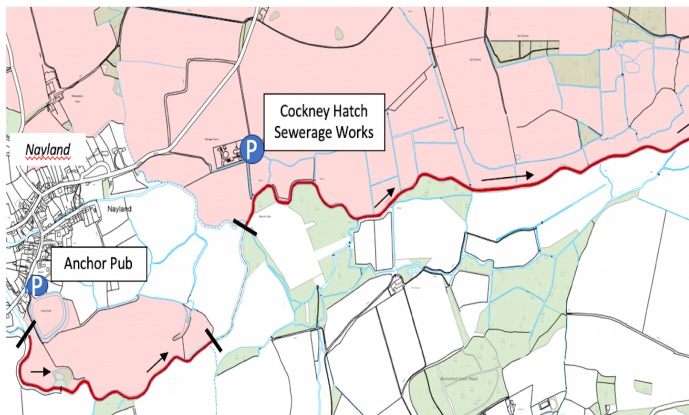
The river holds Dace, Chub, Carp, Pike, Perch, Rudd and Roach with some excellent specimens present.

**Directions:** Head out from Colchester on the A134 towards Nayland, turn right into Horkesley Road towards the Anchor Pub, which is the start of the stretch. Only one locked gate on the stretch this is on the access lane to Nayland (Cockney Hatch) Sewerage works. There are 3locks on the single chain as multiple agencies, farmers, Anglian Water etc use this access lane (our lock is the gold combination lock). Please ensure you lock the gate as you found it.

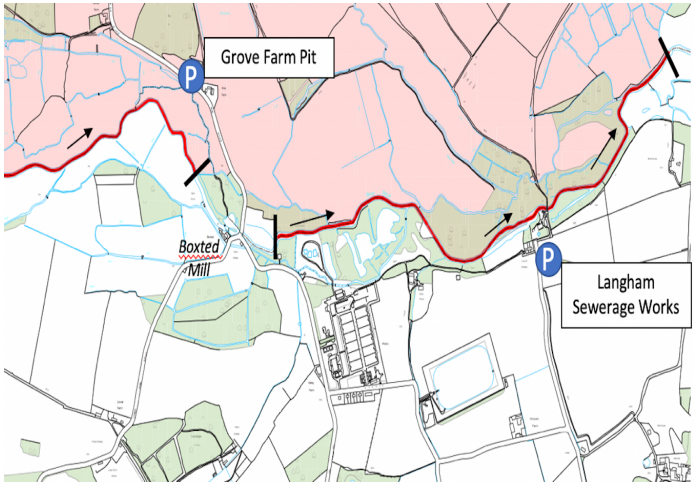
### **Restrictions:**

1. Close season applies 15<sup>th</sup> March-15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.
2. Anglers must not dig swims into the bank but can cut back vegetation such as nettles etc.
3. No fishing upstream of Nayland Anchor Bridge, this is not part of our lease and is for Nayland residents only.
4. Parking at Nayland is in lay by before the Anchor Pub, do not park or fish in Pub Car Park.
5. No fishing on Nayland Common Land
6. There is no access or parking at Tendring Hall Farm.
7. Please be aware that CPS lease the Essex Bank at Langham.
8. There are no toilets on the stretch.

# RIVER STOUR: Nayland to Boxted



# RIVER STOUR: Boxted to Langham



## River Stour – Cattawade



**Approx. Post Code :** CO11 1RG

**Head Bailiff:** Benjamin Vagg **Tel:** 07769 676433

**Directions:** Coming from Colchester on A137 go past Manningtree station and head towards Brantham, go over White Bridge and you will come to a roundabout, turn right into industrial area. From Ipswich come down Brantham Hill turn left at roundabout into factory lane. What three words:///showrooms remodel.inherits

**Parking:** parking on factory lane (in front of Pizza shop, is closest)

**Toilet:** No toilet on this stretch.

**Fish:** Roach, Rudd, Bream, Perch, Carp and Pike.

**Restrictions:**

- Fishing from the 10 permanent pegs only. Anglers must not dig swims into the bank but can cut back vegetation such as nettles etc.

Close season applies 15<sup>th</sup> March-15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive

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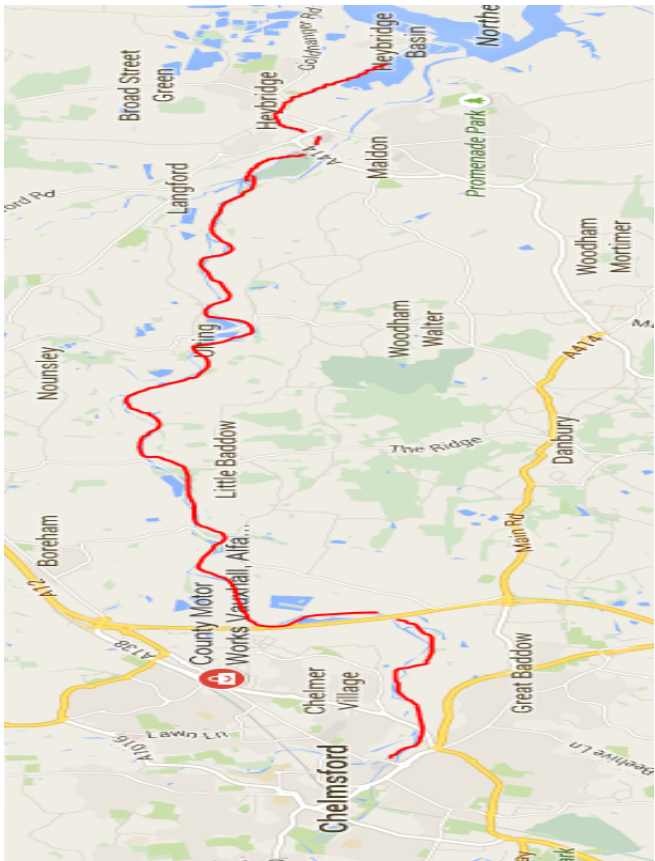
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CAPS Bailiff: Dan Jarman Tel: 07398 177785

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Day tickets are available from selected tackle shops, also from bailiffs on easy accessible sections only.

Please be careful to observe notice boards erected along the canal as certain banks will remain out of bounds, or private.

The river genuinely offers something for everyone and it's a genuine case of effort equals reward with some great catches this year.

#### Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Fishing Rules

These are in addition to those already stated within the Club rules:

1. Close season applies 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.
2. Anglers must not dig swims into bank.
3. No fish to be kept in captivity for longer than 6 hours and any fish showing signs of distress should be returned immediately.
4. Where a match is advertised, the stretch of water will be closed for fishing from both banks for 2 hours before and 1 hour after the match.
5. The use of live fish baits is not permitted.
6. Anglers fishing for carp and pike must use an unhooking mat.
7. Carp sacks are not to be used and carp over 5lbs will not be retained by any method, except during officially booked matches.
8. No fishing within 30 metres of any lock, nor within 15 metres of any bridge, weir, wharf, landing stage, permanent mooring or other navigational structure.
9. No fishing on that part of the waterway just above Daisy Meadow Car Park and Heybridge basin.
10. No fishing between Paper Mill road bridge and the upstream end of the towpath moorings at Paper Mill.
11. No fishing on that part of the waterway adjacent to Treasure Island at Little Baddow.
12. No fishing on that part of the waterway adjacent to the South Bank between Hall Bridge Heybridge and Heybridge basin.
13. No angler is to be inconsiderate or abusive towards other users of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation.
14. Anglers must not obstruct the towpath.

## Notes

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**In case you should lose your CAPS licence, or indeed your rod licence(s), write down the numbers here so that they are traceable**

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## **LEAVE NO LITTER**

**This society pledges it's every effort to the betterment of Angling for all its members to enjoy, and no expense will be too great in the endeavour to acquire good waters, and restocking. Please assist us by returning ALL fish and by the careful handling of them in every way. The Committee recommends that as large a keepnet as possible should be used.**

# **CAPS Ltd Mission** **Statement**

**The long term aim of the Society is to provide more and varied fishing for its members through the improvement of existing fisheries and the acquisition of new waters.**

**And please remember**

*Any member may be accompanied by one non-fishing guest, who will not occupy a peg other than that of the host member. The member shall be responsible for the conduct of the guest.*

**LEAVE NO**  
**LITTER !!!**