

## River Thames lock and weir fishing permit – 2009/2010

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How do I get an application form?

You can download the application from [www.visitthames.co.uk/lwfishing](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/lwfishing) or call 0118 953 5650.

#### How much does a permit cost?

The cost from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 is £27.60 for adults and £18.30 for senior citizens over 60, juniors under 14 and registered 'Blue Badge' holders.

#### I am a Senior Citizen; do I pay a reduced rate?

Yes there is a reduced rate for senior citizens over 60. The price is £18.30.

#### I am a junior; do I pay a reduced rate?

Yes there is a reduced rate for juniors up to 14. The price is £18.30.

#### Can I pay by card over the phone?

Yes, you can pay by card over the phone. Call 0118 953 5650.

#### What happens if I lose my permit?

We can issue a duplicate but there is a charge of £6.25 for this.

#### I have a blue badge (registered disabled), do I pay a reduced rate?

Yes, we do now offer the concession rate for Blue Badge holders. However, we do advise that only the site at Penton Hook lock is fully accessible and Blue Badge holders can park at the Lock. You are advised to check the other sites before using them.

#### When is the permit valid from/to?

The permit is valid from 1 April to 31 March each year.

#### Can I fish all year round?

No, fishing is subject for the coarse fish closed season which means you can not fish for coarse fish between 15 March and 15 June inclusive. You can fish for salmon and trout during the closed season if you are using an artificial fly or lure.

#### How many sites does the permit allow me to fish?

There are 19 sites along the River Thames. These are:

Buscot	Benson
Grafton	Shiplake
Rushey	Hurley
Shifford	Marlow
Pinkhill	Bell Weir
Eynsham	Penton Hook
Sandford	Shepperton
Culham	Sunbury
Clifton	Molesey
Days	

**How do I get to the sites? Are there any maps?**

Your permit comes with a booklet which has maps of each site, including directions and information about parking and toilets.

**Can I fish at night?**

You can fish from dawn until dusk at Buscot, Culham, Clifton, Hurley (main island) and Penton Hook. At all other sites you can only fish during the lock keepers' hours of duty.

**Do I need an Environment Agency rod licence?**

Yes, you do need a Rod Licence.

**How do I get an Environment Agency rod licence?**

You can get the licence over the telephone by calling 0870 166 2662, online at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/rodlicence](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/rodlicence) or from any Post Office in England and Wales.

**Do I need a permit to fish from a boat in a weir?**

If it is a weir covered on the permit then you do need a lock and weir permit. At other weirs you do need the permission of the owner of the fishing rights as the fishing rights go from the bank to the middle of the bed. You will also need a licence for you boat. Call 0118 953 5650 or go to [www.visitthames.co.uk/forms](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/forms) for more information.