

East Sussex County Council

Application for fishing permit for Ditchling Common Country Park

The season runs from June - March. You must have a valid permit to fish. The permit costs £25 (£10 concessions) for the year.

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Phone	
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Car registration	
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Address	
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Please send me a fishing permit: (*please indicate with a 'x' the permit type*):

£25 Adult permit	
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£10 Under 16s, Senior Citizens and benefits	
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You must also include 2 passport size photos

Please make cheques payable to East Sussex County Council

Signature	
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Date	
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To:
Cathy Cordery
East Sussex County Council
Transport and Environment Department
County Hall
St Anne's Crescent
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Guidance notes

What do I get for my £25?

You will receive a laminated permit that allows you to fish day and night in two ponds on Ditchling Common. The Environment Agency kindly surveyed both ponds during 1999 and found both ponds to contain a good variety and range of ages of fish. Some disturbance from other visitors especially around the main pond is inevitable during summer weekends and school holidays. An easy access path and surfaced platform is available allowing wheelchair access to fishing.

What happens to the money?

The money is allocated into a budget for the Country Park and is used to restore and maintain the two ponds. A lot of work is needed on the pond at the stud farm this year. During 1994 major restoration was completed on both ponds including dredging, raising the dam and installing sluices. More recently we have fenced off the main pond, installed an easy access fishing platform and created some gravel bars.

Can I bring a guest?

Guest tickets are available with a few days notice at a cost of £3 dawn to dusk. Book in guests over the phone (01273 482670) quoting your permit number and send a cheque for £3 per day again quoting your permit number.

Photos

Two photos are required for each permit.

Anything else?

- don't forget that the closed season is from 16 March – 16 June. A valid environment agency rod licence must be carried with you while fishing
- no keep nets
- an Environment Agency rod licence is required to fish
- return all fish to the pond. Indiscriminate fish movement spreads disease. Do not take any fish home
- barbless hooks only
- please don't light any fires (bracken is most flammable in the winter)
- take all your rubbish home, especially cans, bottles and tackle which is serious risk to wildlife)
- no bivouacking, except in extreme conditions, as it causes erosion
- no "tiger nuts" please.

Further information

If you have any queries then please ring Cathy Cordery on (01273) 482670, or write to her at:

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