

Haywards Heath & District Angling Society Ltd.

(Members of: Angling Trust, Fish Legal and OART)

Founded 1912



Year Book & Rules 2021/22 Season

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Open

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3 Years

Ryan Smith

Special Do's and Dont's

Do's

Do carry your Year Book, Membership Card and Rod Licence whenever you are on Society's waters. These can be carried in electronic format.

Do check the competition listings before setting out to make sure your chosen venue is available.

Do park only in designated areas.

Do respect the rights and property of farmers and landowners

Do read and follow the rules and also the 'Tips on Fish Care' printed in this book.

Do check the seasons and 'Special Rules' for your chosen water (they do vary and will be strictly enforced).

Dont's

Don't bring any non-member onto the waters buy them a guest or non-fishing ticket. (see rule G9).

Don't take chances with overhead power lines, look up and move if necessary.

Don't use illegal baits or methods when fishing for trout.

A full list of Society Rules can be found in this booklet.

Society's Rules

The following rules are incorporated in our Landowner's Agreements, the infringement of these or any other rules in this book will lead to immediate expulsion.

No persons other than members of the Society are allowed on the Society's waters.

Picknicking is not allowed on the Society's waters nor may members take dogs or guns onto the Society's waters or any land adjoining Society's waters.

Motorcycles and cars must not be taken onto landowner's property but must be left on the nearest road, except where a car parking area has been provided.

Access to fishing in the river Ouse is by authorised entrances at or near the road and members must keep to within 5yards/metres of the river bank wherever possible.

JUNIOR MEMBERS are not allowed onto any part of the river unless accompanied by a senior member

No Grayling, Trout, Pike or Barbel must be placed in keepnets except during Society competitions.

ALL MEMBERS MUST CARRY A CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY ROD LICENCE

The Society cannot accept any liability for accidents to any member or Member's guest or any member of the public whilst near or on Society's waters.

A full list of Society Rules can be found in this booklet.

CONSTITUTION

1. **TITLE.** The Society shall be called “THE HAYWARDS HEATH AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY LTD”. Here after referred to as “the Society.”
2. **OBJECTS.** The objects of the Society shall be to provide fishing for its Members and to maintain and improve the fishing by every possible means.
3. **DISSOLUTION** If at any time the objects of the Society cannot be fulfilled, a Special General Meeting shall be called. If at the aforesaid Special General Meeting a majority of the Members present vote in favour of a proposal for disbandment or amalgamation the proposal shall be put to all Members by postal ballot. If at least 80% of the adult Members vote in favour of the proposition, then it shall be implemented as soon as reasonably practical.

If at any time it is decided to disband the Society any remaining assets/funds of the Society, once all debts and liabilities have been discharged, shall be donated to a charity or hospice to be agreed upon
4. **MEMBERSHIP.** Membership of the Society shall be open to any person, approved by the committee, completing a membership application form and paying the relevant subscription as determined by either the General Committee (see rule M7) or by full members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.
5. **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.** Members of the Society whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the rules may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed by the General Committee. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the General Committee provided

that notice of any appeal is sent to the secretary in writing within seven days of notification of the original decision.

6. **OFFICERS.** The Society's Officers shall consist of (a) Non-executive Officers: President and one or more Vice Presidents, (b) Executive Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Competition Secretary. A person elected as an Officer shall have been a Member of the Society for at least three years.

Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society from, and by, members of the Society by ballot or show of hands.

All officers shall be elected for a period of one year but may be re-elected at the following year's Annual General Meeting.

If the Annual General Meeting does not contain a quorum of members the existing Officers and Committee shall remain in office until the next Annual or Special Meeting is called.

New Officers or Committee members may be co-opted until such a meeting is convened.

7. **THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.** The affairs of the Society shall be controlled by a General Committee consisting of the Executive Officers and up to twelve other Committee Members elected at the Annual General Meeting from, and by, full members of the Society by ballot or show of hands.

Committee Members shall serve for three years but four will retire annually. Retiring Committee Members may offer themselves for re-election and may be required to give details of their past record of service.

The Committee shall meet monthly, but special meetings may be called by the Secretary or through him by three or more Members of the Committee

Should a Committee Member retire, or fail to attend four consecutive meetings during a period of twelve months, the Committee may, at its discretion, disqualify the said member from attending further meetings until the next Annual General Meeting and may, as a result, co-opt another Society Member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

8. **CUSTODIANS.** All Officers and Committee Members shall, on election, automatically become custodians of the Society's waters. Other Members of the Society may be appointed as Custodians at the discretion of the Committee.
9. **GENERAL MEETINGS.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of February each year. 14 clear days notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting either in writing to their address or by E-mail. Members must advise the secretary of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting not less than 30 days before the meeting.
10. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS** Special General Meetings may be convened by either the General Committee or on receipt by the secretary of a request in writing from not less than 20 full members of the Society. At least 14 days notice of the meeting shall be given.
11. **ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION or RULES** Alterations to the Constitution or Rules must be approved by a majority show of hands at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

12. **QUORUMS** A quorum for a Committee Meeting must be five Committee Members including one Officer and for an Annual General Meeting must be fifteen full Members of the Society.
13. **SALE OF SOCIETY ASSETS** Only in the event of an irresolvable situation, pending bankruptcy or bankruptcy, will any person or persons have the authority to relinquish, sell, forfeit or transfer for monetary gain or reimbursement any fishing rights or rights of access owned by the Society. Any authority for this action shall be obtained only from a General Meeting of the Society who will approve the extent of the sale, forfeit or transfer and the order of the disposal.
14. **RESPONSIBILITY** The Society accepts no responsibility for theft from and/or damage to vehicles parked on or near Society waters. All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.

IMPORTANT

In case of suspected POLLUTION, contact one of those named below as soon as possible:

EDWARD WINTON 07747 868323

If not available call
The E.A. HOTLINE 0800 80 70 60

WORKING PARTIES 2021

Working parties will be organised to take place at weekends on various dates and venues during 2021 and we will make members aware via email, website and facebook.

All the above will start at 9-00am and go on until about noon

Other working parties will be arranged on various parts of the river on several weekdays and all members letting know us of their interest will be informed of the time, date and location that they are to be held.

All members are encouraged to join in on any of the work parties and if further details are required should contact Neil Vine

**HELP STAMP OUT POACHING
ASK FOR PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP!**

RULES

Membership

- M1 **The Annual Membership shall commence on day of joining and run one year (365 Days)**
- M2. Any angler can apply to join the Society, but must first complete an application form, which will, if deemed necessary, be placed before the committee for their consideration.
- M3. Juniors up to 16 years may become Members provided that they are the children of a Member or a relative of an adult Member. Children up to 12 years **MUST** be accompanied by an adult Member at all times. Children over the age of 12 years as per Rule G17. The adult member may be a non-fishing member
- M4. The term Non-Fishing Member does not authorise that person to fish on any of the Society Waters.
- M5. Temporary Membership (Holiday Permits/Guest Tickets) for Non - members visiting the district are **valid for the coarse season only**. They entitle the holder to fish any of the Society's waters **except all those at East Mascalls**.
- M6. Application for membership or renewal of existing membership shall be made by post or website and shall be accompanied by a remittance to the value of the class of membership required. A stamped, addressed envelope of minimum size C5 should be enclosed for reply together with a passport-sized photograph if applying via post
- M7. The Officers and Management Committee are authorised to increase the annual subscriptions and entrance fees of existing categories of Full and Temporary Members to a limit within 10% of the previous year's subscriptions and entrance fees. This is rounded for ease of administration to the nearest £1.
- M9. Any member upon reaching the age of 75 with 10 years continuous membership shall be allowed to continue as a member for an annual fee of £22

SUBSCRIPTIONS		CATEGORY	
Adult	£131	Trout & Coarse	A
	£102	Coarse Only	B
Husband/Wife	£170	Trout & Coarse	C
	£142	Coarse Only	D
Under 12's	free	Coarse Only	F1
(FREE WITH ADULT or NON-FISHING MEMBER)			
13 – 17 years	£81	Trout & Coarse	E
13- 17 years	£43	Coarse Only	F2
Senior Citizen	£81	Trout & Coarse	G
	£52	Coarse Only	H
Over 75s with 10 Year's membership	£22		S
Disabled	£80	Trout & Coarse	K
	£52	Coarse Only	L
Non-Fishing	£11		J
Family membership	£158	Coarse Only	FM
Temporary Adult Membership (7 Days)			£27
(Does not include night fishing Coarse Only)			
Guest Ticket	24 Hours - Coarse Only		£10

All subscription must be paid by 1st April for trout fishing

General

- G1. All Members must have bought and carry a current Environment Agency Licence and the Society's Year Book and Rules and Membership Card when fishing the Society's waters. Failure to produce them to a Society's Custodian or other bona-fide Member may result in the Member concerned being turned off the water. These can be carried in electronic format.
- G2. The fishery byelaws and close season dates of the Environment Agency (to be found on every EA Licence) must at all times be strictly observed. The annual close seasons for fishing with rod and line are as follows:
Non - migratory trout - the period 1st November to 2nd April inclusive.
Freshwater fish and eels - the period 15th March to 15th June inclusive on rivers and streams
- G3. The following still waters only are open from the 1st April and close on 31st March
Deaks Lane, Ansty
Valebridge
Balcombe
Weirwood
- No fishing allowed from the far North Bank at Balcombe at any time
- G4. Keepnets may only be used on the above still waters between 1st April and 15th June during Competitions or when anglers deem that it is absolutely necessary and then no more than 20lbs of fish may be held in the net at any time.
- G5. All fish caught (except as specified in Rule G6) must be returned to the Society's waters.
- G6. Only two trout may be taken away on any one day.
- G7. Only **two** rods and lines for fish may be used at any time. Except at East Mascalls Pool where only **one** rod per member may be used and a **third** rod may be used at Balcombe and Valebridge in conjunction with a three rod EA rod licence.

The total distance between these rods must be no more than **two metres**. No rod in use, or baited, is to be left unattended. Consideration must be given at all times to other anglers fishing in adjacent swims.

- G8. No live fish baiting, dead fish baiting or spinning is allowed at Balcombe Lake or Valebridge Mill Pond before 1st October.
- G9. Members must not fish for trout with maggot or caterpillar bait between 15th March and 15th June. Worm may only be used if it is trotted under a float during this period. Artificial fly or lure may also be used (see Byelaw 7).

Fisheries Byelaw 7 (Second paragraph).

During the annual Close Season for Freshwater Fish (the period 15th March to 15th June inclusive) no person shall fish with rod and line for Salmon, Migratory Trout or Non-Migratory Trout (including Rainbow Trout) other than with artificial fly or lure, without the previous consent of the Environment Agency.

Fisheries Byelaw 14.

No person shall take within the Agency's area any fish of a size less than hereafter specified.

Migratory Trout	38cm (15ins.)
Non-Migratory Trout	25cm (10 ins.).

- G10. No persons other than Members of the Society are allowed on any of the Society's waters, except that Disabled Members may be accompanied by a non-member helper of their choice to provide assistance as required. THIS DOES NOT CONFER PERMISSION FOR SUCH CARERS TO FISH UNLESS THEY ARE PAID UP MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY
- G11. Access to the fishing in the River Ouse and its tributaries is by authorised entrances at or near the road. Members must keep within five yards/metres of the river bank whenever possible.
- G12. Picknicking is not allowed on Society's waters. The use of radios etc. should not be audible to any other member of the Society.

- G13. Dogs or guns must not be taken onto Society waters or any land adjoining the waters.
- G14. Motorcycles and Cars must be left on the nearest road, and not be taken onto land adjoining the Society's waters, except where a Car Parking Area has been provided. The only exception to this rule is
“Provided that the landowners have granted permission, only disabled members may drive their Mobility Scooters to the swims where suitable access has been provided”
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISABLED MEMBER TO ENSURE THAT HE/SHE OPERATES SUCH A MACHINE SAFELY.
- G15 Any Member found fishing with litter of any kind in their swim, or found to have fouled any pathway or swim, shall be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Committee.
(For the avoidance of doubt, **MEMBERS MUST REMOVE ALL LITTER BEFORE COMMENCING TO FISH.**) Fires must not be lit, nor must any damage be done or act committed detrimental to the Society's interest. Members must be particularly careful to shut gates, avoid damaging hedges, fences etc. and avoid walking through standing crops, including un-mown grass.
- G16. All Junior Members of the Society **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or adult Member of the Society aged over 18 when fishing Society's waters on the river, except when fishing in Junior Competitions.
- G17 Juniors 13 – 17 years old may fish all the Society's still waters unaccompanied.
- G18. All Members, including Temporary Members and Guests must abide by the Society's Rules. No refund will be given if the permit is withdrawn before it has expired for breaking these Rules.
- G19. The Committee can suspend or expel any Member breaking the Society's Rules, or for any misconduct on the Society's waters.
- G20. Members wishing to lodge a complaint must do so in writing to the Secretary.

- G21. Keepnets or landing nets of knotted mesh, or keepnets of less than eight feet in length are not to be used. Fish are not to be retained in keepnets, carp sacks or other containers for more than six hours. No Trout, Grayling, Pike or Barbel to be placed in keepnets except during Society competitions.
- G22. All fish showing signs of distress when in keepnets must be returned to the water immediately.
- G23. The collection and use of bloodworm is banned on Society waters but bloodworm and jokers may be used a bait from 1st October to 14th March
- G24. No Member is allowed to occupy any swim on any of the Society's waters until eight hours before the start of the coarse fishing seasons (See venue notes)
- G25. The use of fully barbed hooks is strictly forbidden on any of the Society's waters. The use of barbless or micro barbed hooks of any size is allowed
- G26. The use of elasticated and fixed feeders is banned on all society waters.
- G27. Unhooking mats must be used when fishing for carp, pike and barbel.
- G28. When pike fishing a minimum 15lb breaking strain line with 18" wire traces and a substantial 36" landing net must be used.
- G29. Members must not leave tackle with a baited hook unattended at any time when fishing on Society waters.
- G30. Correspondence with all forms of media is permissible without any prior approval but should reflect the positives of the society & its fishing and must not portray the society in a negative light.
- G31. No comments which may be detrimental to the Society should be put onto the Society's website.

- G32 The Society will not be held responsible for the actions of its members or their guests who have caused personal injury, damage to personal belongings, cultivated vegetation, standing crops or harm to livestock or domesticated animals belonging to or under the control of any of the Society's landowners, fellow members or the general public. In any dispute the Society's Insurance Company's decision shall be final.
- G33 Members are not obliged to share their swims with fellow anglers unless they wish to. Swims are to be fished on a first come first served basis even if the swim can accommodate more than one angler at a time.

Competitions

The Society's trophies, listed below, are competed for annually. They are divided as follows:

Class A

Awards for the best catch made in a Competition fished at a specified time, date and place. The trophies in this class are:

The Society's "Challenge Cup", for the highest total points awarded for each competition of each month;

"Bill Rogers Memorial Cup", fished on the river.

"Coronation Cup", "Elson Cup", "M & S Cup", "Barbie Cup" and "Jubilee Cup".

"Outing Cup", for Annual Club Outing, including juniors.

The following Junior trophies are also competed for annually:

"Elson Cup for Juniors"; "Furners Green Challenge Cup"; "Horace Black Memorial Shield", "Haywards Heath Junior Shield", "Colin Payne Junior Christmas Shield", "Committee Cup" & John Kenward Junior Cup.

The "Challenge Cup" points system (for Sunday club matches only) is based on the number of anglers competing, according to the example shown below. In the event of equal weights, the affected anglers obtain points equivalent to the higher placing. For example, with 23 competing anglers:

23 points for Winner	20 points for	4th
22 2nd	19	5th
21 3rd	18	6th etc.

Anglers with a nil catch weight obtain no points. General Competition dates are published each year.

Class B

Trophies and prizes awarded for specimen fish caught during the year.

Awards in this class are: "Veterans Cup", for the best specimen of the year weighed-in by a Member over sixty years of age; "Baker and Langridge Shield", for the best specimen fish of the year weighed-in by a Senior Member.

These trophies are open to **all members**, not just those fishing competitions.

Rules Governing Competitions

GENERAL

- C1. The Society's Rules must be observed. A competitor breaking the rules will be disqualified.
- C2. Only Members of the Society whose subscriptions are fully paid before the catch is made are eligible to receive awards.
- C3. Trout, Grayling, Pike and Barbel may be placed in keepnets during Society competitions and weighed in, No dead fish to be weighed.
- C4. "Oldies Matches" may only be fished by members aged over 60.

RULES GOVERNING CLASS A AWARDS

- C(a)1 Competing Members must not have fished or ground baited the competition waters during previous 24 hours.
- C(a)2. Competitors arriving after the published starting time of the competition will be excluded.
- C(a)3. Complaints will be considered by the Steward and if necessary referred to the Committee. Complaints taken to the Committee must be in writing and signed by the complainant.
- C(a)4. Roving Competitions. Only one swim to be fished at any one time. Tackle *must* be removed from the bank in any other place than the swim being used. This enables other competitors to fish there if they so wish.
Boundaries to be determined by the Competition Secretary on the morning of the Competition
- C(a)5. No fish shall be kept or carried in buckets or transported in nets.
- C(a)6. Order of starting shall be by a number drawn prior to move off. As numbers are called, competitors shall move off to their selected swims. No person shall pass or short cut anyone in front of him, without consent, until the first competitor has stopped.

They can of course choose a swim behind the competitor in front.

- C(a)7. Competitors shall not fish less than ten yards from another angler, unless by mutual consent.
- C(a)8. All live fish shall be eligible for weighing-in.
- C(a)9. All fish must be weighed at place of capture. Each competitor shall weigh-in at one point only.
- C(a)10. **Draw for walk-off to be 1 hour before start of all Society Competitions.**
- C(a)11. **Competitors must only fish with one rod, hook and line at any one time.**
- C(a)12. No pleasure fishing at the venue of any competition, on that day, before and during the match, the exception to this being evening matches, when the water must be vacated 2 hours before the match

RULES GOVERNING CLASS B AWARDS

- C(b)1. All fish must be hooked, played and landed by the competitor, except in the case of ladies and disabled persons.
- C(b)2. No fish can be accepted for competition unless caught from the Society's waters. .
- C(b)3. Catches must be weighed, measured and witnessed by two creditable members before 11 p.m. on the day of capture. Society Record specimens must be witnessed by two Full Members or one Committee Member. The weighing scales are to be checked by the Competition Secretary or a Committee Member as soon as possible after the catch.
- C(b)4. All weights and point notes from previous week must reach the Competition Secretary by the following Tuesday. They will be invalid unless properly filled in and signed.

All Cups and Trophies must be returned in a clean condition to the Competition Secretary by 1st March each year

TIPS ON FISH CARE

Help us to improve our public image. We can do a lot more to avoid injury to wildlife, protect the environment and display a responsible attitude to those who may otherwise wish to criticise us. Your Committee hope that you will adopt the guidelines outlined here whenever you go fishing.

Take ALL your rubbish home with you. Don't take plastic bait packs or tins to a fishery, open them at home and use proper bait- boxes for all bait.

Dispose of scrap line by cutting into one inch lengths or take it home for disposal and use only barbless or whisker barb hooks. Most of us already do.

Don't panic when unhooking, but do return all fish to the water as soon as possible. Care is more important than speed.

Don't handle fish at all, if you can avoid it - Use a landing net and an unhooking mat, or leave fish wrapped in folds of wet net while unhooking. If you MUST touch a fish, wet your hands first or use a wet, soft cloth. Hold fish firmly but not tightly while unhooking. You can easily cause unseen damage by rough handling. Injured fish may appear to swim away unharmed, only to die later.

Do not in any circumstances hold a fish more than 30cm (12 inches) above the ground and preferably over an unhooking mat, even when taking a photograph.

Don't over-crowd your keepnet, empty it and start again. Also, don't leave fish in a keepnet for longer than a few hours - they can really suffer, especially in hot weather or shallow water

Use tackle which is up to the job. When carp fishing, use a rod of sufficient strength, and use *minimum* 8lb b.s. line, preferably stronger. It won't affect your catch-rate - only you can do that!

When using boilies consider the size of the water against the proportion of freehand boilies offered. Don't over feed

When pike fishing, use minimum 15lb b.s. line and a wire trace of ***at least*** 15lb b.s. and 18 inches long and a substantial 36 inch landing net must be used. We don't want fish trailing lengths of 2 or 3lb monofil.

Live baiting is not yet banned, but is restricted to the use of baits of 6" long or less. Better still, use an alternative method.

Hint: dead baits do actually tend to catch lazy, bigger pike, while smaller pike happily chase lures. Really!

Treat landed pike gently - they are really very delicate and only *look* fierce! Hold small fish behind the gills to unhook. For larger specimens, kneel down, lay the fish on its back, between your legs. The fish will lie quietly and you can usually open the jaw with one finger. The jaw muscles are very weak; the fish uses the shape of its teeth to grip its prey, not brute force!

Don't play Grayling and Barbel for longer than you have to. When returning these fish, you may need to support them gently in the water, nose upstream, for a minute or two, to allow them to recover a little.

Please don't disturb nesting birds.

This may seem like a lot of fussy advice, but your fellow Members, the Committee and the fish will appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

SOCIETY WEBSITE

VISIT THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE ON –www.hhdas.com

THIS IS REGULARLY UPDATED WITH DETAIL OF MATCH FIXTURES, WORK PARTIES, MATCH RESULTS, FORTHCOMING EVENTS, LATEST NEWS ETC

SOCIETY'S WATERS

See HHDAS Map for details of boundaries

The Society's waters consist of several stretches of the River Ouse, together with a number of stillwaters of various sizes.

The waters which are owned by the Society have been named as follows:

SLOOP

'The Dave Knight Stretch'. This is upstream from the road bridge, both banks to the weir.

LINDFIELD

'The Fred Hallard Stretch'. From our upstream boundary on the north bank to the Pimms Mill Lock Sluice.

'The Stan Whetstone Stretch'. From the lock gates downstream to East Mascalls road bridge.

EAST MASCALLS

'The Horace Black Stretch'. From East Mascalls road bridge downstream to our boundary at Henfield Wood.

FLETCHING

'The George Robinson Stretch'.

Guide to the Waters

Directions are from Haywards Heath town centre. Map references refer to the car park for the still waters and to the nearest road bridge for the river.

River Ouse

Lindfield (TQ352263).

Take B2028 from Haywards Heath to Lindfield, through village, passing church on right, to road bridge over river. Off-road parking only is on hard standing on right hand side just past bridge.

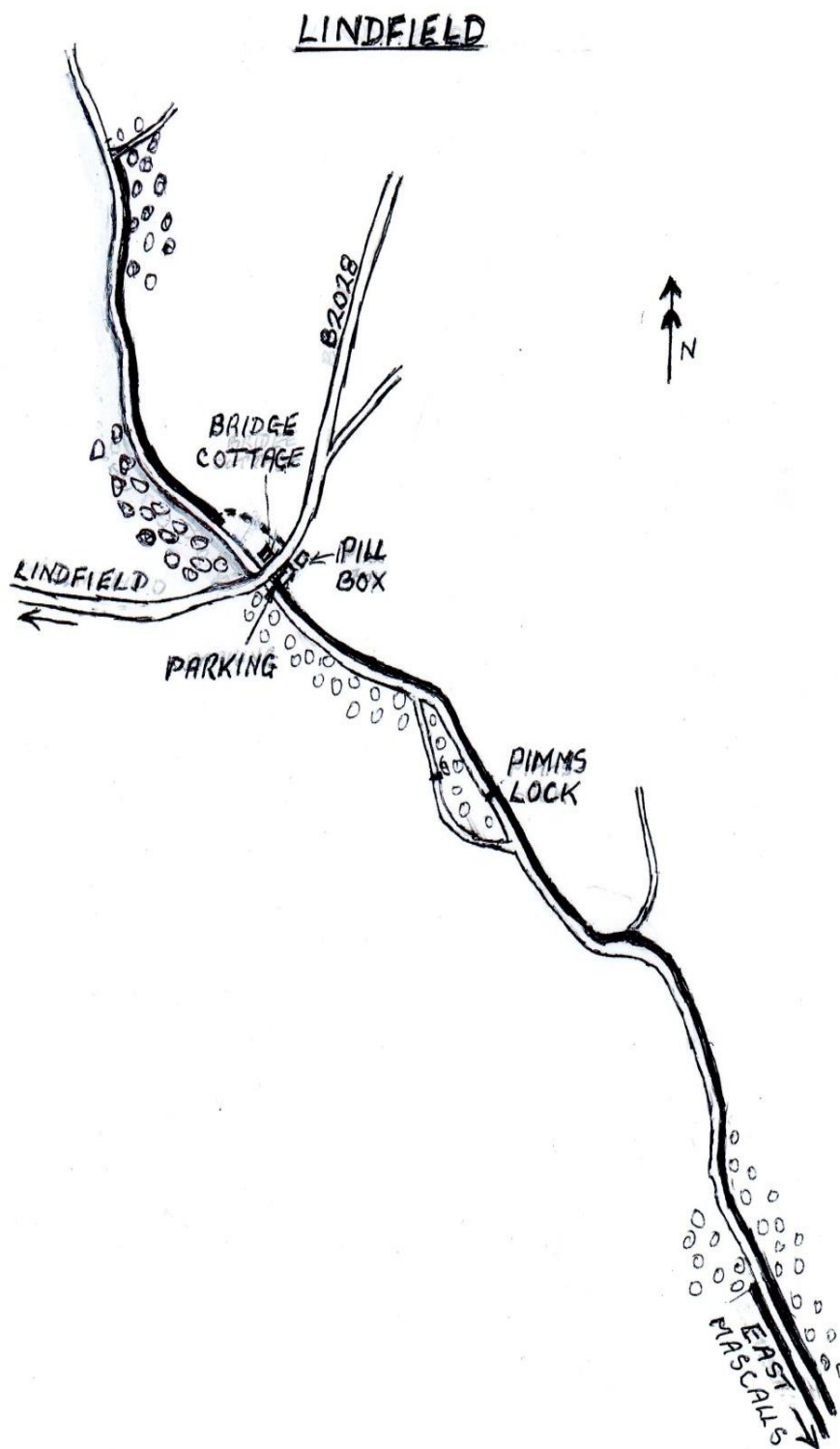
Access :

North bank upstream; via gate adjacent to Bridge Cottage.

North bank downstream; via kissing gate by pill box down to East.Mascalls (**yes, the bank alongside the golf course is ours**).

Special Rules

No Fires allowed



River Ouse

East Mascalls (TQ365254).

Take A272 from Haywards Heath toward Scaynes Hill. Left at B2111 to Lindfield then 1st right at Walstead to E. Mascalls. One mile to river. Car Park on right hand side just before bridge.

Access :

South bank upstream via kissing gate alongside bridge.

North bank upstream to Lindfield (see earlier notes); via gate by bridge, keeping close to bank through first field.

North Bank, pool only, via gap in fence alongside bridge.

South bank, pool, via steps alongside bridge and downstream as far as the Sloop via track alongside river from the back of the parking area.

Beware of power lines across river both upstream and downstream from bridge.

No guests or exchange book holders are allowed on this stretch.

Special Rules when fishing the bridge pool:

Fishing is not allowed in the bridge pool between 15th March and 15th June inclusive (even for trout)

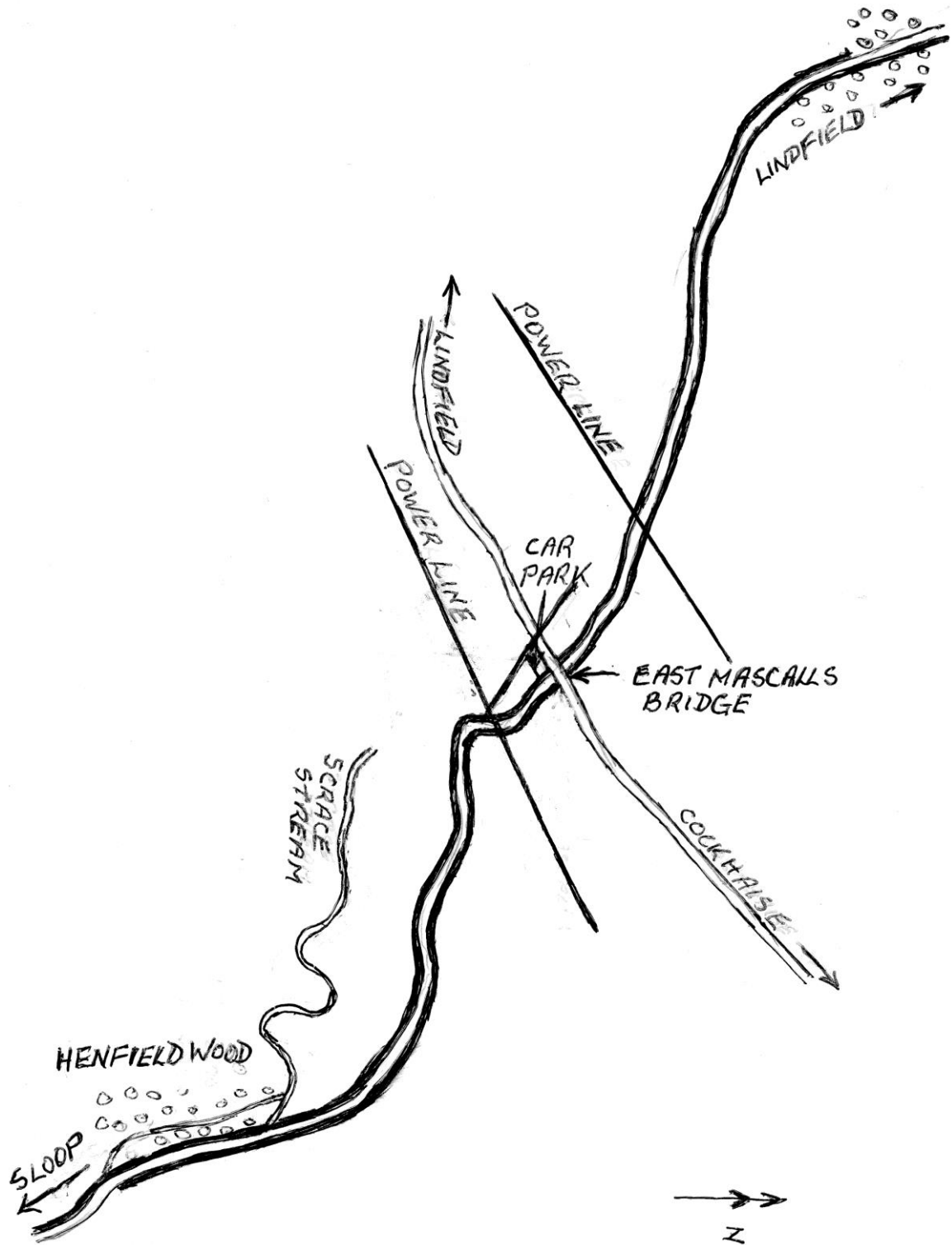
No more than two members may fish the pool at the same time.

Members must not fish with more than one rod at any time.

When fishing for barbel a line with a minimum breaking strain of 12 lbs, a landing net with a minimum size of 30 inches and an unhooking mat must be used.

All other areas may be fished according to the normal set of rules.

EAST MASCALLS



River Ouse

The Sloop (TQ385245).

Take A272 from Haywards Heath to Scaynes Hill. Turn left into Church Road at garage. At fork, take left, then half-mile to river. Parking is dedicated society car park off lane to sewage work on right hand side behind padlocked gate and is not allowed in the pub car park. Do not park in the access lanes to farm or Sewage Works.

Access (On foot only): from car park alongside canal and path upstream to weir. Then path alongside river from weir South bank only upstream through to East Mascalls.

'Dave Knight' stretch South bank, either via farm gate opposite pub or via footbridge over canal on path to weir.

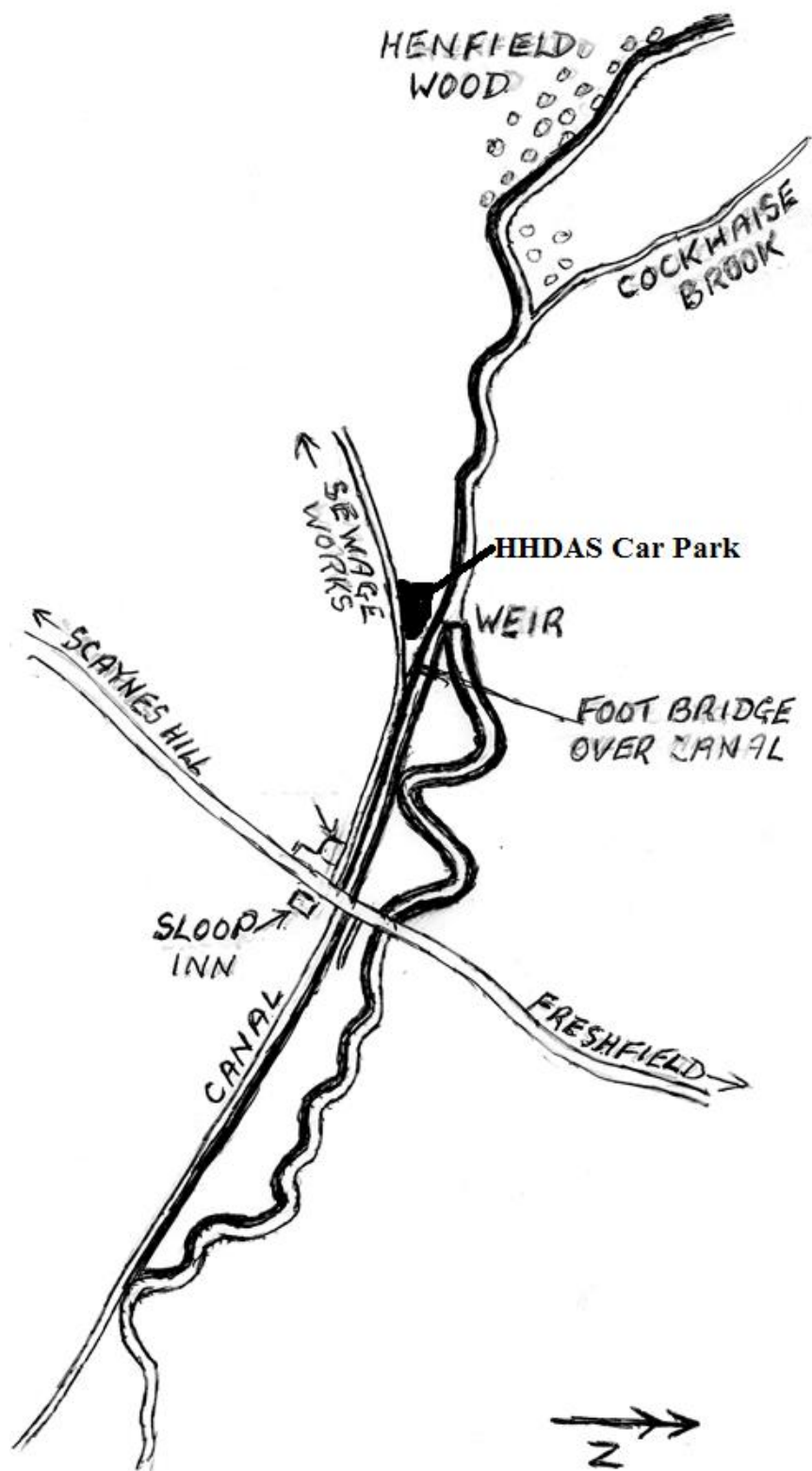
'Dave Knight' stretch North bank, over fence alongside bridge.

Downstream; via farm track beside canal for South bank downstream to boundary and canal.

Special Rules

No Fires allowed

THE SLOOP



River Ouse

Sheffield Park (TQ406237)

Take the A272 from Haywards Heath through Scaynes Hill to North Chailey. Turn left onto the A275 to Sheffield Park, about 2 miles.

Parking is through a padlocked gate on the right about 100yds on the Chailey (south) side of the bridge. (Opposite the entrance to the Bluebell Railway). Please park on the left alongside the hedge after passing through a second gate on the left immediately inside the gate off the road.

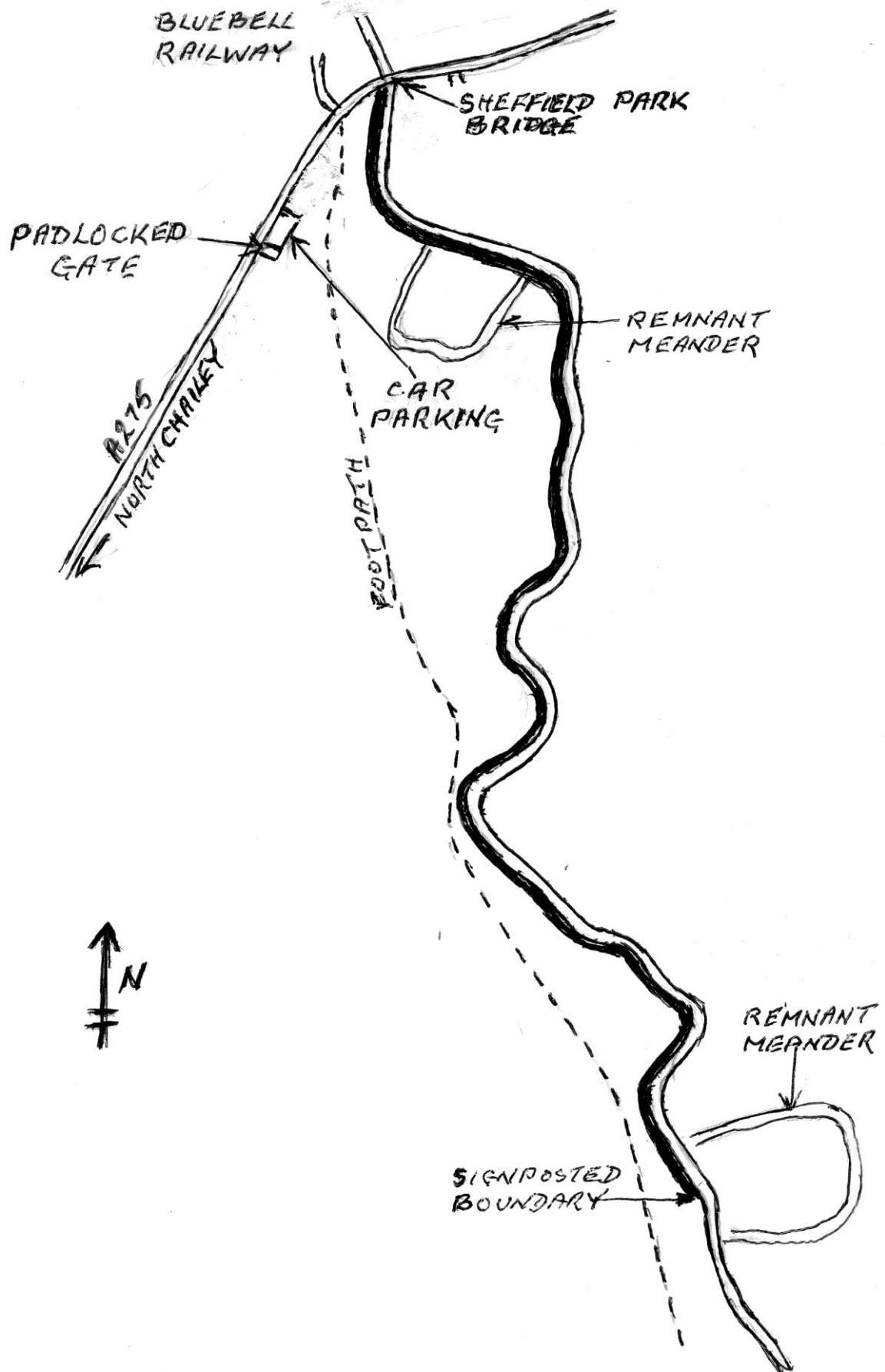
Access:

Cross the field to the river and then follow the bank downstream.

Special Rules

No Fires Allowed

SHEFFIELD PARK



River Ouse

Fletching (TQ424229).

Take A272 from Haywards Heath through Scaynes Hill to North Chailey. Left onto A275. Take right after approx. one mile. Keep left at fork then across both river bridges. Parking is on the verge alongside a pill box on the left, **not at the bridges or on the concrete in front of the gates.**

Access :

Via metal gate near pill box, across field then sharp left after 2nd gate for N. bank upstream only. Follow signs and keep to field edges.

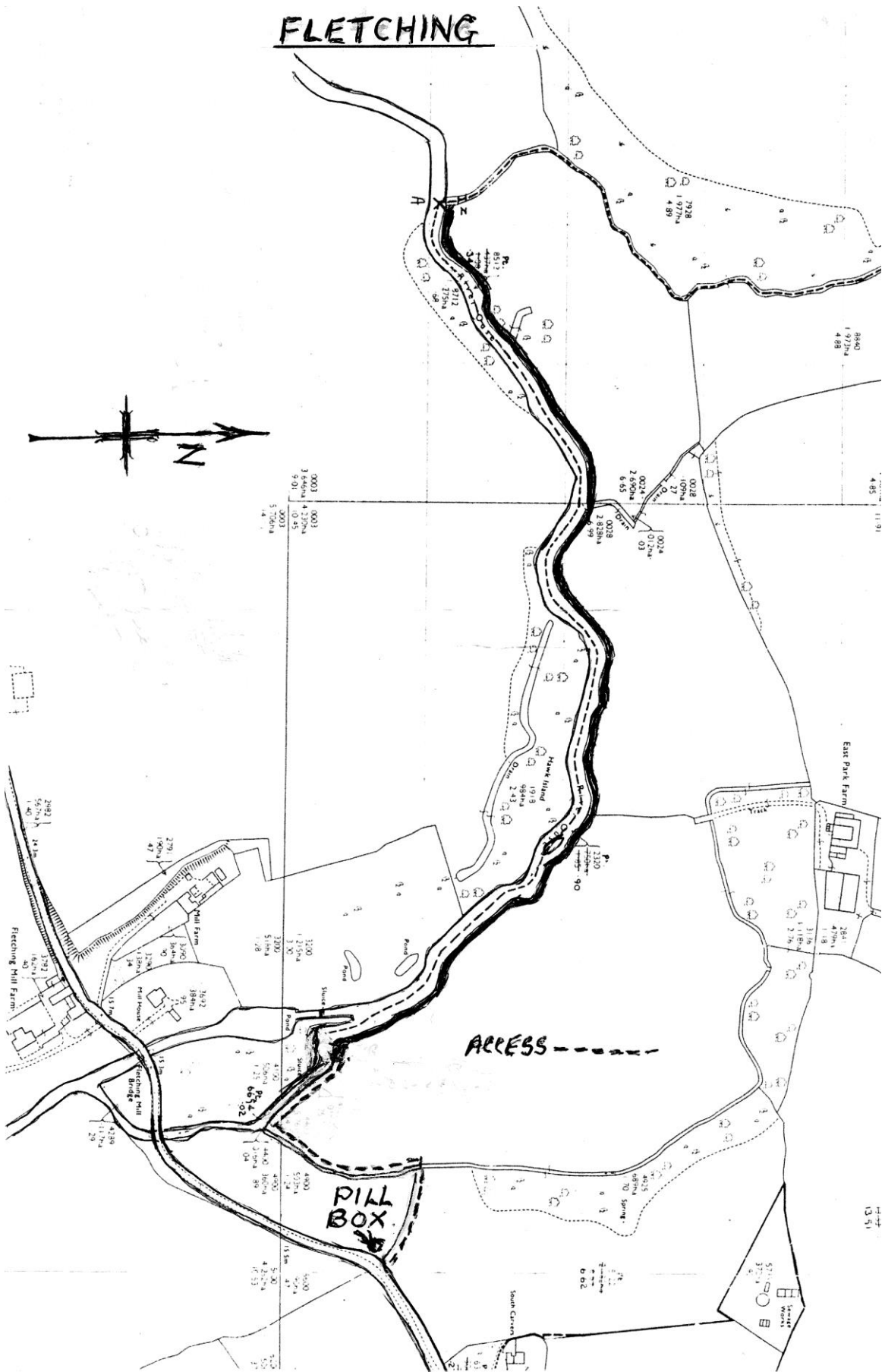
Definitely no access from bridges or downstream.

Special Rules;

No Fires allowed

Must not be fished during the coarse fishing closed season from 15th March to 15th June inclusive (even for trout).

FLETCHING



River Ouse

Goldbridge (TQ428214).

Take A272 from Haywards Heath through Newick then 1 mile to parking in lay-bys just over bridge.

Access:

Via gate (padlocked) in hedge about 50yds from bridge on Newick side of river for upstream South bank only.

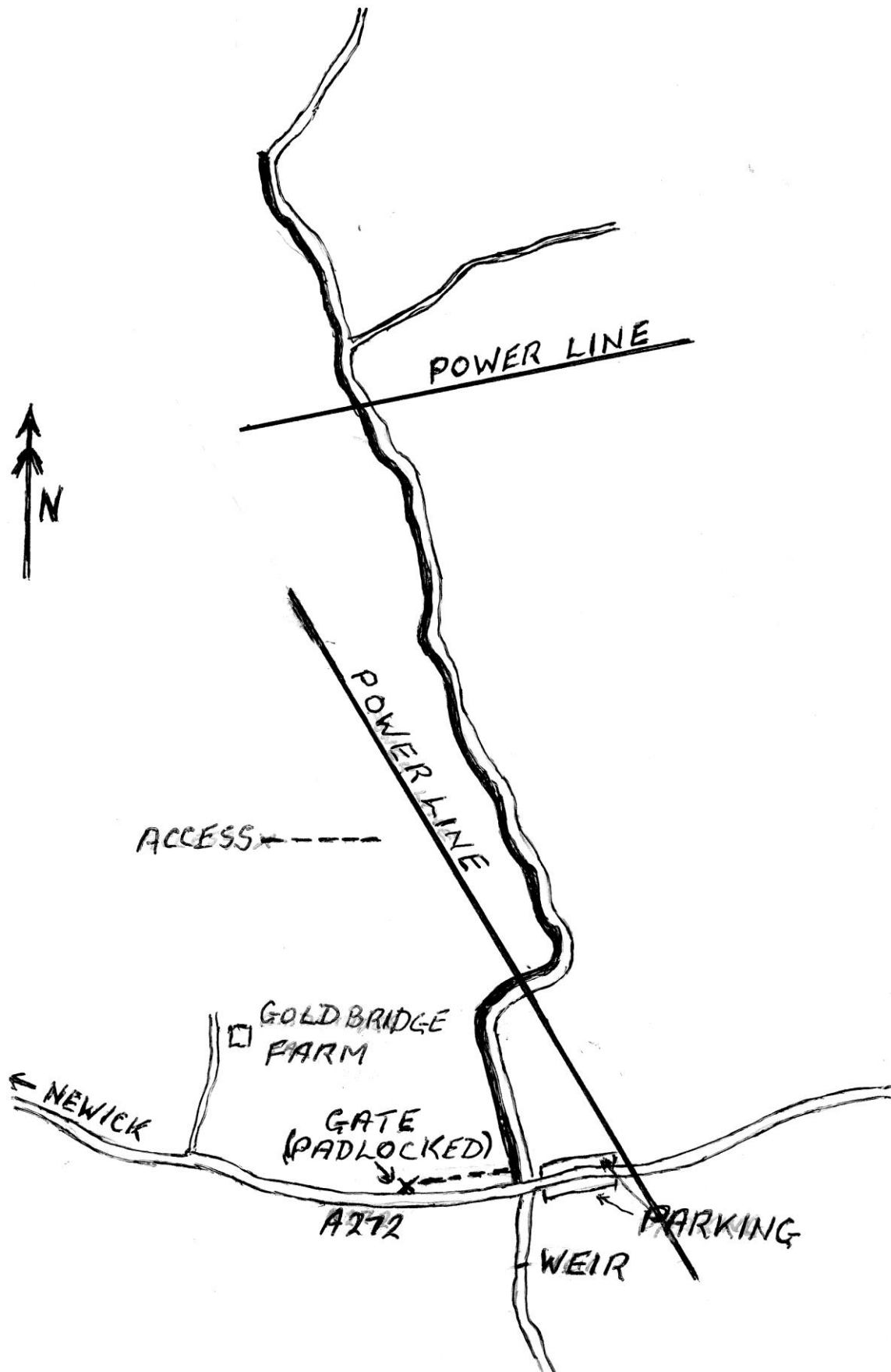
Beware of power lines across river

Special Rules;

No Fires allowed

Must not be fished during the coarse fishing closed season from 15th March to 15th June inclusive (even for trout)

GOLDBRIDGE



Stillwaters

Balcombe Lake (TQ317310).

From Haywards Heath follow road signs to Balcombe. Entering village, take narrow road 1st right (Mill Lane). At sharp right bend take access lane ahead to Woodward's Farm (lake visible to left). Cross dam to car park on left (padlock).

Be aware of traffic on dam and make sure that you make your presence is known if a shooting party arrives.

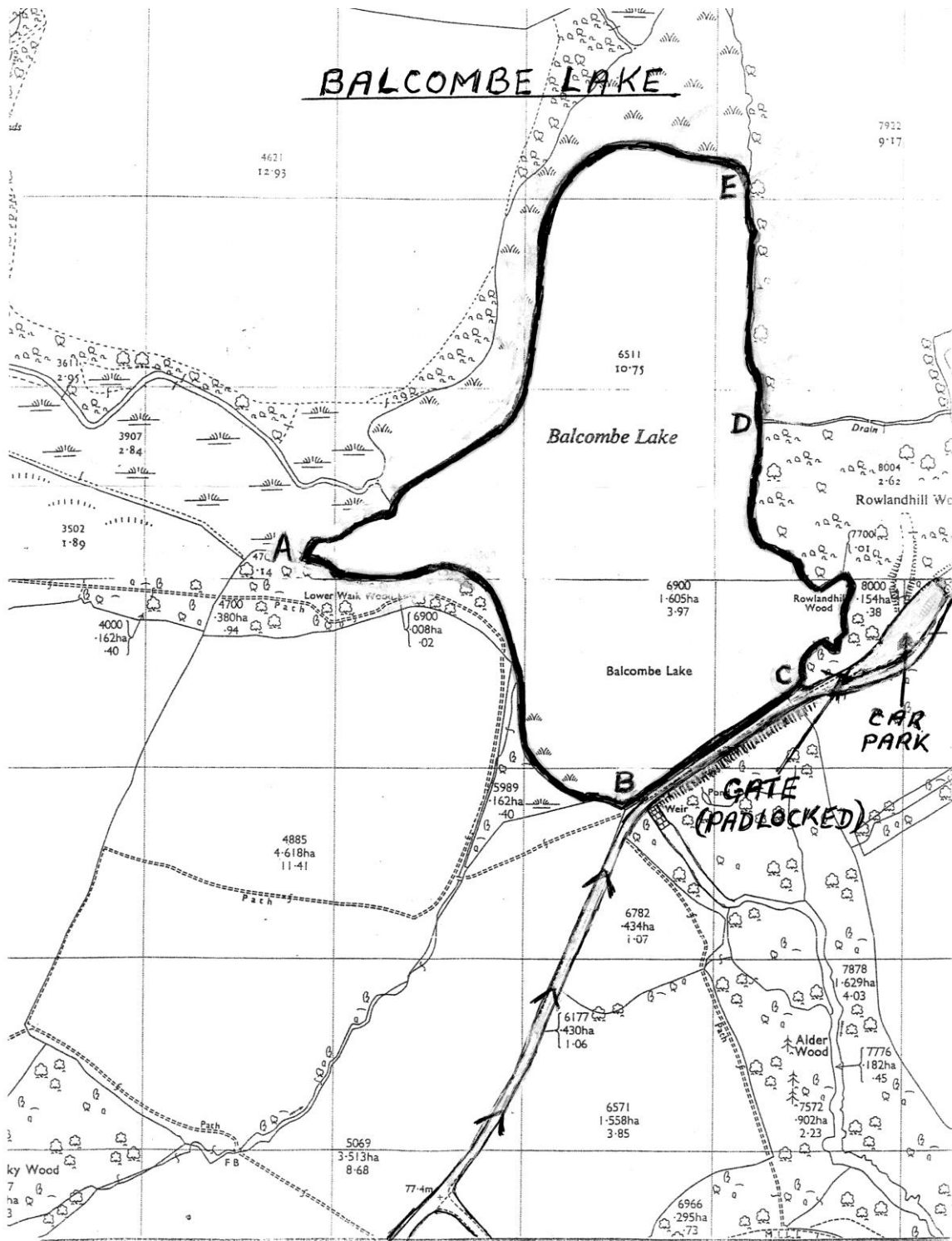
Fishing Seasons:-

Fishing is allowed on the dam and both banks (between points marked A, B, C, D, E on the map) between 1st April and 14th March inclusive.

No fishing between points A & E at any time

Special Rules:-

No Fires and No Dogs



Title:	BALCOMBE LAKE
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This plan is for certification only.	



Stillwaters

Deaks Lane, Ansty (TQ289237).

Take A272 from Haywards Heath to Ansty. At the Ansty Cross public house turn right and then immediately right into Deaks Lane. If travelling from the A23 turn left just before the Ansty Cross public house. Travel $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (approx) passing Norris Farms on right. Descend down a steep hill and as you climb out at the bottom you will see a metal gate on the right. Parking is on the right through the gate. Close all gates. Deaks Lane ponds are on the left through the next gate.

Make as little noise as possible when arriving at or leaving these waters so as not to disturb local residents

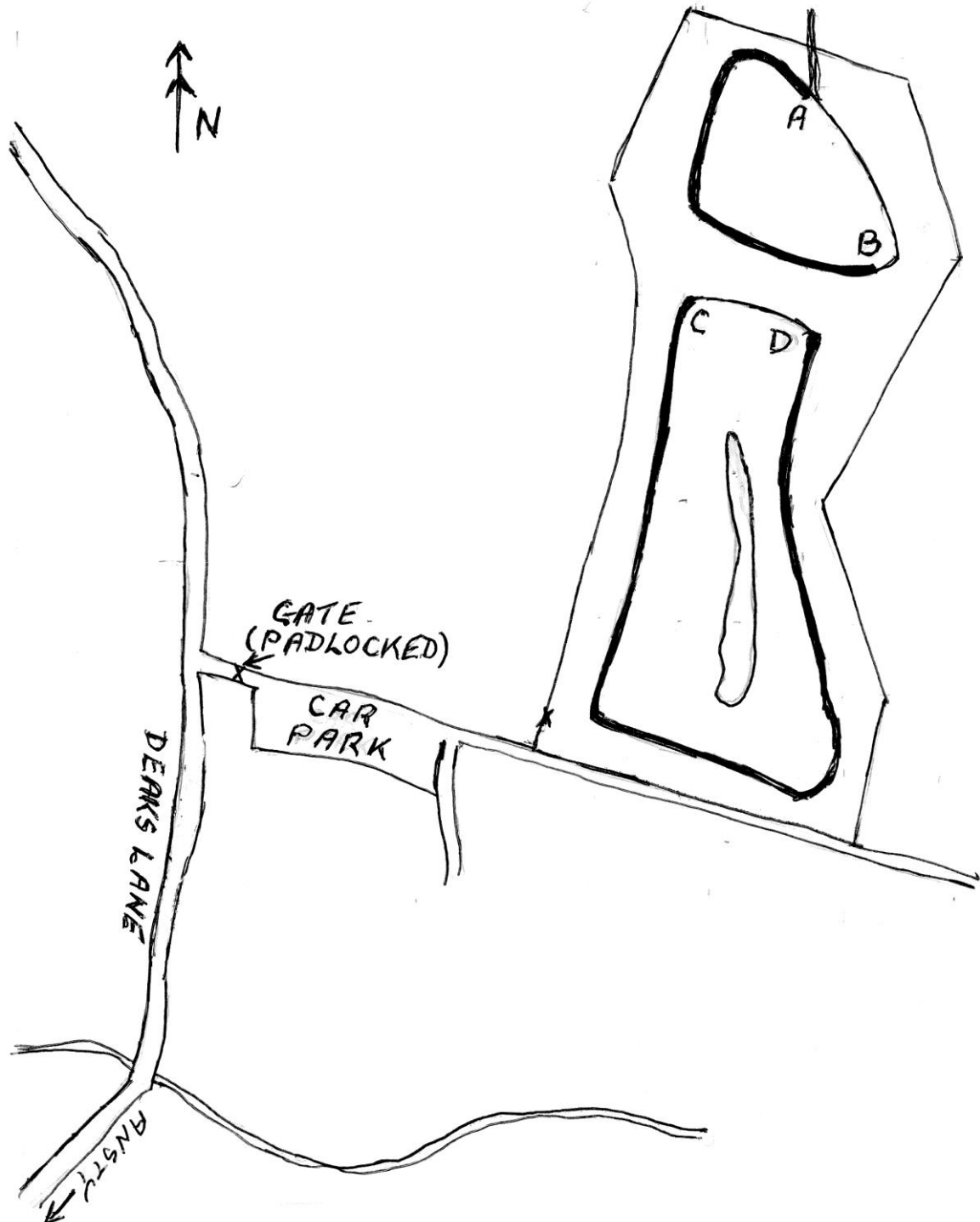
Special Rules;

No fires allowed

No night fishing

No fishing between points marked A and B or C and D

DEAKS LANE PONDS, ANSTY



Stillwaters

Valebridge (TQ320213).

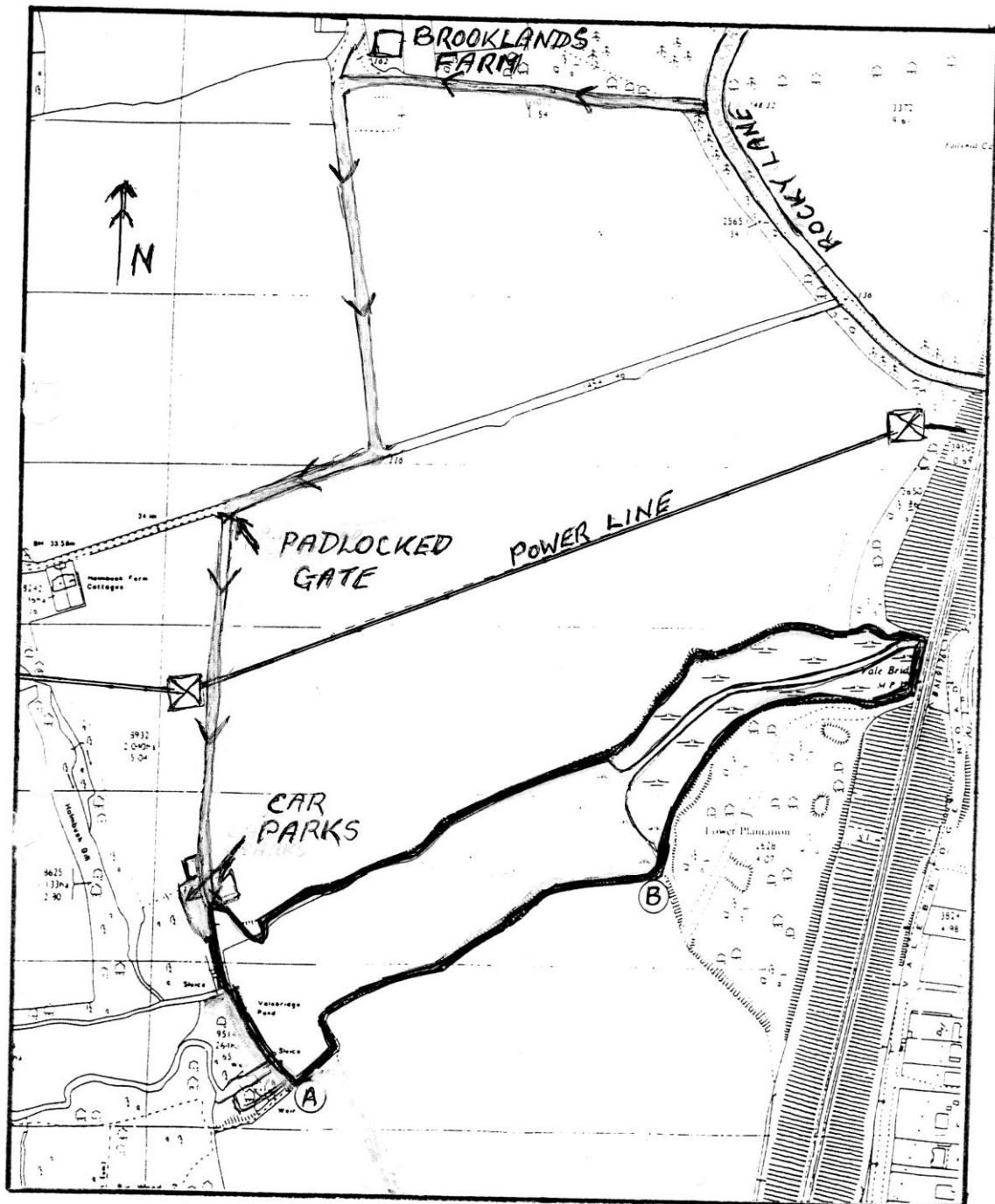
Take B2112 towards Wivelsfield. After approx. ½ mile, take right at Rocky Lane for about 1 mile. Take access road right signed for Brooklands Farm. Follow service road, turning left at junction then right to gate on left (padlocked) at top of track to lake and car park. Secure parking through padlocked gate alongside lake.

Be aware of walkers on the footpath when fishing from the dam.

Special Rules

No Fires allowed

VALEBRIDGE MILL POND



Stillwaters

Weir Wood Reservoir (TQ383341)

Take the A22 to Forest Row village centre and at the mini roundabout next to the Swann Inn take Priory Lane towards Turners Hill for approximately 1 mile. Turn off to Weir Wood reservoir is in your right just after entrance to Michael Hall School.

Special Rules

No Fires allowed

No Dogs

No Carp to be retained in Keepnets

Present yourself at fishing office with membership card & book before you commence fishing

Fishing is dawn till dusk. No night fishing without prior payment at fishing office

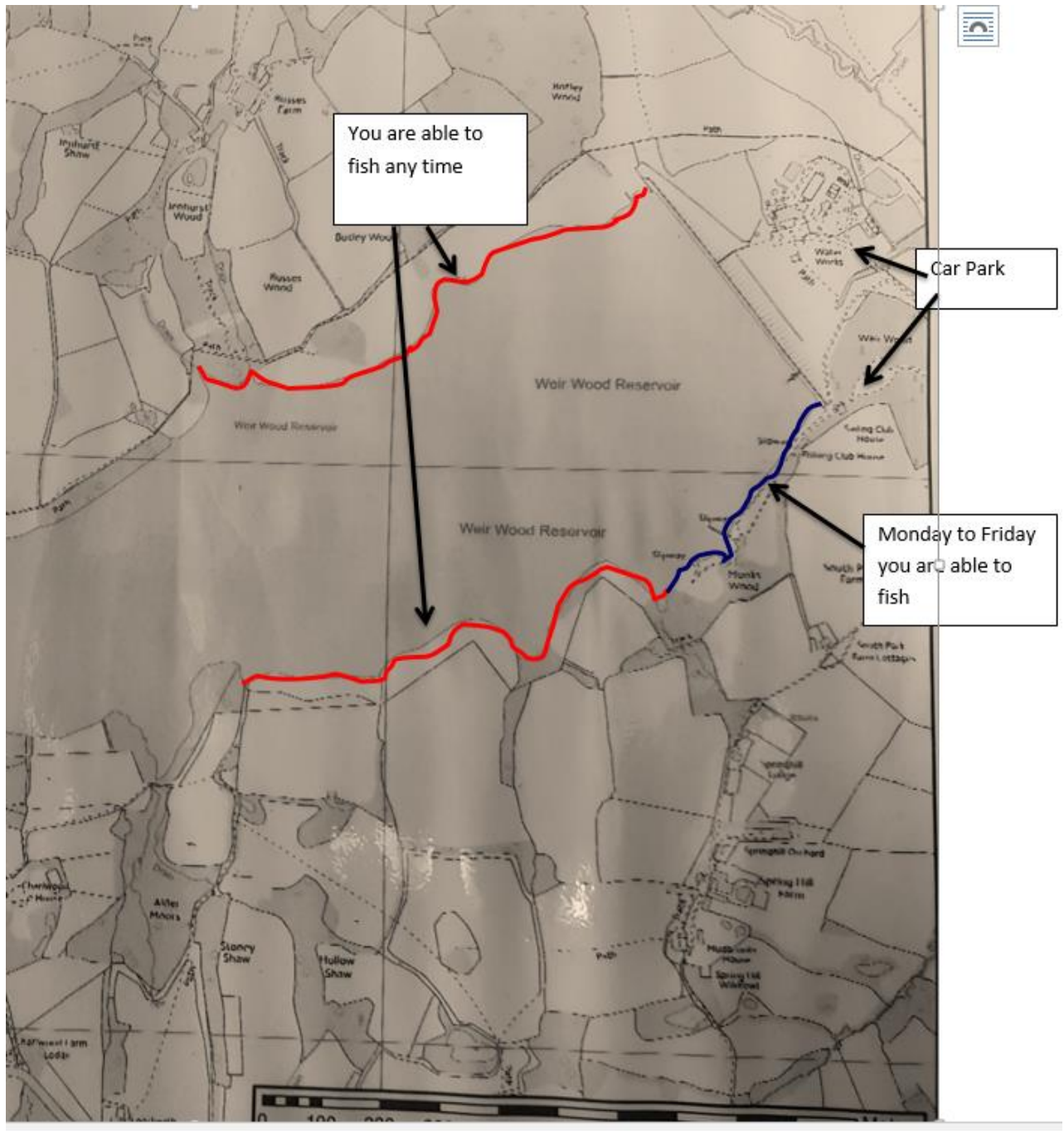
Guest tickets to be paid at fishing office (Not to HHDAS)

Boat hire & ferry to be organised direct with fishing office

Boat hire is £30 per day

Night fishing is £10 per night (members) & £15 per night (non members)

Weir Wood Map of fishing limits (bank)



SOCIETY RECORD FISH (SENIORS)

Barbel (16lb 6oz) J Hulbert , East Mascalls, R Ouse, March 2017

Bream (8lb 4oz) M Standen, Lindfield, R Ouse July 2016

Carp, Common (27lb 0oz) S Judd, Balcombe Lake, May 2019

Carp, Mirror (25lb 4oz), J Parsons, Balcombe Lake, July 2020

Carp, Crucian (4lb 1oz 8dr) G. Penny, Leigh Water Mill, Feb. 1995

Chub, (6lb 0oz) F. Bishop, East Mascalls, R. Ouse, February 2012

Dace (1lb 0oz) I. Field, R. Ouse, East Mascalls , February 2008

Eel (7lb 10oz) LR Smith, Balcombe Lake, June 2013

Gudgeon (0lb 4oz) I. Field, East Mascalls, R. Ouse, June 2010

Golden Orfe (2lb 9oz) T. Smith, Sloop, R. Ouse, Dec. 1992

Grayling, (2lb 4oz) N. Hart, Sloop, R.Ouse, June 2002

Perch (3lb 6oz) R.Smith, Valebridge, March 2015.

Pike (26lb 0oz) H. Pilbeam, Balcombe Lake, March 1928

Roach (1lb 15oz) F. Hallard, R. Ouse, Lindfield, Dec. 1954

Roach/Bream Hybrid (6lb 8oz) Ryan Smith, Balcombe Lake, May 2013

Rudd (1lb 14oz) M. Tobias, Lindfield, R. Ouse, June 2007

Tench (7lb 13oz) B.Smith, Balcombe Lake, May 2015

Trout, Brown (3lb 9oz 8dr) H. England, R. Ouse, Lindfield, May 1959

Trout, Rainbow (3lb 11oz 8dr) J. Cheesmur, R. Ouse, Sloop, May 1991

Trout, Sea (4lb 10oz.) A.Leader, R. Ouse, Goldbridge, March 2008

SOCIETY RECORD FISH (JUNIORS)

Barbel (15lb 11oz) Michael Wickens, East Mascalls, R. Ouse, June 2013.

Bream (6lb 2oz) Ryan Smith. Balcombe Lake, May 2009

Carp, Common (23lb 13oz) Ryan Smith, Balcombe Lake, November 2011.

Carp, Mirror (17lb 13oz) Ryan Smith, Balcombe Lake, December 2011

Carp, Crucian (1lb 13oz) David Botting, Valebridge, May 2007

Chub (5lb 11oz) Michael Wickens, East Mascalls, R. Ouse, July 2012.

Dace Open

Eel (3lb 6oz) T.Clark, Valebridge Lake, August 2015.

Gudgeon (3oz) Stanley Field, East Mascalls, R. Ouse, June 2010.

Perch (3lb 0oz) W Taylor, Valebridge, Dec 2019.

Pike (24lb 0oz) S. Harrison, Balcombe Lake, Oct. 1996.

Roach (1lb 2oz) P. Ransley, Valebridge, June 2000

Rudd (1lb 0oz) M Parsons, Valebridge, Oct 2019

Tench (7lb 9oz) Jake Parsons, Balcombe Lake, July 2018.

Trout, Brown Open

Trout, Rainbow (1lb 12oz) Ryan Smith, Sloop, November 2009.

Trout, Sea Open

Roach/Bream Hybrid (5lb 13oz) Michael Wickens, Balcombe, May 2012

See Rules C(b)1 and C(b)3 for 'How to Claim'.

GUEST FISHING PERMIT (COARSE FISHING ONLY)

Members may be accompanied by up to six angling guests each per year on all Society waters **except those at East Mascalls**

Members must collect a Guest Tickets, **before** fishing commences, from our website www.hhdas.com

The costs of the tickets are: 24 Hours - £10.

The Rules of the Society apply to all Guests, who must carry a current Environment Agency Rod Licence

EXCHANGE BOOKS

The Society has a number of Exchange Books with other Societies They are: Henfield, Horsham, Seaford, Crowborough and Pulborough.

These are obtainable (subject to availability) from the 1st July from

John Caffrey (Membership Secetary)

Members must hand over their own book when making the exchange

Tel: 01293 421351

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

WEIL'S DISEASE

Weil's Disease (Leptospirosis) is a bacterial infection carried in rat's urine which contaminates water and the banks of rivers and lakes. It is a serious disease in human beings that requires hospital treatment.

The early symptoms are similar to those of flu and normally start 3 to 19 days after exposure to contaminated water. Every year people die from this disease, this is unnecessary because it is quite easily treated if diagnosed in time.

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU

There are a number of sensible precautions you can take,

- Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or gloves.
- Disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside.
- Wash your hands or cover food with a wrapper before you eat.
- Do not put your hand in your mouth after immersing in river water and never place bait or fishing line in your mouth.
- Do not touch dead animals, especially rats.
- If you develop flu like symptoms that persist tell your doctor that you may have been exposed to leptospirosis so that he/she can consider it in the diagnosis.
- Do not leave food, ground bait or bait on the bank side.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

Following changes in the way insurance companies manage liability claims our insurers require the Society to advise them immediately following incidents in which they may be interested. In particular incidents involving personal injury. In order to comply with these changes any member who is involved in an incident whilst angling or on any fishery must immediately report the circumstances to the secretary of the Society.