

Mitton beat rules

Seasons

Game Angling Season - 15th March to 31st October

- All water from Mitton Bridge to Calder foot is game fishing.
- The Calder section from the wood to the marker post 20 meters from Calder foot will be both coarse and game fishing.
- The wood on the Ribble from post 'A' to marker post 'B' is both coarse and game fishing.

Coarse and Grayling Season - 1st November to 14th March

- All of the water will be coarse and grayling fishing only during this period.

Bag limit

Salmon 2 per season

Sea Trout 4 per season

Brown Trout 2 per visit

Coarse fish All coarse fish to be returned

General rules

- The correct EA rod license must be held. One rod may be transferrable to juniors under the age of 16, permits are not transferrable to adults.
- Spinning is permitted from Mitton Bridge to Calder Foot when the water level is over the blue marker on the bridge and only with a salmon ticket.
- Anglers fishing for brown trout must move down the river at a rate of one meter a cast.
- Brown trout ticket is fly only.
- No bait fishing for salmon, sea trout and brown trout.
- All rainbow trout to be killed were byelaws permit.
- Barbless hooks should be used at all times.
- No bubble floats allowed.
- No keepnets- all coarse fish to be returned.
- There is no fishing from weirs or bridges.
- No access is permitted via private property.



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Further rules, advice, and etiquette

- To prevent clashes with other anglers on opposite bank please avoid casting into the casting area of an angler already fishing downstream.
- To prevent the disturbance of fish in pools try to remain below the skyline when approaching the river.
- If another angler is waiting to fish please do not repeat fish a pool without first fishing another pool or stretch. No wading beyond the central line of the river.
- There is a rod limit of 12 rods on this beat.
- No littering- please take all your litter home.
- No dogs are allowed on the Mitton Beat.

Health and Safety guidance

Uneven Ground- The area consists of uneven ground which may be slippery; please wear suitable footwear.

Deep and fast flowing water around structures- Bridges, boulders, weirs and other debris are present at these sites, this debris can increase the depth and flow speed of the river surrounding it.

Deep water- The river bed is uneven and consist of a mix of soft silt and rocky areas and the depth changes are raid. Care should be taken when wading and where possible a wading staff should be used and life preserver worn.

Sudden change in water level and floating hazards- The rivers are susceptible to flooding. Please be aware water levels can change quickly and large objects can be carried downstream at anytime by the flow presenting a hazard to wading anglers.

Steep sides and undercut banks- Some river banks are steep or vertical and slippery. Before entering the river ensure you can exit quickly and safely if required. Banks are prone to being undercut by erosion which leaves an overhang that is liable to collapse.



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