

Nidderdale Angling Club

Nidderdale Angling Club has provided fine brown trout and grayling fishing for local and visiting anglers to the Dale for over a hundred years. The club will continue to do this for the benefit of future generations by good fishery management and by adopting rules, by-laws, and policies that encourage angling practices sympathetic to the conservation of fish species native to the river.

The club constitution, rules, and fishing by-laws below are also posted on the club website at www.nidderdaleac.co.uk.

N A C Fishing By-laws

1. Juniors under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. The adult must be within easy calling distance and reach at all times and must be responsible for the behaviour and safety of the junior.
2. The NAC Trout season opens on April 1st or Good Friday, whichever is earlier, and closes on 30th September. The Grayling season opens on 16th June and closes at end of February following.
3. Day tickets will usually be available to the public from 1st April to 30th September.
4. The Total Bag limit is 2 fish per day which must be 12" (30.5cm) or more, measured from tip of nose to fork of tail and must be retained whole.
5. All anglers, when fishing Club waters, must:
 - I. Carry their valid membership card, season ticket or day ticket and show them, if asked to do so by another member or STH.
 - II. Possess a valid Environment Agency licence and display a NAC car parking ticket in all designated car parking areas.
 - III. Carry a recognized means of measuring fish, a landing net, a method of cutting line and a disgorger or forceps.
6. Fishing Methods: Float, Ledger and Fly. Natural minnow is permitted between 1st July and 30th September. Bait fishing is permitted on all lengths with the exception of the two clearly marked "Fly Only" lengths at Glasshouses and Low Green. NOTE: Between 1st October and end of February the Glasshouses C & R length can be fished with bait. All fishing on the Catch and Release lengths will be with barbless or debarbed hooks.
7. **The following are banned whilst fishing on Club waters: Swim or Float feeders, Keep nets, Rods or poles in excess of 15ft (see Scar House details), Hooks larger than size 12 (except for imitative Mayflies and Czech Nymphs when size 10 will be permitted), Lead shot, Spinners, Artificial minnows, Double and Treble hooks, dogs, radios, ferrets, fires and firearms.**
8. No angler is allowed to fish Club waters with more than one rod in use at any time. No rod to be left unattended.
9. Members must keep a record of fish caught and killed and submit a return when renewing membership.
10. Any angler selling his catch will be expelled.
11. **Guest tickets:** No more than two per host member or STH per day allowing guests to fish ALL Club waters. Guests must be accompanied by their host and tickets must be obtained before fishing. After 30th September, junior guests, up to and including 16 years of age on the day of fishing may fish free as long as they are accompanied by their host. Unaccompanied guest tickets are invalid. Members or STH's are responsible for their guests' behavior and adherence to the rules. Junior members are not permitted to take fishing guests.
12. Irrespective of size all rainbow trout and roach caught in club waters on the River Nidd, including the 'catch and release lengths', are to be killed. A record of such fish must be kept and reported to the General secretary AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
13. All anglers should be aware of club by-laws. A member, preferably acting with another, may request to see any other anglers membership card, season ticket or day ticket. In the event of any contravention of the by-laws a member of the Committee must be informed. Direct physical action must be avoided.

Offences	Penalties	The Disciplinary Committee will decide on the penalty
Taking undersized fish, taking more than 2 fish, taking fish out of season or taking fish from the catch and release lengths	Could involve Expulsion	
All other reported offences	Could involve suspension	

CLUB WATERS

It is imperative that the existing good relations with riparian owners and farmers are maintained. Where access to the river is across pasture, anglers must use designated footpaths or keep to the field sides. A map showing all club waters is available and should be carried by those unfamiliar with club waters.

- A. **Left Bank of River Nidd facing downstream:** From top of third field below Wath bridge to Glasshouses Mill except for a short length at downstream end of Harefield. From Glasshouses Mill to point 40 yards above Dacre Bridge except for a short length at Crowtrees and at Old Twine Mill, Low Laithe.
 - B. **Right Bank of River Nidd facing downstream:** From boundary wall of field below Gouthwaite Gauge Basin to Recreation Ground, Pateley Bridge. From boundary wall at downstream side of Castlestead to top of weir above Sawmill at Dacre. Three fields below Dacre.
 - C. **Catch and Release.** The length of river, both banks, between the weir at the Old Twine Mill, Low Laithe, and the weir at Summerbridge Sawmill is designated "catch and release" as is the Fly only length upstream from Glasshouses Bridge. Anyone found in possession of brown trout or grayling along these lengths shall be liable to expulsion.
- D. **SCAR HOUSE RESERVOIR** In addition to the waters on the Nidd, the Club also leases Scar House Reservoir. The by-laws for the river cover Scar House with the following amendments :

14. Scar House season from 1st April to 30th Sept only.
15. Methods. Worm, Fly and Artificial lure only are permitted. Single hooks only, no bigger than size 12. The use of rods in excess of 15 feet is permitted for the purpose of dapping. Ground baiting of any kind is not permitted on Scar.
16. Fishing Times. From 8am to one hour after sunset.
17. No Wading and No fishing from the dam walls.
18. No cars to be taken beyond the official car park. NAC Parking Ticket to be displayed on all vehicles.
19. Anglers must include a note of fish caught at Scar in their annual return.
20. Anglers must show Membership Card or Season Ticket to Yorkshire Water Representatives if requested.

NO LIABILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CLUB FOR ANY ACCIDENT OCCURRING WHILST FISHING CLUB WATERS.

Constitution and Rules.

1. The Club shall be called the NIDDERDALE ANGLING CLUB and will hereinafter be referred to as "the Club".
2. The objects of the Club are to promote angling for residents of Upper Nidderdale and to stock, preserve and acquire club waters for the use of its Members.
3. Qualification for membership shall be voting residence within the area of the old Pateley Bridge Union (OPBU) and at the discretion of the Committee. All ages are calculated from 31st March. All subscriptions shall be as approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Members having left the area of the OPBU may retain membership providing there is no lapse in subscription.
4. The classes of membership shall be:
 - a) Adult Members Age 19 and over. Those members attaining the age of 65 qualify for free membership if they have paid for 10 consecutive years.
 - b) Associate Members comprising Juniors up to and including 16 years of age and Intermediates 17 to 18 years of age.
 - c) Life Members.
 - d) Honorary Members.
5. Persons residing outside the OPBU may fish the Club's water at the discretion of the Committee as Season Ticket Holders (STH). They have no vote or say in the

Officers of the Club

President	J. Shuttleworth
Past President	T Pool
Vice Presidents	Mrs B Breckon, J Breckon, T Burden, R Campbell, D Furniss, T Harpham, H Moore, J Richmond, Dr R Spain, P Stevenson, P Wells.
Patron	T Wheelwright
Chairman	J Kerby
General Secretary	M Pattinson
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Membership Secretary	J Goodliffe
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Committee members:-

Term to 2011 - Dr J Shillcock, K Saunders, I Shuttleworth, T Taylor

Term to 2012 - N Shuttleworth, F Shuttleworth, A Freeman, A Norton

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- Day and Guest Ticket outlets
1. Post Office Pateley Bridge*
 2. Summerbridge Stores*
- *Grayling Guest tickets from the above outlets only
3. Post Office, Lofthouse
 4. Royal Oak Dacre Bank
 5. Riverside Caravan Park, Pateley Bridge
 6. Pet Pad, The High Street Pateley Bridge