

## **Bantham Estate Avon Fishery Agreement**

The Bantham Estate Avon Fishery grounds comprise of approximately 350m of double bank upstream of Hatch Bridge, 400m of double bank downstream of Hatch Bridge, 450m of right bank only downstream of New Bridge, together forming one continuous stretch of river, and approximately 150m of left bank only upstream of Venn.

The cost of an annual Bantham Estate Fishing licence is £120.00 inclusive of VAT paid upon application. Cash or Cheque made payable to 'Bantham Estate Ltd'.

Fishing is permitted strictly within the open season stipulated in the rules and regulations set out below.

### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Permits are strictly non-transferable.
2. Permits must be carried at all times. All members must exhibit a permit if asked by a fellow member or member of Bantham Estate staff. No exceptions.
3. An Environment Agency rod license must also be obtained.
4. In the open season for the River Avon, members will be permitted to fish for Salmon between April 15<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, Sea Trout between 15<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September and Brown Trout between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> September.
5. All migratory fish must be returned. For the avoidance of doubt, all big Brown Trout should also be returned.
6. Migratory Trout measuring below 25cm must be returned and Non-Migratory Trout measuring less than 20cm must be returned. (Measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail).
7. No Salmon to be removed before 16<sup>th</sup> June.
8. Members may remove up to and no more than three fish per season above the specified measurements in clause 6. Guests are not permitted to remove any fish at any time.
9. No set lines (ledgering), no rod rests and for the avoidance of doubt, rods must be held at all times.
10. Strictly one rod per person at any time.
11. One guest may be allowed up to six times in the open season for each member on a rod sharing basis.
12. Anglers are to fish only in the areas specified by the map in Appendix A of the rules and regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, a copy of the map must be carried at all times.
13. All anglers must enter a catch return on each visit to the fishing ground located in the box as specified on the map members will be issued with.
14. No angler to be in possession of a gaff, tailer or similar instrument.
15. The use of spinners and spinners carrying treble hooks is prohibited.
16. The use of artificial fly and lure for Salmon is permitted before 16<sup>th</sup> June only.

17. Anglers must not commence fishing in front of another angler without their permission.
18. The use of lead core and fast sinking lines is strictly prohibited.
19. Any bait substance containing extracts of fish roe is banned.
20. The use of worm or maggot bait, real or imitation, is prohibited.
21. The sale of rod caught Sea Trout and Salmon is prohibited.
22. No lighting of fires or camping within the fishery grounds at any time.
23. Anglers will approach the rivers by recognised routes only, will close gates and bind themselves not to damage property.
24. No angler to be accompanied by a dog at any time.
25. All poaching incidents should be immediately reported to the police and Bantham Estate.
26. All pollution incidents to be immediately reported to the Environment Agency and Bantham Estate, giving details of the incident.
27. Anglers must not leave any litter or discarded tackle. Litter and discarded tackle must be removed from site and taken home at the end of any session.
28. Members may be asked to participate in working parties during the close season in order to maintain the ground in the interest of responsible management of the Avon River environment and fish populations.
29. Anglers must be respectful and aware of any livestock present within the fishery grounds.
30. The Bantham Estate will not be responsible for any member's personal equipment, vehicles or their contents. Members also are reminded that fishing is at their own risk, all rivers can be dangerous places and utmost care must be taken at all times.
31. Any member or angler contravening any of the rules and regulations above may be removed from the fishery premises and have their license revoked indefinitely with no monetary refund.

Name (Print) .....

Address .....

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Signed .....

Witnessed by and Signed on Behalf of Bantham Estate Ltd:

Name (Print) .....

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