



EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL – COVID 19 FISHING GUIDANCE

IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL FISHING RULES & REGULATIONS, PLEASE SEE BELOW COVID 19 - GUIDANCE TO FISHING AT MAIDEN ERLEGH NATURE RESERVE. PLEASE BE AWARE IF THE GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED, YOU RISK YOUR PERMIT BEING REVOKED.

ON ARRIVAL

- Only **one** person is permitted to fish in a fishing bay at any one time, unless you are from the same household. This rule also applies to the double bays.
- Disabled fishing bays have been marked with a cross to show the 2m distance from the back of the fishing bay.
- Any equipment you bring to Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve, such as fishing tackle boxes, rods etc. must be washed/sanitised before arrival and we ask that you bring a minimal amount of equipment and personal belongings with you.
- You should bring your own gloves, face masks, hand sanitiser etc. for your own personal use during your visit.

DURING YOUR VISIT

- You must be aware that other visitors to the Nature Reserve will be passing behind your bay and that the 2 metre social distancing rule must be followed at all times.
- Other visitors to the Nature Reserve may need to step off the main footpath and enter your fishing bay briefly to allow others to pass them by. If this happens, you and the person who has entered your bay must maintain the 2 metre social distance.

ON LEAVING

- You must not leave any discarded gloves, face masks etc. in the fishing bay.
- You must remove all of your equipment.
- You must dispose of all your litter.

WATER BAILIFFS

- If a Water Bailiff enters your fishing bay during your visit, they will adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rule.
- If you are asked to produce your fishing permit, please hold your permit up so it can be seen by the Water Bailiff, who will check the permit whilst adhering to the 2 metre social distancing rule.

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FISHING MATCHES

- No fishing matches will be held until further notice

FAMILY FISHING DAY

- No Family Fishing Day will be held this year

All visitors to Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve have a responsibility to themselves and other visitors, to ensure they follow Government guidelines including the 2 metre social distancing rule, which are in place for your safety and the safety of others, as a result of Covid 19.

The Council has erected signs around the Nature Reserve and we ask all visitors to follow the advice given on this signage, during their visit.

As the Council has a duty of care, should there be a time when the Council is unable to meet certain guidelines set out by Government, the Council may take the decision to suspend a service, facility or activity, until additional advice or preventative measures can be put in place.

Most importantly should you have symptoms which you believe could be Covid 19, such as a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough etc., you should stay at home and not visit Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve.

STAY ALERT → **CONTROL THE VIRUS** → **SAVE LIVES**