

PIKE FISHING RULES

Special rules listed below apply as well as the normal Bristol Water fishing regulations when pike fishing at Chew Valley lake.

- A maximum of two rods may be used. Rods must be no more than one metre apart. If one is being used while spinning or lure fishing the angler must remain within one metre of the other rod.
- Minimum breaking strain of reel line must be 15lbs. Wire traces must be used at all times: minimum length 12 inches, minimum breaking strain 28lbs.
- The only methods allowed are artificial lure fishing and dead-bait fishing with sea fish baits. **The main body of any lure, spinner or replicant must be at least four inches not including any attachments eg hook, feather, tail, spinner blade etc. No freshwater fish, alive or dead, may be used or brought to the water (including lamprey and eel).**
- Only one prong of any hook being used for dead bait fishing may have a barb for the purpose of bait retention. **All other hooks must be barbless.**
- Anglers must carry adequate means to unhook fish without harming them, ie long nosed forceps, unhooking mat, thick gloves, etc. Fish must be returned to the water as soon as possible after capture.
- Trolling with dead-baits and lures is allowed but not under petrol engine power. Electric engines and oars may be used.
- Fishing is not allowed within 25 metres of the boat landing stages. Fishing must stop if boats are leaving or returning to the stages.
- **Anyone found fishing in the restricted areas, boat or bank, will be asked to leave the water.** Repeated entering of restricted areas will result in a ban from Bristol Water Fisheries. **Anglers must vacate Bristol Water property along with all of their tackle within thirty minutes of the end of fishing (ie one hour after sunset). Anyone found on the bank after this time will be banned. Tackle found will be seized.**
- Return cards must be completed and returned to Woodford Lodge with catch details. Failure to do so will restrict bookings for the following year.
- Any trout caught accidentally must be returned to the water immediately. Trout unavoidably killed must be handed to a Bristol Water employee for disposal. They must not be retained by the angler.
- We do not allow any fishing for pike at Blagdon Lake.