

Your guide to fishing at Tattershall Lakes.

Tattershall *Lakes*





Prices

Day Ticket, 1 Rod	£7.50
Day Ticket, 2 Rods	£9.50
7 Day Ticket, 1 Rod	£35
7 Day Ticket, 2 Rods	£40

The Basics

- Fishing is dawn till dusk only
(no night fishing)
 - All anglers must possess a current, valid UK fishing license
 - Every bait in moderation
(nuts and pulses banned)
 - All fish must be returned,
no keepnets!
 - 2 rods maximum
 - Barbless hooks only
 - Please use unhooking mats and landing nets when you're getting fish out of the water for the safety of the fish
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Rudd Lake and Lysander Island

There are 7 pegs on Rudd Lake & 30 pegs on Lysander Island.

Lysander Island is accessed via a small gravel roadway opposite the Merlin Entertainment Complex and Rudd Lake access is from the Anglers Acre/Fishing Lake Road that leads from Anglers Acre to Castle View.

Rudd lake is a mature lake, with various specimens. With only 7 pegs we advise to get there early to be sure of a peg.

The Fishing or Island Lake, fished from Lysander Island, is the most challenging due to its size, natural habitat, and natural obstructions (not to mention holiday makers enjoying themselves at lakeside units, which is not good for fishing).

It has had an extensive stocking programme over the last few years, with many juvenile carp and mature species of fish added every year. At the end of 2020 season over 500 C2 carp were added to the Fishing/Island Lake.

For 2022, we are adding 640 2lb fish to the Fishing/Island Lake.

Some areas of the "fishing lake" are quite weedy. We occasionally put a safe blue dye into the lake to help suppress the weed growth but prefer to leave the weed in the lake as natural food and safe haven for other species.

Worth noting, that each year we stock the "Bulrush" lake with a minimum of 2000 juvenile carp (As pictured below). These are fed throughout the season and released into the parks' other lakes.



Fishing Pegs On Lysander Island:

Pegs 1-5 are closest to the main entertainment complex. Please consider that this area is used for our sport and leisure activities and children will be playing in the area.

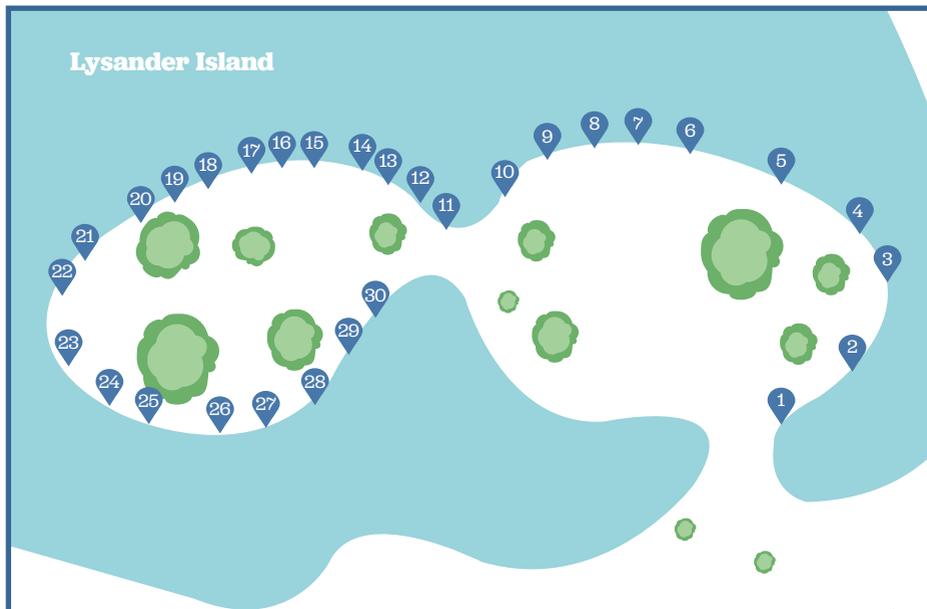
Pegs 5-22 on Lysander Island are more suited to the carp angler as these pegs provide better casting into the main lake.

Pegs 23-30 on Lysander Island are more for the leisure angler as most pegs are close to reeds and an underhand casting method will need to be adopted by most. The lakes are more challenging than those on commercial fisheries. However, we are often advised of some very respectable

catches coming from Lysander Island with the largest recorded carp at 32lb

Please Note - *The Lysander Island is also used on occasions by our resident Sports and Leisure team who participate in some of our leisure activities such as laser tag, which are held in designated areas and have not been known to affect the Anglers too much. There is also a small area that is used for Den building within the Lysander Island.*

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Merlin Point Lakes

The Merlin Lakes are located at the end of Merlin Point on the far side of Water Ski Lake, within a short walk from our TriBeCa Village. There are 13 pegs between the 2 lakes.

General information about Merlin Lakes:

- These lakes are mostly suited to the leisure angler. It's mostly underhand casting close to reeds and overhanging trees
- The lakes are stocked mostly with mirror carp ranging from a few ounces to some weighing 10lbs or more. Most are around 1-3lbs in weight and not stocked for the "Specimen" Anglers
- There are also crucian carp, tench and bream in the lake at approximately 1/2lb to a 1lb in weight
- During 2021 and 2022, the Merlin Lakes were restocked with a variety of mature carp.

We can only recommend that typical baits are used for these lakes as we introduce new fish each season and many fish may have never been caught by a leisure angler. This may make them less fearful of most baits. We would suggest the normal maggot, pellet, sweetcorn approach be used.

To the right are some more examples of fish that were stocked into Merlin Point.



Pike

There are a few posts and mentions on social media about pike in the lakes. This is correct, pike will be in all our lakes. We are not a commercial fishery. Pike are natural to the environment, the Environment Agency support this fully and it serves to provide a balance to the lake and a different form of fishing, especially in winter months.



Juvenile carp being introduced to the lakes



A good haul of carp



Some lovely examples going into Merlin Point Lakes...



The odd tinca tinca can also be found

General information

There is a small fishing hut, Tattershall Tackle Ltd, on site selling fresh bait, provisions, and providing a wealth of knowledge and a passion for all things fishing. If a guest has a preferred brand of products or bait, we advise that anglers purchase these prior to arrival.

Fishing tickets can only be purchased from the Tattershall Tackle and Bait Shop on site (**07896632219**) or from the Coningsby Pet & Aquatics, a 5-minute car journey from the park. (**01526 344777**).

Tattershall Tackle is run by Andy and Mel who are keen anglers. Having a tackle shop has been a dream come true. They are on hand to advise on lake tactics, peg locations and bait options. They can also offer limited lessons to younger anglers, but please check availability before arrival. You can hire rods, landing nets and unhooking mats subject to availability.

Why not follow Tattershall Tackle on Facebook to see some of the previous catches from the lakes?

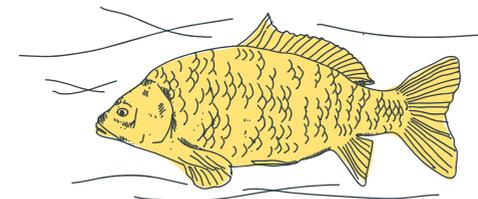
As a polite reminder all anglers are also required to possess a UK rod licence as the park is often inspected by enforcement officers. If you are new to fishing, more details can be found at: www.gov.uk/fishing-licences

Tattershall Lakes is not a commercial fishery and we respectfully advise that it is called "fishing", not "catching". Many

of our fish will be in excellent condition, some may never have been caught before. We feel a far better experience is had by catching a quality, good condition fish, but perhaps in smaller quantities. However, there are many conditions that affect the fish and if they are feeding or not. This is out of the parks control and we cannot give refunds on day tickets purchased.

Important information

- All anglers are expected to pay for their fishing, there are no collective agreements where anglers are not expected to pay.
- If an owner has purchased an annual ticket, this will entitle them to fish under this ticket. However, it does not permit multiple anglers to fish under the one owner's ticket. This therefore means guests will need to pay for a fishing ticket when they are staying in a lodge that has its own peg.
- **Rod Licences** – It is lawful for all anglers to hold a UK rod licence. The authorities carry out random checks at the park in effort to enforce it.
- **Weed** – All the lakes will have a presence of weed. This is a natural thing, although it does provide a more challenging session for anglers. However, those anglers with some knowledge will be able to change their fishing styles and bait to amend each lake and session. The weed helps provide cover for fish, oxygenate the water, and provides a natural habitat for the fish and other species of wildlife that inhabit the lake.





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