



Get Involved

There are so many ways for you to get involved with our charitable work. With your generous support we can ensure that our sites and surrounding countryside continue to be maintained to very high standards - for visitors and wildlife alike.

Why not become a volunteer? For more information call 01202 581411 or send an email to bwleisure@swlakestrust.org.uk

Bournemouth Water Leisure

When South West Water merged with Bournemouth Water in 2016 it wasn't long before the two organisations started looking at how the recreation assets of Bournemouth Water could be managed in the longer term.

Since 2000, South West Lakes Trust has managed all of South West Water's reservoirs for public enjoyment, environmental safeguarding and recreational pursuits. Popular beauty spots looked after by the Trust include Burrator Reservoir and Roadford Lake in Devon, Siblyback, Stithians and Tamar Lakes in Cornwall and Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor.

South West Lakes Trust trades as Bournemouth Water Leisure in the Bournemouth area, managing two reservoirs at Longham near Ferndown, a large portion of Christchurch Harbour including lower reaches of the rivers Stour and Avon and works with partners at Blashford Lakes near Ringwood. Bournemouth Water Leisure offers opportunities for fishing, watersports and general public access, balancing recreational needs with those of the environment and water supply.

Fishing

Longham Lakes

Longham Lake is a great mixed fishery with a variety of species to specimen sizes including Carp, Pike, Tench and Bream. The Pike fishing is fantastic and there are many double figure fish.

Longham has gained a reputation as one of Dorset's great coarse fisheries and has produced Bream up to 18lbs and Carp up to 41lbs. It has only been open as a fishery since 2009.

Species: Carp, Bream, Rudd, Roach, Tench, Pike

Fishing times: Open all year (closed Christmas Day)

Day permits: Purchased lakeside from the warden

Season permits: Bournemouth Water Leisure - 01202 581411 or www.swlakesfishing.co.uk

Longham River & Weir Pools

The river fishery is a three quarter mile stretch of the River Stour, including weir pools, and is open from 7:30am until one hour after sunset. Here you'll find Roach, Barbel, Chub up to 8 lbs, Pike up to 25 lbs, Dace, Bream up to 9 lbs and Carp. For season permit holders and Ringwood and District Anglers Association only.

Species: Roach, Barbel, Chub, Pike, Dace, Bream and Carp

Fishing Times: Open all year, 7.30am - 1 hour after sunset

Season Permits: Bournemouth Water Leisure - 01202 581411.



How to find us



Longham Lakes, Ringwood Road,
Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9AB

Telephone: 01202 581411

Email: bwleisure@swlakestrust.org.uk

Opening Times: Public access all year round
except for Christmas Day



Longham Lakes & River



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Community activities

Whilst Lake 1 is specifically for fishing, Lake 2 is used by local clubs including; Dorset's Ultimate Canoe Kayak Squad, Poole Radio Yacht Club, the Christchurch District Model Flying Club and Longham Birders.



fishing

Longham Lake has gained a reputation as one of Dorset's top coarse fisheries, producing many double figure Pike, Bream and Carp. Longham River also provides quality fishing for Roach, Barbel, Chub, Pike, Dace, Bream and Carp.



public access

These two pretty lakes offer an enjoyable walking trail to try. The area is a popular bird watching site with a wide variety of birds to look out for on the water. It's a really peaceful spot, ideal for an afternoon stroll. Bring a picnic or enjoy refreshments nearby.



study centre

The study centre is available for the local community to hire with the focus being on education, conservation and training. For more information or bookings call 01202 581411.



dogs welcome

We want our four-legged friends to enjoy this special place. Help keep our lakes a place for all to enjoy by having your dog on a lead at all times and out of the water. Please bag and dispose of your dog's waste responsibly.



wildlife

Longham Lakes boast a comprehensive bird list of over 147 species and offers a tranquil retreat with scenic footpaths providing breathtaking views of both lakes. In summer the lakes are surrounded by rushes and reeds with wild flowers in abundance, providing ample photo opportunities.



FRIENDS OF LONGHAM APPLICATION FORM

Your Details

Name

Title Mr | Mrs | Miss*

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

**Please delete as appropriate*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fee £25.00

DONATIONS	£
TOTAL	£

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Bournemouth Water Leisure is part of South West Lakes Trust, a charity passionate about protecting lakes and landscapes whilst allowing people of all backgrounds and abilities to enjoy these spaces for recreation and leisure. We reinvest your kind donations in improvements such as path and habit work, promoting wildlife, access and land management.

You can pay by cash, cheque, credit card, BACS or direct debit, by returning your completed form to **South West Lakes Trust** at Lakeside, Roadford Lake, Broadwoodwidge, Devon PL16 0RL with a cheque made payable to **South West Lakes Limited** or by calling 01566 771930 to arrange other methods of payment.

For more information on South West Lakes Trust visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk (Charity Number 1079966)

Why not become a Friend of Longham Lakes?

Income from this scheme will help us improve habitats around the lakes. To help you enjoy this lovely area of Longham you will be able to park when displaying your membership sticker.