

Macclesfield Flyfishers Club Limited

Risk Assessment for Club Members and Visiting Anglers

Whilst angling is a very safe pastime there are certain risks that you must be aware of. As a member or visitor to the Club's waters you should take responsibility for your own, your fellow anglers and the general public safety at all times.

The weather in this country can change very quickly; always wear suitable clothing when fishing.

Name of activity, event, and location	Macclesfield Flyfishers Club Limited		Date of risk assessment	02/06/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Diana Stafford & Mike Fennell
	<u>Risk Assessment for Club Members and Visiting Anglers</u>		Date of next review	Rev.1 01/06/2025		
What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?			Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?	
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.			Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.	
Fly Fishing						
Drowning LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Take care on banks especially when slippery; consider a life vest and wading sticks when wading and keep away from deep water – this applies to rivers only as no wading is allowed on Ridgeway Reservoir. Fish with other members where feasible.				
Lightning LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Do not fish or shelter under trees during thunderstorms when there is a risk of lightning. Be aware that most modern rods make excellent lightning conductors.				

Power lines LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	No angling should take place within 30m of power-lines unless there is a physical barrier between your angling position and the power-lines.	
Weil's Disease LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Never put wet lines or other items of tackle in your mouth, wear waterproof plasters on cuts or abrasions. There is a possible risk in some waters of infection. Wash hands, use wipes or hand gel before eating. See advice on the Club website.	
Hooks and Casting MEDIUM RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Always make sure that you know who and/or what are behind you when casting, never cast when there is a possibility of foul hooking a walker, fellow angler or an animal. For your own protection you should always wear eye protection when casting. Barbless hooks are recommended at Ridgegate and mandatory on our rivers. Far easier to remove in the case of an accident. A personal First Aid kit is recommended especially if solo fishing.	
Falling MEDIUM RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	Use the paths, gates and stiles where possible, beware of slippery and uneven ground especially near deep water. Be aware of potential voids between the reservoir walls and the bank. Please take special care where you put your feet.	
Animals LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	This applies in the main to our rivers. Bulls and even Cows with calves are dangerous and so are Rams. Beware of animals around you and in the fields that you cross. The Tups (Young Rams) used as grass cutters at Ridgegate have been known to frequent the Green Bank by the Hut and the top of the West Dam. They are usually deployed on the South Dam bank.	
Violence & Aggression LOW RISK	Members and Day Ticket Holders	All members act as Bailiffs for the Club. If you see untoward activities occurring on our waters, your options are: Politely approach and ask the individuals to stop what they are doing. Phone 101, police non-emergency phone line for the police. Contact a committee member to let them know the issue. Avoid any confrontation. Report all incidents of violence and aggression. Recommendations: Carry a mobile phone if possible. Avoid lone fishing. Keep valuables out of sight if possible.	

Signature and date required, see below.

Please read the above risk assessment. Then sign and date it and return to Secretary, the signature can be electronic, it doesn't need to be hand written.

Signed.....

Date.....