



North, South and Long Pond Syndicates



Welcome Pack

Thank you for your enquiry about our Syndicates.

As a potential member it is likely that you will want to know more information about, and gain an insight into what to expect and what will be expected from you, if your application to join one of our Syndicates is accepted.

Therefore, we have enclosed leaflets which cover the following:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Syndicate Application Form
- 3) Terms and Conditions of Membership
- 4) General Rules, Fishing Specific Rules, Guest Rules
- 5) Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines
- 6) Declaration and Disclaimer*

We post Catch Reports on our website so prospective Members and those interested in the local carp scene can gain an insight into how our venues are progressing.

For information on fish stocks, stocking levels Lake Records etc. Check out: [North, South & Long Pond 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 - Kingfisher Lakes - Carp Fishing in North and Western Regions of England](#)

Please contact us at: kingfisherlakes@hotmail.co.uk if you have any further questions.

Best regards,
Chris Bowman and Steve Jackson, Joint Syndicate Controllers

*(At this stage for information only).



North, South and Long Pond Introduction

The North, South and Long Pond Lakes are former gravel pits located a few miles North of Carlisle.

Works to extract gravel from the site began c.1969 forming three lakes during the course of the excavations, which ceased when the workings were completed c.1976.

During the intervening 40 years or so the Lakes have been left to mature and flourish under Mother Nature's care, and other than the Estates organised shooting activities the site has remained pretty much unused during this time, although there may have been some fishing for brown trout in years gone by.

Carp fishing venues in North Cumbria are relatively few and far between, so when local angler, fully qualified Angling Coach and Fishery Management Consultant Chris Bowman along with his friend and colleague Steve Jackson obtained the fishing rights to the Lakes during the winter of 2011 they were delighted with the prospect of creating a new fishery.

The Lakes are all distinctly different in nature and character, and are being thoughtfully and carefully developed into a complex of specimen carp waters that offer quality fishing for competent anglers.

Chris and Steve, as Joint Syndicate Controllers, are pleased to announce that all of the Lakes on the complex, the 6 acre (approx.) North Lake, 3.5 acre (approx.) South Lake and 4.5 acre (approx.) Long Lake are now being run as Private Members Only Carp Fishing Syndicates.

The North Lake consists of three main bodies of water; the North, South and Back Bay all are connected to each other by two large back channels, one which runs the length of the North Bay formed by a spit and the second created from a large thin island which separates the South Bay from the Back Bay. The tree lined banks that surround the Lake provide plenty of cover for the carp and all of the Bays contain a multitude of features within their expanses of open water.

The South Lake is a very picturesque water over 275 yards long fringed by marginal reeds and over hanging trees and contains an array of underwater bars, plateaus and features to fish to.

The Long Lake at over 320 yards long contains numerous features including islands and over hanging willows; it is narrow, shallow, silty, with hard gravel patches with deeper areas of water at either end of the Lake, fringed by reedmace and mare's tail it is a very attractive venue that offers all the ingredients a specimen water should.

With over one hundred and forty-five different 20lb+ carp to 40lb+ including several 30lb+ fish and numerous upper twenties to target and new twenties coming through the ranks at a steady rate Kingfisher Lakes offers its Members quality fishing in peaceful and stunning surroundings and has its own private car parking on site.

Members of the North & South Lake Syndicates will be given Priority for Membership of the Long Lake Syndicate ahead of other applicants.

North and South Lake Membership will be at a cost of £550.00 plus a Joining Fee of £75.00.

North, South and Long Lake Membership will be at a cost of £700.00 plus a Joining Fee of £75.00.

Membership runs for 12 months from 1st June to 31st May each year.

If you are interested in joining and would like to be considered for Membership please complete an Application Form and email it to: kingfisherlakes@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively submit your Application online at: <http://www.kingfisherlakes.com/application-form/>



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North, South and Long Pond Syndicate Application Form

As a potential Member the information found in the Welcome Pack and on our website provides the background of our Syndicates, and allows you to gain an insight into what to expect and what will be expected from you. While the Syndicate may be right for you, we need to establish that you are right for the Syndicate to ensure we maintain a good balance and protect the interests of the existing members.

Please complete this form as fully as possible so we can find out a little about yourself and gain a small insight into your attitude to Carp fishing in particular.

1. Full Name:
2. Address:
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Postcode:
3. Home Telephone Number: Mobile:
4. Email:
5. Date of Birth: Occupation:
6. Names of other Fishing Clubs / Syndicates which you have been (or still are) a Member of in the last 10 years:
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7. (Please indicate) Which Syndicate would like to join?

North & South, North and South Winter Ticket or North, South & Long

Will this be the first Syndicate you have applied to join? Yes / No

(Please indicate) The 2 days / nights you usually fish: Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs / Fri / Sat / Sun

On average how many nights per week do you fish between April and October?

One / Two / Three / Four / Five / Six / Seven

8. Number of years carp fishing experience:
9. What attracted you to our Syndicate and what do you expect to gain from becoming a Member?
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10. Please provide details of Referees (i.e. existing Syndicate Members, current Committee Members of other Angling Clubs or Associations, Fishery Owners / Managers who are prepared to vouch for you)
Referee one: Referee two:
Contact details: Contact details:
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If you are unable to provide details of Referees in order to assist your Application please supply information of your fishing CV to date along with a photo or two of captures of carp you have made and email them with the completed Application Form to: kingfisherlakes@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively submit your Application online at: <http://www.kingfisherlakes.com/application-form/>



North, South and Long Pond Terms and Conditions of Membership

Membership of the Syndicates is at the discretion of the Syndicate Controllers upon receipt of the relevant Membership/Joining Fee in force at the time, along with an acceptable Syndicate Application Form and signed Syndicate Declaration and Disclaimer.

All Members must read the North, South and Long Pond Terms and Conditions and Rules as a requirement for Membership of the Syndicates, and also read the North, South and Long Pond Syndicates Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines.

Anyone can apply for Membership of the Syndicates, and the lakes will have a limited number of Full paying Members as determined by the Syndicate Controllers.

Membership is deemed to run from 1st June until 31st May and is strictly non-transferable.

A deposit of £75.00 must be paid before 28th February each year to retain and secure Membership for the forthcoming season, and the balance of Membership fees must be paid in full before the new season commences on 1st June.

Any Member who fails to pay the required deposit before 28th February is assumed to have decided to decline Membership for the season commencing on 1st June and will be deemed to have surrendered their Membership of the Syndicates.

If Fees have not been paid in full by 1st June each year, Membership will be considered to be lapsed, and the vacated Membership will be offered to a prospective Member on the waiting list.

No person shall be allowed to fish until payment has been made in full and photographic Syndicate ID and current Year Card have been issued.

A limited number of Winter Tickets (November – March) will be available. Priority for Full Membership will be given to Winter Ticket holders.

A limited number of Associate Tickets will be available to Members of Aldermere Carp Syndicate the Western Reservoir Syndicate and Members of Netherby Clay Pits Syndicate.

Any Members of the Syndicates whose conduct is deemed to be inappropriate, or who declines to abide by any of the Terms and Conditions or Rules of the Syndicates, will be expelled from the Syndicates. Their Membership will be terminated and Membership/Joining Fees/Deposit paid will be forfeited and no refunds given.

The Syndicate Controllers accept no responsibility for any loss of angling facility that may occur at or to the North, South or Long Lakes howsoever caused which includes but is not limited to: Disaster, Accident, War, Disease, Flood, Drought etc., whereby fishing is rendered impossible, no refunds will be issued in such circumstances.

The Syndicate Controllers reserve the right to close one Lake each year for a 7-day period for their exclusive use during the month of May.

The Syndicate Controllers reserve the right to review the Terms and Conditions, Rules and Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines of the Syndicates, and amend or alter them as they deem necessary.



North, South and Long Pond Rules

These Rules are in place to protect both the carp and anglers' welfare while at the fishery, and must be adhered to at all times.

North, South and Long Pond Rules

General Rules

- 1.1 Members must be in possession of current E.A rod licence(s) and observe the regulations and bye-laws of the Environment Agency.
- 1.2 Members must be in possession of their Syndicate ID and valid Year Card when fishing or visiting the venue, and show them on demand to the Syndicate Controllers, their Bailiffs, other Members, the Environment Agency, or Estate Representatives.
- 1.3 Members must be in possession of a copy of the North, South and Long Pond Rules and Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines when fishing at the venue.
- 1.4 No litter will be tolerated! Take all litter including cigarette ends and tea bags home.
- 1.5 No fires or disposable barbeques are allowed under any circumstances. Cooking stoves are permitted.
- 1.6 No guns or weapons of any kind are allowed at, or in the vicinity of the Lakes.
- 1.7 No swimming or walking on ice if the Lakes are frozen. Wading is at the individuals own risk.
- 1.8 No fishing from boats and no boats/inflatables etc.... to be used on the Lakes.
- 1.9 No drugs. Alcohol is allowed in moderation any Member who, in the opinion of a Syndicate Controller or his Bailiffs, is deemed to be unfit to fish due to the influence of alcohol, will be expelled from the Syndicates.
- 1.10 No carp sacks or keep nets. Any Member found retaining a carp in a sack for any reason will be deemed to be wanting to remove the fish for dishonest reasons. Any Member found with a sacked fish will be immediately expelled from the Syndicates without recourse. The Syndicate Controllers may then take further action under the Theft Act 1968.
- 1.11 No shock leaders or braided main line except on spod or marker rods.
- 1.12 No lead core to be used, proprietary 'Safe' leaders are permitted.
- 1.13 No unattended rods.
- 1.14 No cutting or pruning of any trees, shrubs or plants.
- 1.15 No Shouting, and the volume of any Radios, TV's or DVD Players used must be kept low.
- 1.16 No non-members or non-fishing guests allowed except Members partners or their children.
- 1.17 Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by the Member at all times.
- 1.18 Cars must be parked in the designated car parks.
- 1.19 Members must not cause any obstruction to the access gates and must ensure all gates are closed behind them on exit/entry to the site and the Lakes.
- 1.20 Members must observe and adhere to a 10 MPH speed limit when entering and exiting the Estate, and Maximum speed of 15 MPH on the road to the car parks.
- 1.21 Well behaved bivvy dogs are allowed and must be kept under control and ALL mess must be cleaned up immediately.
- 1.22 The Estate exercises the right to shoot duck on the Lakes during the winter months (normally not on more than four occasions). Members will be informed of the shooting dates and are prohibited from fishing the day before or during the day of the shoot. Any Member found visiting the site the day prior to or during the day of the shoot will be expelled from the Syndicates.



North, South and Long Pond Rules

Fishing Specifics

- 2.1 A Maximum three rod limit applies at all times.
- 2.2 All nets, slings, mats etc. must be 'bone dry' before commencing fishing.
- 2.3 Landing nets 42" and above must be used. Carp can be retained in the landing net or in a short-term flotation sling while you sort out weighing and camera equipment.
- 2.4 Use of a large well-padded unhooking mat is compulsory.
- 2.5 A carp care kit consisting of: Klink (or equivalent), forceps, wire snips and water container must be used and all hook holds, cuts or abrasions on any carp captured must be treated.
- 2.6 All carp must be carried to the unhooking mat in a landing net and returned to the water via a sling or zipped unhooking mat.
- 2.7 No fish to be removed introduced or moved between lakes.
- 2.8 No fishing in the stock pond.
- 2.10 Minimum line strength 12lb mono.
- 2.11 No permanently fixed lead rigs are to be used, - semi-fixed lead rigs utilising a safety bolt clip or running leads must be used. The Syndicate Controllers and their Bailiffs reserve the right to check rigs in use at any time, and Members must reel in immediately if asked to take part in a rig check.
- 2.12 Maximum hook – size 4, minimum hook – size 10. Barbless, de-barbed or micro-barbed hooks only. Bent hooks are not permitted!
- 2.13 No nuts to be used. All other particles must be well prepared, which includes both soaking and boiling correctly.
- 2.14 No Bait boats are allowed on the Long Lake. If used sensibly so they do not interfere with the fishing of other Members bait boats may be used on the North and South Lakes.
- 2.15 Members must weigh and photograph all carp caught (even if just on the mat), and submit details of any captures made by the end of the caught month on the group Face Book page or via email to: kingfisherlakes@hotmail.co.uk
- 2.16 All Members, accompanying partners or their children, and any authorised guests, must have with them a head torch and a spare torch. These must be used when fishing in lowlight conditions or during the hours of darkness. I.E. one head torch and one spare torch per person.
- 2.17 Members are expected to show respect towards fellow anglers and fish in a gentlemanly manner and not encroach on areas of water that should rightly be fished from another swim.
- 2.18 If the Syndicate Controllers exercise their right to close a Lake for their exclusive use for a 7 day period during the month of May Members will be informed of the dates and must not fish during the notified period.
- 2.19 No reserving swims, maximum time allowed away from the venue 6 hours.
- 2.20 No Access to the Long Lake unless you are a Long Lake Member or have been given permission by the Syndicate Controllers or their Bailiffs.
- 2.21 Members MUST record all sessions fished and all visits to the site in one of the Log Books; this includes visiting other Members or visits to bait up etc.
- 2.22 No fishing for, towards or in areas that carp are spawning in; if carp start spawning in the swim you are fishing you MUST bring in your rods and vacate the area where spawning activity is taking place.
- 2.23 No fishing or baiting up from OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS.



North, South and Long Pond Rules

Guests

- 3.1 Syndicate Members can request up to four 24-hour Guest sessions per season for which a fee will be charged for each 24-hour period or part thereof.
- 3.2 All Guests must be in possession of current E.A rod licence(s) and observe the regulations and bye-laws of the Environment Agency.
- 3.3 The Syndicate Controllers must be aware of all Guests prior to them fishing, and a valid Permit must be issued in advance.
- 3.4 Members must be present at the Lakes at all times while their Guest is fishing and all authorised Guests must be in possession of a valid Permit issued by the Syndicate Controllers.
- 3.5 No Guests are allowed during the month of May.
- 3.6 No Guests are allowed to fish the Long Lake.
- 3.7 Only two authorised Guests are allowed to fish on the North Lake at any time, and only one authorised Guest is allowed to fish on the South Lake at any time.
- 3.8 Members are responsible for their Guest at all times! If your Guest abuses the Rules of the Syndicates, or their conduct is deemed to be inappropriate, their Permit will be revoked and they will be expelled from the venue, and any fees paid will be forfeited with no refunds given. Infringement of the Rules of the Syndicates by your Guest may jeopardise your Membership, and lead to your expulsion from the Syndicates.

It is **recommended** that Members ensure the welfare of Guests, who accompany them at the Lakes by informing them of the North, South and Long Pond Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines.

Carp Care

We all respect and do our utmost to care for the carp we capture, and in addition to the basics we all undertake, Members need to be aware that due to the gradients of some of the banks surrounding the Lakes, extra care should be taken to avoid accident or incident when handling fish on the bank.

- After netting fish allow them a few moments rest in the net to recover before taking them to the unhooking mat.
- **Keep the carp wet at all times.**
- Before unhooking fish ensure unhooking mats are placed on a flat area on top of the bank, **do not attempt to unhook carp on the sloping banks of the Lakes.**
- When moving fish to or from the water don't rush and take care not to slip, **never** carry the fish unsupported to or from the water even for short distances.
- When photographing fish support the carp over the mat, **kneel** and do not lift above **waist** height, **never** leave the fish unattended or attempt to stand up while holding the fish.
- When returning carp after capture please ensure they are fully recovered before releasing.



North, South and Long Pond Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines

It is **recommended** that Members ensure the welfare of their partners, children, and any authorised Guests, who accompany them at the Lakes by informing them of the following Guidelines:

1. To minimise the risk of catching Weil's disease it is **recommended** to wear water proof gloves, ensure all open wounds and abrasions are adequately covered, and to wash hands before handling or eating food. If you develop a severe headache, redness of the eyes or a red non-blanching pinprick rash on your skin, or 'flu' like symptoms within 3-14 days of participating in angling activities, it is strongly advised to contact your GP and inform him you may have contracted Weil's disease. Further information can be found at: www.leptospirosis.org
2. To minimise the risk of slipping on the banks surrounding the Lakes it is **recommended** that sturdy foot wear with cleated soles is worn at all times, and that extra care should be taken when ascending or descending access steps to formal fishing areas; and that Members adhere strictly to Rule 2.23 which states 'No fishing or baiting up from OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS.'
3. To minimise the risk of injury during strong winds it is **recommended** to avoid sheltering or pitching your bivvy or shelter under or beside the trees that surround the Lakes.
4. To minimise the risk of accidents occurring when fishing in lowlight conditions or during the hours of darkness it is **recommended** that extra care be taken, and spare batteries for torches should be carried.
5. To minimise the risk of injury during thunder or electrical storms it is **recommended** not to set up in, tackle down, cast, re-cast or handle any fishing rods or implements until the storm has ended.
6. To minimise the risk of receiving an electric shock from the electrified scare wires surrounding the Lakes it is **recommended** to only access the Lakes via the gates in place, and avoid touching the electrified scare wires, or attempt lifting equipment over the fence.
7. To minimise the risk of injury by gunshot Members **MUST NOT** visit the site the day prior to or during the day of any shooting activities organised by the Estate, and Members must adhere strictly to Rule 1.22 which states 'The Estate exercises the right to shoot duck on the Lakes during the winter months (normally not on more than four occasions). Members will be informed of the shooting dates and are prohibited from fishing the day before or during the day of the shoot. Any Member found visiting the site the day prior to or during the day of the shoot will be expelled from the Syndicates'.
8. It is **recommended** that Members carry a basic first aid kit to treat minor injuries or ailments.
9. It is **recommended** that any accidents or injuries sustained by Members, accompanying partners, their children, and any authorised Guests are recorded and the Syndicate Controllers be informed.
10. To minimise the risk of catching Lyme disease which can be transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected tick it is **recommended** to keep covered up to make it harder for ticks to reach your skin, and to check for ticks regularly and brush off any you see on your clothing before they have a chance to bite. Insect repellents containing the active ingredients DEET and Picaridin are known to be effective against ticks. Further information can be found at: <http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/tick-removal//>

ACCIDENT and EMERGENCY

In an Emergency Call 999

Site Address: Croft Head, Longtown, Cumbria CA6 5PA

The nearest Hospital that has an Accident and Emergency Department is:

Cumberland Infirmary, Newtown Road, Carlisle, CA2 7HY

Contact: (01228) 523 444 (Approximately 12 miles from Croft Head)



NORTH, SOUTH AND LONG POND DECLARATION AND DISCLAIMER

I have read the North, South and Long Pond Terms and Conditions and Rules as required for Membership of the Syndicate. I have also read the North, South and Long Pond Recommended Health and Safety Guidelines, and by signing this Declaration and Disclaimer I understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Syndicates and agree to abide by the Rules in force at all times.

I also accept that infringement may jeopardise my Membership and lead to expulsion, whereby my Membership will be terminated and Membership/Joining-Fees/Deposit paid will be forfeited with no refunds given.

I understand and accept that I enter The North, South and Long Pond site entirely at my own risk, and that the Syndicate Controllers, their Bailiffs and the Owners of the Lakes accept no responsibility for my personal safety, the safety of my partner, children or that of any authorised Guests who may accompany me whilst at the Lakes.

I also understand and accept that no liability attaches to either the Syndicate Controllers, their Bailiffs or the Owners of the Lakes, in respect of any damage, injury or loss to my person, that of my partner, children or of any authorised Guests who may accompany me, my property, possessions or car, howsoever caused, whilst at the Lakes, and that this includes the use of tools, machinery or equipment during organised work parties.

I understand that this Declaration and Disclaimer stands for the duration of my Membership.

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Your statutory rights are not affected.