



## BLEMHEIM LAKE BOAT FISHING

To book boats visit  
[www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

The lake is renowned for its excellent coarse fishing during the summer and first class predator fishing during the winter months. Set within the grounds of Blenheim Palace home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough it offers a picturesque backdrop of 'Capability' Brown's landscaped Park and the Column of Victory. The Lake is open for fishing from 16<sup>th</sup> June until 14<sup>th</sup> March.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Booking Boats

- To book a boat visit [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)
- Once you have booked online you will be issued an email confirmation with a Gate Code and Permit - this needs to be printed off and brought along on the day.
- All boats hold a maximum of 3 persons.
- When booking for a Monday, 2 Gate Codes will be issued for access and exit of the fisherman's Gate.

#### Payments

- Prices are available on the website : <http://www.blenheimpalace.org/theestate/coarse-fishing.html>
- Cards that are accepted are: Visa, Mastercard, Switch or Maestro

Any queries please call  
Grace Cameron on 01993 810 500

Office Hours  
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Only in Emergency  
The telephone number to contact is  
01993 811 091 this line is not a booking line.  
(Weekends Only)

#### On Arrival

- Entrance into the grounds is through Woodstock Town Gate (OX20 1PP). Whilst waiting anglers should have regards to residents in this area and noise should be kept to the minimum. Engines and car radios should be switched off. (Complaints from residents are taken seriously).

**Summer Opening 0600-2100**  
(when clocks go forward)

**Winter Opening 0700-dusk**  
(when clocks fall back)

#### On Departure

- All boats **MUST** be returned to the boathouse 30 minutes before the gates close.
- Exit through Eagle Lodge only (follow the Exit Signs)

## Fishing the Lake

- Rods & tackle are not supplied
  - Keep nets are NOT permitted
  - Fishing is prohibited in the Queen Pool which is situated north east side of Grand Bridge.
  - Ground baiting, live baiting and lead weights are all prohibited. This is to prevent the spread of non-active species and disease. See EA Bylaws for Thames Region for more information.
  - Suggested baits are: luncheon meat; sweet corn; red and white maggots; bread; spinners; lures; dead bait i.e. mackerel.
  - We reserve the right to prohibit the removal of any fish.
  - Small electric motors are only allowed by prior arrangement (this will be limited at our discretion). Trawling is not permitted.
  - All children (under 16) must be accompanied by an adult.
  - Life Jackets can be made available on request by email (children under 16 should wear Life Jackets)
- Blenheim Palace does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any personnel effects.
  - For Health and Safety reasons no naked flames are allowed on boats i.e. BBQ's; camping stoves etc.
  - Bank fishing is not permitted, other than for permanent local residents of Woodstock & Bladon (with a relevant licence).
  - The numbers of rods which can be used are subject to your EA rod licence. Should you require more than two rods per person, then you must purchase an additional licence from the EA.
  - Vehicles parked in the Fishermans Car Park are left there at the owner's risk. Please make sure they are secure.

## Rod Licence

An Environment Agency Rod Licence is required by all persons aged 12 years and over. Rod Licences are obtainable at most fishing tackle shops in the area, or further details can be obtained by calling 0844 800 5386 or by visiting the following website:

rod licence site: [environment-agency.gov.uk](http://environment-agency.gov.uk)

or at your local post office.

Remember - If you are coarse fishing with 3 or 4 rods, you will need 2 licences.

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We hope you have a great day on the lake and if you would like to share the moment with a picture of your catch then we would like to hear from you. Then email us on

[estate@blenheimpalace.com](mailto:estate@blenheimpalace.com)

