

**NIGHT FISHING: NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR  
ANGLERS, ANGLING CLUBS AND FISHERIES  
ISSUED BY THE ANGLING TRUST – 14th May 2020**



Following the government statement of May 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 and the accompanying guidelines from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, fishing at night in England is currently permissible as long as social distancing rules are followed.

In 'New Guidelines for Spending Time Outdoors' it states:

*From today (13 May 2020) people in England can spend more time outdoors and enjoy a wider range of activities for any length of time, subject to social distancing rules. People and their households can relax in the park, sunbathe, go for a picnic and go fishing.*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-guidance-on-spending-time-outdoors>

Subsequent legal opinion obtained by the Angling Trust supports this and DCMS guidance as the legal basis for night fishing at the current time.

Please make sure you have the permission of the fishery owner and hold any relevant Environment Agency rod licence. You should adhere to the Government advice on social distancing and hygiene at all times and we recommend that you follow the Angling Trust guidelines to keep yourself and others safe.

Angling Trust  
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