

THE BINTRY MILL TROUT FISHERY
Fishing at Bintry Mill, Yarrow Farm and Vicarage Farm
RULES 2020

The Bintry Mill Trout Fishery manages and seeks the improvement of the riverine habitat of the river Wensum at Bintry Mill, Yarrow Farm and Vicarage Farm for the benefit of the river, the wild trout population, invertebrates and the fishing for the members of the Fishery

Membership and Club Rules

1. Membership of the Bintry Mill Trout Fishery ("the Club") is at the discretion of the Committee and is limited to 60 members. Anyone applying for membership of the Club is to be proposed and seconded by members of the Committee. The Committee may in its absolute discretion and without giving any reason remove any name from the waiting list for membership of the Club.
2. Members will be invited to renew their annual membership and rod fees are due by 1 March of each year. The amount of the rod fee shall be determined annually by the Committee and agreed at the AGM.
3. Junior membership is available for those between the age of 8 to 16 inclusive. The rod fee for junior members is one half of a full rod fee, payable up to and including the season of their sixteenth birthday.
4. New members will be expected to pay a joining fee as agreed by the Committee. There will be no joining fee for junior members.
5. Each member will be issued with an annual, non-transferable membership card which must be produced when requested by another member or an owner of the Club waters; code to the lock on the fishing box; car sticker; a copy of the Club rules; and a map of the Fishery.
6. The Club is run by the Committee which shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer ("the Officers") and such number of other members (not exceeding five) as the Officers in their absolute discretion shall decide to assist them. All members of the Committee shall have equal voting rights. Should a motion or proposal at a committee meeting or AGM be tied on a vote, the Chairman shall have a deciding vote.
7. Between the end of each fishing season and the beginning of the next fishing season an Annual General Meeting of the Club is to be held on not less than 21 days' notice. Any matter put to a vote at the AGM shall be decided by a majority of those attending the meeting on a show of hands, with the exception of an election of officers which shall be by postal vote.
8. At every AGM the current Officers may stand for re-election. Any member wishing to stand as an Officer must give written notice of their intention, supported by letters signed by a proposer and seconder, to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the day appointed for the AGM. Where a contested election is necessary it shall be by a postal vote. If an Officer is not re-elected by the AGM he/she will no longer be eligible to become or continue as a Committee member unless invited to rejoin by the Committee. Any member wishing to join the Committee should notify the

Secretary in writing and with a letter signed by a supporter, also within 14 days of the day appointed for the AGM.

9. The Committee may expel or call for the resignation of any member of the Club whose conduct is considered by the Committee to be contrary to the best interests of the Club or detrimental to the good name of the sport of fishing. Any such member shall have the right of appeal in person before the Committee provided that written notice be given to the Chairman within 14 days of the decision in question being made known to the member.

10. Any notice may be given to a member at that member's last known postal or email address.

11. The Committee may alter the rules of the Club at any time.

Fishing Rules

1. A member must have a current Environment Agency rod licence.
2. The extent of the fishery is shown on the map provided to members. It is divided into four beats: Bintry Mill, Yarrow Farm, County School and Goff's. Please note that:
 - a) On the Bintry Mill Beat, no fishing is allowed between point A and the mill itself. Members are not allowed set foot on the true right-hand bank where marked in red on the map
 - b) On the Yarrow Farm Beat, members are not allowed to set foot on the true left-hand bank where marked in red on the map
 - c) Access to the County School Beat is from the true right-hand bank only
 - d) Access to Goff's is from the true right-hand bank only
3. Cars are to be parked in the following places only, as marked on the map:
 - a) On the lane by the fishing box, but not in the field through the gate
 - b) On the parking area by Yarrow bridge on the true right-hand bank
 - c) On the road by County School bridge on the true right-hand bank
 - d) At the end of the track leading to the river from North Elmham church

The car sticker must be displayed clearly when a member's car is parked in one of the designated parking places

4. Members must not bring dogs, disturb game nor swim; they must shut gates after passing through, remove all litter and not do anything that is not in the best interests of the Club.

5. A fishing box is situated at the spot marked on the map. Each member will be responsible for leaving the box locked. Members must complete part 1 of a catch return card on arrival for the beat or beats they intend to fish. Before departure members must record the number and tag colour of stock fish caught and the length of all untagged trout caught on the beat or beats that have been fished. **All wild fish and untagged fish must be returned to the river.** These fish should be measured and their lengths recorded on the catch return card or cards. When returning fish handle them as little as possible and only with wet hands. All stock fish are marked with a coloured tag by the base of the dorsal fin. Only stock fish, up to a limit of **four**

fish per week (including fish taken by a guest or guests), may be killed. Any other fish caught should be described.

6. The fishing season is from 1 April to 29 October (both dates inclusive).
7. A member may fish on any day of the week. Fishing is permitted until one hour after sunset.
8. The only methods of fishing are dry fly and upstream nymph. The use of barbless or de-barbed hooks is mandatory.
9. A member may bring a guest who will be accompanied by the member at all times. The member will be responsible for a guest who must fish the same beat as the member. All fish caught by a guest are to be treated in accordance with Rule 5 and must be recorded on the member's catch return card/s.
10. Junior members up to and including the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult aged 18 or over at all times when at the river.
11. Day tickets are available only for the Yarrow Farm and County School Beats.