

Etang la Saussaie – Fishery Rules

- **Arrival & Departure**

Anglers may access the lake after **1:00 PM** on the day of arrival. All anglers must leave the lake by **10:00 AM** on the day of departure.

- **Vehicles**

Vehicles are allowed around the lake for unloading only and may be parked next to your swim. Once set up, vehicles must be returned to the main car park unless you are moving swims.

- Driving off the designated track is strictly forbidden. Any damage caused will be charged to the angler.
- On the lake we maintain a speed limit of 10 mph.
- Recovery of stuck vehicles will incur a **€250 fee**.
- All vehicles must be parked in the car park after unloading.

- **Fish Care Equipment**

Unhooking mats, weigh slings, carp care kits, and landing nets are provided by the fishery. A **€50 cash deposit** is payable on arrival.

- No personal unhooking mats, weigh slings, or nets are permitted on site.
- Carp care kits must be used on **every fish, every time**. All wounds or mouth damage must be treated.

- **Fish Handling & Photography**

- No sacking or retaining of fish.
- All fish must be lifted from the water using a weigh sling – never in the net. Ensure all fins are flat against the body before lifting.
- Fish over **40 lb** must be photographed in the water.
- Fish over **50 lb** must not leave the lake.
- All weighing must be done in the water. Weigh poles are provided.
- Please take photos of both sides of the fish (where possible) and record weights to help us monitor health and growth. Participation in our weekly catch app is required.
- Any fish damage must be reported immediately to the bailiff or owner.

- **Rods & Tackle**

- Maximum **3 rods per angler**. Rods must not be left unattended.
- Rods must be fished within the designated swim boundaries (lake map available in the lodge or, ask the bailiff).
- No braided mainline, braided leaders, leadcore, lead-free leaders, or Rigmarole or Fox Copper core. **No leaders of any kind**.
- Minimum mainline: **18 lb breaking strain or 0.38 diameter**. Safety rigs only. No bolt rigs
- All anglers' setups must be able to drop the lead safely. Any unsuitable setups must be changed immediately
- Zig fishing is not allowed.
- Hooks: **Micro-barbed size 2 only**. No long-curve, long-shank, bent, or barbless hooks allowed. No set hooks.
- The use of the **Magic Twig** is banned – offenders will be asked to leave.
- Rig and line checks will be made before anyone can start fishing and throughout the week.

- **Swims & Bivvies**
 - Fishing is only permitted from marked swims.
 - Bivvies must be placed on the gravel areas provided.
 - No “buddy bivvies” between swims.
- **Bait Rules**
 - All particles, seeds, and maize must be purchased from the fishery. Outside supplies are not permitted and will be confiscated until departure.
 - All nuts (including peanuts) are banned.
 - Maggots, worms, and snails are banned.
 - No plastic hook baits are allowed.
 - Bait boats are allowed with **sensible use**.
- **Boats**
 - Two boats are available one on each bank for freeing snagged fish. **Life jackets are mandatory**. In the event of a fish becoming snagged, please contact bailiff first.
 - Boats must be returned in the same condition to their designated points.
 - No private rowing boats are allowed on site.
- **Facilities & Cleanliness**
 - Kitchen, showers, and toilets are free for anglers. Please bring your own bin bags, toilet paper, kitchen roll, and towels.
 - Facilities must be kept clean after use. A **€100 deposit** will be held and returned on departure if everything is left clean and in good condition.
 - No fishing tackle or bait may be stored in or around social areas.
- **Grounds & Conduct**
 - Cutting or pruning trees, plants, or vegetation is not allowed.
 - Grass, trees, and swims are maintained weekly by staff only.
 - No swimming, no fires, no defecating around the lake.
 - **No drugs permitted**.
 - Alcohol is allowed **in moderation**. Any angler seen to be intoxicated will be required to reel in their rods and may be asked to leave the fishery.
 - Drunkenness, antisocial, or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.
 - Dogs are not permitted.
- **Rubbish & Waste**
 - All rubbish must be taken away when you leave.
 - A **€100 deposit** per party will be held and returned if swims are left clean and free of rubbish or waste.
 - Swims will be inspected from **7:30 AM on the day of departure**.
- **General**
 - Please respect other anglers – sound carries far over water.
 - Any angler breaking the rules will be asked to stop fishing and leave the lake without refund.
 - By booking, you are deemed to have accepted these rules. If in doubt, please ask.

"We are here to make sure you enjoy your holiday with us. Our rules are in place to protect your safety, the carp, and the environment you're fishing in. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you enjoy your stay with us.

— The Carp Vivre Team"