



Bourley Fly Fishing Club (BFFC)

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RISK ASSESSMENT – BOURLEY FLY FISHING CLUB (BFFC) – Bourley Lakes

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SUMMARY

This assessment has been compiled for the Bourley Fly Fishing Club (BFFC) by the Secretary, to identify and mitigate the risks associated with the club's activities which consist of partaking in the sport of fly fishing from the lake bank.

GENERAL AND COMMON AREAS OF RISK

Banks, Steps, Bridges

Always take care when negotiating the lake banks using steps, crossing bridges, wooden bridges can be slippery and potentially unsound. Additional care is necessary during wet and cold weather.

Weather Conditions

With all fishing and any outdoor activity, be constantly aware of changing weather conditions and its potential consequences. Strong winds make casting difficult and potentially dangerous. Avoid sunburn, wear sun block even when cloudy in the summer months and tinted glasses or sunglasses will help protect your eyes from glare.

During warm weather all members should ensure they have sufficient hydration with them to avoid the risk becoming disorientated due to de-hydration.

If there is a lightning storm in the vicinity, all members should cease fishing and put down their rods. Modern rods are a lightning conductor and holding a rod during a lightning storm is very dangerous and could cause a member to be struck by lightning.

Protective Measures

All members are recommended to wear suitable clothing when fishing including wearing either safety or sunglasses and a hat.

Duty of Care/Medical Conditions

Remember that if you have any serious medical condition, physical disability or other such limitations, you **MUST** advise a Third party that you are going to fishing at Bourley. You are **strongly recommended** to carry a Medical aid card advising of what immediate aid action should be taken in the event of your having a medical emergency.

Disabled & Limited Mobility Members

Members who are disabled or have limited mobility should act to be "buddied up" with someone close by at all times. Particular care should be taken when at the lake edges and areas where the ground is soft and uneven.

Pandemic – COVID-19

Members will be advised separately of any special risks associated and precautions to be taken in the event of a pandemic including COVID-19.

General Risk Assessment

Please note that this is a general risk assessment highlighting the majority of the potential problems/risks you are most likely to encounter whilst fly fishing. It's impossible to anticipate every single problem or potential risk and some circumstances can be totally unforeseen, accidents do happen, take care, move slowly and above all use common sense, **much of the responsibility for your own safety lies with you.**

For the purposes of this Risk Assessment the lake has been divided into a number of zones as shown below:

LARGE LAKE		
Name	Area covered	Overall Risk Assessment
Zone Alpha	Pegs 1,2,3,4	Minimal
Zone Bravo	Pegs 5,6,	Minimal
Zone Charlie	Pegs 7,8,9	Minimal
Zone Delta	Pegs 10,11,12,13,	Minimal
Zone Echo	Pegs 14,15,16,17,	Minimal
Zone Foxtrot	Peg 18	Medium
Zone Golf	Pegs 19	Medium
Zone Hotel	Peg 20	High
NO FISHING	The total area of the dam and outlet on the North end. The overgrown area at the South.	High

SMALL LAKE		
Name	Area Covered	Overall Risk Assessment
Zone India	Pegs 21, 22,23	Minimal
NO FISHING	The area of the dam at the north end. The overgrown area at the very Southern end of the lake	High

The zones referred to below are shown on the attached map of the lakes

LARGE LAKE		
Hazard	Remarks	Risk Acceptable (Yes/No)
Zones Alpha and Bravo		
Banks leading down to the lake edge of varying gradients that are grass covered.	When wet members to take care to avoid slipping and falling over.	Yes
Uneven ground and edges at the lake edge.		Yes
When wet the banks and bank at the lake edge are very slippery.	Members to take care.	Yes
Members of the public not paying attention to the warning notice concerning the risk from back casting.	Adequate signs in place warning the public of the risk. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water after slipping.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	Yes
Zone Charlie		
Bank edges are very soft and uneven and not clearly visible.	Members are to take extra care when fishing in this zone.	Yes
Members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting.	Adequate signs in place warning the public of the risk. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.		Yes

Zone Delta		
Uneven edges to the ground at the lake edges.		Yes
Members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting.	Adequate signs in place warning the public of the risk. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	Yes
Zone Echo		
Bank edges are uneven and not clearly visible.		Yes
Members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting.	Adequate signs in place warning the public of the risk. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	Yes
Zone Foxtrot		
Sloping bank edges that are uneven and not clearly visible. Narrow paths with uneven surfaces and surface tree roots.	Members to take additional care when in this area.	Yes
Increased risk of members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting.	Members to take extra care when members of the public are in the vicinity. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.	Increased risk due to uneven and sloping banks.	Yes
Zone Golf		
Sloping bank edges that are uneven and not clearly visible. Narrow paths with uneven surfaces and surface tree roots.	Members to take additional care when in this area.	Yes
Increased risk of members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting.	Members to take extra care casting when members of the public are in the vicinity. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	
Zone Hotel		
Steep slope and steps down to the edge of the lake.	Members to take special care when moving down to the lake edge due to steep steps.	Yes, with care.
Increased risk of members of the public not paying attention to the risks from back casting as the peg is below the eye level and anglers not immediately visible.	Members to take extra care when members of the public are in the vicinity. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes, with care.
Falling into the water.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	Yes

SMALL LAKE		
Zone India		
Sloping bank edges that are uneven and not clearly defined.	Members to take care when wet.	Yes
Members of the public not paying attention to notices and the risks from back casting.	Adequate signs in place warning the public of the risk. Members to check the area behind them is clear before casting.	Yes
Falling into the water.	Adequate numbers of lifebuoys available positioned around the lakes.	Yes

