

River Blackwater - Hawley Meadow

Location:

Car Park One: Marshall Road Camberley, Surrey
(OS grid reference SU860591)

Car Park Two: Admiralty Way, Camberley, Surrey
(OS grid reference SU855596)

Rod Limit: 2

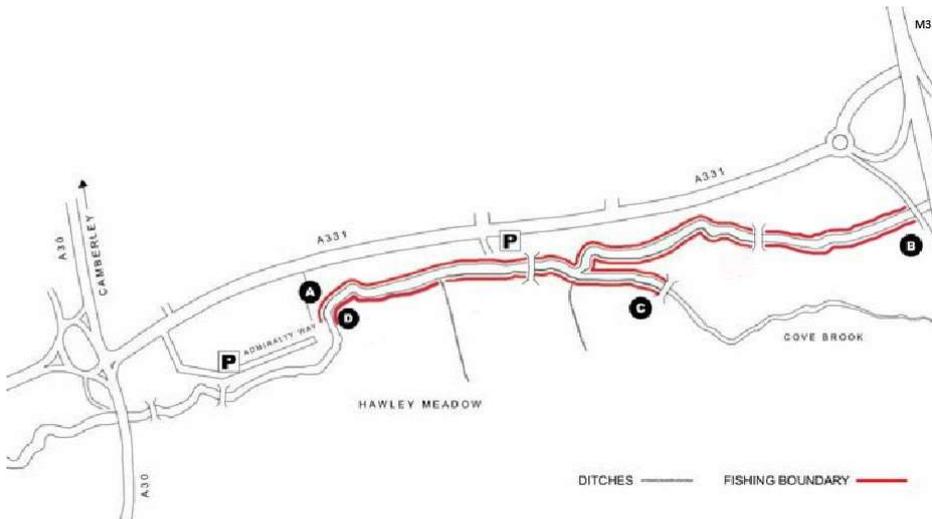
Bait Boats: No

Night Fishing: No

Special Notes

- Day tickets only available in advance from Yateley Angling Centre, The Parade, Reading Road, Yateley GU46 7UN, 01252861955..
- Beware of overhead power cables.
- No barbel or carp are to be retained in keep nets.

River Blackwater closed March 15th – June 15th inclusive.



A quiet stretch of the river situated just off the M3 Junction 4 near Camberley. This fishery is ideally suited to the roving angler who can take full advantage of the 1-mile stretch from Admiralty Way up to Motorway on both banks

Approach

From the M3 take exit 4 and take the A331 sign posted Camberley/Sandhurst. * Approx 500 yards down the dual carriageway the entrance to the car park one is on your left under a 2m height barrier.

From the M3 to car park two, go through three sets of traffic lights. At the fourth set of lights, next to the gas towers on your left, turn left into Admiralty way. ** Follow this road around the back of the industrial estate; parking is on your right.

From Wokingham/Sandhurst take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout go straight over and through three sets of traffic lights, the second of which being the Tesco / Marks & Spencer shopping centre until you reach the Meadows

roundabout on the A30. Take the 3 exit on the A331, sign posted M3 turning right into Admiralty Way for car park two at the first set of lights. Follow the directions as above **. Continue on the A331 for carpark one, through three sets of traffic lights past the Sainsbury superstore. At the roundabout take the

3 exit coming back down the A331 in the opposite direction to which you have just travelled. Follow the directions as above *.

Access

Access to the river is directly in front of the car park one.

From Car park two cross the bridge from Admiralty Way to gain access to the river. The path that follows this section of the river behind the industrial estate is in good condition and is suitable for trolleys and barrows. The path goes upstream towards car park one.

Fishing

Fishing is from the path at the end of Admiralty Way (point A on the map) upstream for approx 1 mile to motorway (point B on the map) on both banks.

This beat starts quite shallow with some good gravel runs, gradually deepening providing some good pools with plenty of natural cover. This water contains a vast array of fish species, noted for its chub and roach. You can also find perch, pike, gudgeon, bullheads, stone loach, rudd, dace and in the downstream section, bream to around 5 lb, the odd carp and giving some good all round sport.

This section of the Blackwater River has the most prolific biomass of fish found in the Ioddencatchment.

River Blackwater - Shepherds Meadow, Beat One

Location: Station Approach, Blackwater, Surrey (OS grid reference SU854599)
Rod Limit: 2
Bait Boats: No
Night Fishing: No

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This is the start of the Shepherds Meadow section, situated just below the A30 bridge in Blackwater. The river runs along the front of office buildings that back onto Blackwater Station.

Approach

From Wokingham/Sandhurst take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout go straight over and through two sets of traffic lights, the second of which being the Tesco / Marks & Spencer shopping centre until you reach the Meadows roundabout on the A30. Follow this back round sign posted A321 (Sandhurst) but turn off at Station Approach before the A321 exit. Approx 50 yards on the right is a gated entrance and footpath to the river where beat one starts.

Parking

Parking can be a problem at this beat due to the fact there is no official car park for H.W.A. members. The station car park is only 60 yards away but you will need to pay to park here.

Access

From the gateway the walk to the river is approx 20 yards. The gravel path that runs along this beat is flat and suitable for trolleys and barrows. The boundary starts on the right hand bank downstream just below where the Wish Stream enters (point A on the map) and continues for approx 275 yards to the wooden footbridge (point B on the map).

Fishing

This section of the river has produced good mixed catches of chub, trotting with light tackle feeding maggots. More swims are accessible during the winter months when the weed dies down. One of the best roach swims is just 60 yards downstream from Blackwater train station on the first left-hand bend of the river. This section ends at point B on the map where the wooden foot bridge crosses the river.

Shepherds Meadow, Beat Two & Three

Location: Marshall Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire (OS grid reference SU848606)
Rod Limit: 2
Bait Boats: No
Night Fishing: No

Special Notes

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These two sections are opposite the Marks & Spencer and Tesco shopping centre and continue downstream behind Sandhurst Recreation grounds and council offices. Beat two starts at point C on the map.

Approach

From Wokingham/Sandhurst take the A321 York Town Road sign posted Blackwater/Camberley. At the traffic lights next to the Rackstraws Pub & Travel Lodge, turn right onto Marshall Road, sign posted College Farm. At the first roundabout turn right into Shepherds Meadow car park under the 2m height barrier.

Parking

There is ample parking at this fishery, but be aware many other users do park here so don't leave valuables on display in your car.

Access

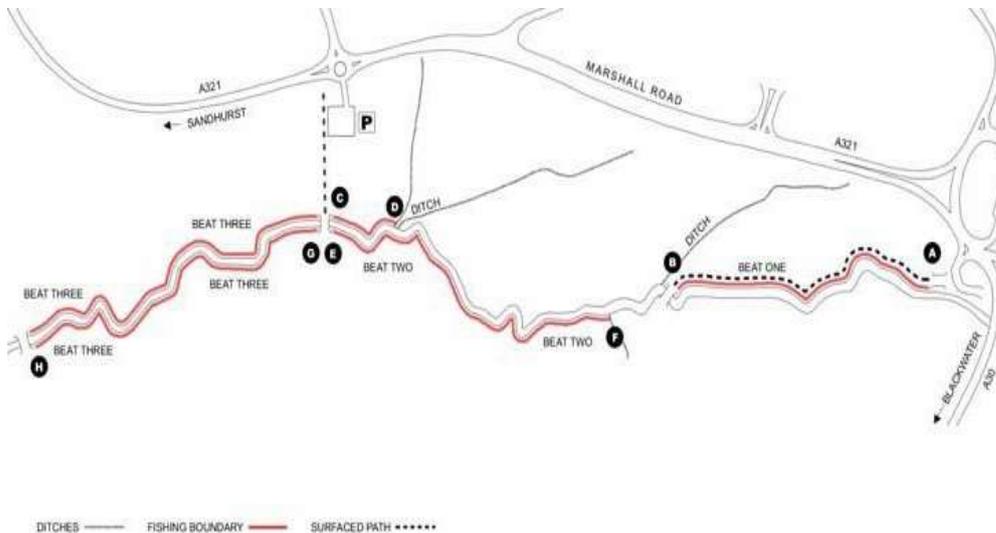
Access to both beat two and beat three is around 60 yards from the car park. A surfaced path takes you to the bridge over the river dividing beats two & three. Beat two is to the left of the bridge (upstream) and beat three is to the right of the bridge (downstream). The Blackwater Valley Path follows the river and is suitable for both trolleys and barrows.

Fishing

Beat two can be fished on the bank nearest the car park from the footbridge (point C on the map), up to where the two ditches enter (point D on the map). The far bank can be fished from the footbridge (point E on the map) up to the gate dividing the two fields (point F on the map).

Beat three (downstream) is on both banks from the footbridge (point G on the map), down to the wooden footbridge (point H on the map).

Both beats provide many bends, pools and natural cover giving the mobile angler plenty to go at. Good roach can be found throughout these sections as well as chub, perch and small pike at regular intervals. This section of the river provides a good mixed bag, some of the swims require boots or waders to stand in the water to get the best position for trotting.



River Blackwater - Mill Bridge (aka The Cattery)

Location: Mill Lane, Yateley, Hampshire (OS grid reference SU819620)
Rod Limit: 2
Bait Boats: No
Night Fishing: No

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An excellent fishery for the adaptable river angler, producing some outstanding catches. This stretch of the river starts from Mill Bridge on Mill Lane less than 200 yards down stream from the Church Farm complex and less than 1 mile from Yateley town centre.

Approach

From Yateley town centre take the B3272 (Reading Road) travelling West, when you pass Yateley Manor School on your left, take the next right into Mill Lane, sign posted Sandhurst/Crowthorne.

Follow this road to the end turning right at the T junction. Continue for approx 300 yards over Mill Bridge, the car park is approx 100 yards on the left signposted Horseshoe Lake. * Enter under the 2m barrier and turn left under another 2m barrier into the first car park.

From Wokingham take the A321 (Wokingham Road) sign posted Sandhurst & Camberley. As you approach Sandhurst on the 'High Street' turn right at St. Michaels School onto Lower Church Road, also sign posted Horseshoe Lake. Continue to the end of this road turning left at the T Junction onto Mill Lane, travel for approx 80 yards, the entrance is on the right signposted Horseshoe Lake. Follow the directions as above *.

Parking

There is ample parking at this fishery, but be aware many other users do park here so don't leave valuables on display in your car.

Access

The distance from the car park to the river is approx 60 yards via a gravel path then a raised boarded walkway from the far end of the car park. The path meets the river just below Mill Bridge, the start of this section (point A on the map). Fishing is allowed on the right hand bank downstream from Mill Bridge for approx 600 yards. The path runs parallel to the river and is flat, hard gravel suitable for trolleys and barrows. The section ends at the Bracknell Forest Borough Council sign at the bottom end of Horseshoe Lake and the start of the bird sanctuary lake (point B on the map).

Fishing

This section has produced some fantastic mixed catches of quality fish on a variety of methods and baits. The first three swims at Mill Bridge are akin to fishing a small weir pool where the depth is approx 6 - 8 ft. These swims have produced double figure barbel, bream reaching 8 lb, carp to 20 lb, roach over 1 lb and chub over 6 lb. Double figure pike, perch, dace, rudd. Feeder fishing in the winter months has produced quality catches of mixed fish. A roving approach will bring mixed bags of fish any time of year.

