



Fairhaven Lake Paddle Permit Guidelines

1. The lake is used at permit holders' own risk. This means that you must judge for yourself whether conditions are safe to use the lake. The lake is a natural environment and, though council staff may be present at certain times, it is not patrolled or lifeguarded. Lake Levels and water conditions may vary. You should familiarise yourself with the positions of life rings, which are provided at locations around the edges of the lake, and of the defibrillator located at the RSPB centre.
2. Life Jackets or Buoyancy aids are recommend but not mandatory.
3. All craft must be in a sound and safe useable condition
4. Owners must insure craft against all contingencies
5. All lake users must have the relevant licence. Regular licence checks will be carried out on the water. Anyone found sailing or paddling without the correct licence will be asked to leave the lake
6. All persons (including children) must be capable of safely reaching the shore by themselves if they fall off or capsize. The maximum distance to the nearest shore from any part of the lake is XX metres. The maximum depth of the lake is 1.6 metres.
7. The main jetty is reserved for hire boats during the daytime until the end of September but can be used after 6.30pm
8. Leashes should always be worn – this ensures your board stays close to you if you fall off and avoids causing a danger to others
9. Children (Under 16s) should always be accompanied on the water. Ensure conditions are suitable for their level of paddling, and that they give way to other lake users.
10. When other crafts are on the water, be observant, give way and avoid paddling through a racecourse whenever possible
11. Weather conditions should be checked before use and avoided in adverse conditions