

## Rules of Fishing - Ditchling Common Country Park

1. Environment Agency Rod Licence **and** ESCC Fishing Permit are required.  
ESCC Fishing Permits are available at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk).  
NB a rod licence only covers a maximum of 2 rods. No rods to be left unattended for any reason.
2. Barbless hooks only. No lead core, fixed or semi-fixed lead.
3. Landing nets min size 36in. Unhooking mats must be used to protect the fish whilst it is out of the water. Only weight slings, landing nets or zipped unhooking mats to be used for weighing fish.
4. All fish to be returned to the water immediately after weighing.  
Removal of fish is an offence under Byelaws and the 1968 Theft Act.  
Please report any illegal fish movement immediately on 0800 807060.
5. Beware of birds swimming into your line or eating floating baits and do your best to avoid accidentally hooking them or entangling them in line. Do report any animal in distress; contact the RSPCA 0300 1234 999 (24 hour line).
6. Discarded hooks and line, bottle, cans and tins can injure or even kill wildlife. Remove litter at the end of your fishing session. Don't give angling and anglers a bad name, **please take your litter home**. The bins near the pond are for dog waste only.
7. Do not set bivvies up across the footpath, please leave all paths clear.
8. Human faeces have been found nearby recently. If you are staying for a long session bring with you a means to dispose of such waste (small spade or bags)
9. No NUTS or particle baits only sweetcorn, hemp and pellets are permitted.
10. No Bonfires.