

# Croydon Council Fishing Rules

These rules apply **only to fishing at South Norwood Lake**, which is the **sole location in the borough where fishing is permitted**. All users must follow these local rules, which are enforced by the Council's Enforcement Team. Anyone who breaks the rules will be required to leave the site and repeat offenders will receive a site ban. All rules have been approved by the Environment Agency, in agreement with the [Regional-rod-fishing-byelaws-south-east-region](#)

**Validation:** A valid Environment Agency rod licence and a day or season fishing permit are required and should be exhibited upon request.

**Designated Areas:** Fishing is allowed only from designated platforms.

**Fishing Hours:** Fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk only.  
No overnight stays, tents, gazebos, or camping equipment allowed.

**Equipment:** Anglers must have a landing net and an unhooking mat.

**Rod Limit:** Maximum 2 rods per licence holder.

**Hooks & Nets:** No barbed hooks.  
No keep nets.

**Bait Restrictions:** No tiger nuts or live baiting (maggots and worms permitted).  
No bait boats.  
Unused bait must be taken off-site.

**Respect Other Park Users:** Dispose of litter responsibly.  
Keep noise to a minimum.  
Do not obstruct pathways.

**Wildlife Protection:** Any crayfish caught must be destroyed. Returning them to the lake is a criminal offence.

**Environmental Care:** Do not damage vegetation or disturb wildlife habitats.  
Avoid leaving fishing line or tackle that could harm birds or animals.

**Children & Supervision:** Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult with a valid rod licence and permit.

**Prohibited Items:** No fires, barbecues, or glass containers near the lake.