



**SOUTHWATER COUNTRY PARK  
PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**



**NAME OF ORGANISATION IF APPLICABLE**.....  
**INDIVIDUAL'S NAME OR GROUP LEADER'S NAME**.....  
**ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE**.....  
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**TELEPHONE NUMBER**.....  
**EMAIL ADDRESS** .....

**DETAILS OF CRAFT TO BE REGISTERED.**  
 An individual permit applies to one registered craft on the water at one time. A family permit applies to a maximum of four craft on the water at one time. A group permit is one or more registered craft or swimmer where it is not a Family or Individual.

**Description of craft:**

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**Please accept this application for Southwater Country Park Watersports Permit**  
 I/we agree to be bound by the regulations of use of Cripplegate Lake as laid down by Horsham District Council in partnership with Southwater Watersports Centre.  
 I/we enclose the Individual/ group permit fee of £.....

**Signed**.....**Date**.....

**Please pay to Southwater Watersports Centre by cash or card**

**Notice to those wishing to use Cripplegate Lake for water activities.**  
 Horsham District Council in partnership with Southwater Watersports Centre maintains supervision of Cripplegate Lake and surrounding area but as a large body of untreated open water hosting a range of wildlife, factors beyond the Council's control may create an unsuitable environment for watersports. In such circumstances the Council reserves the right to close the lake to watersports activities.  
 The lake water can also have varying bacterial levels which cannot be controlled and so people who take part in watersports at the lake should, therefore, be aware of the inherent risks associated with inland open water such as Leptosirosis (Weil's disease) and the Council cannot be held liable for any ill health resulting from such activity

**I have read and understood the above statement.**

**Signed**.....**Date**.....

The information provided on this form will be held in total confidence; it will only be used for administration and management information purposes and it is registered under the Data Protection Act 1984.

**Please return form to:**  
**Southwater Watersports Centre, Southwater Country Park, Cripplegate Lane,**  
**Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9UN**

**Watersports Groups**

**Name of Organization:**

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**Vehicle registration number**

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(The vehicle most likely to be with you when you are using the lake)

**Regular use of the lake – day and approximate times of requested lake use:**

(Please complete including as much detail as you can)

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**Larger events planned - please state proposed date, time and approximate number of participants (adults and children):**

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**If you have any queries regarding lake usage or events please telephone or email:**

**[adrian@southwatersports.co.uk](mailto:adrian@southwatersports.co.uk) or telephone 01403 734424**

**For your information:**

Height barriers are locked at all times.

Changing rooms are locked at all times.

Gates to launch ramps are locked at all times.

Toilets are locked early evening every day.

The Cripplegate Lane entrance is locked every evening.

**Please telephone or email for keys to all or any of the above.**

**Thank you!**

## **LAKE CHARGES**

Permits are valid for one year from when you purchase your permit.

### **LAKE PERMIT**

The individual permit charge applies to using one craft on the water at one time. Other craft can be registered, provided that one craft on the water per permit is not exceeded. A family permit allows a maximum of four craft to be used on the water at one time. A group season permit means that more than one craft can be on the water but must all be registered on the form

**Individual** Permit **£40.00 per craft** (1 Adult, 1 Craft) (includes canoes, kayaks, windsurfs & sail boats)

**Concessions** Permit **£20.00 per craft**  
(Under 16/ 60+ /leisure access card holder)

**Family** Permit **£70.00 per four craft maximum**  
(2 adults plus children)

### **GROUP USAGE LEVEL (Please tick)**

- ( ) Occasional users: <100 visits = £150  
( ) Medium users: 100-500 visits = £235  
( ) Frequent users: >500 visits = £320

***Where no. of visits = no. of lake users (a user can be a boat or swimmer) using the lake x no. of times the groups visit per year***

**Replacement permits** **£5.00 each**

### **USE OF CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERS**

The changing rooms are kept locked at all times. The toilets are open during the day but are locked in the early evening. Keys and a door code are available for season ticket holders who would like to use these facilities (£20 deposit required) – please email or telephone. This will allow access to these facilities at all times but doors must be locked again after use.

### **WATERSPORTS AT SOUTHWATER COUNTRY PARK: CONDITIONS FOR USE**

1. Use of the water is restricted to permits from Southwater Watersports Centre, or otherwise by special arrangement with Southwater Watersports Centre or Horsham District Council (H.D.C.).
2. A permit is valid for one year from date of purchase.
3. A key is required to gain access to the floating pontoon and wooden launch jetty. Gates must not be climbed. Keys are available from the Wardens or Southwater Watersports, with £20 returnable deposit.
4. All persons using the water shall conduct themselves with due regard for the enjoyment of other users and shall comply with instructions given by representatives of H.D.C. and/or Southwater Watersports Centre.
5. Swimming is not allowed in the lake unless subject to a special agreement with H.D.C.
6. Particular care should be taken to confine water activities, launch and retrieval of craft to designated areas.
7. Buoyancy aids/life jackets to the correct standards must be worn by all persons using craft unless specific prior permission for them not to be worn has been obtained from H.D.C. or Southwater Watersports Centre in writing.
8. All craft using the water must be registered with Southwater Watersports Centre and the season ticket must be available for inspection at all times.
9. No motorized or inflated craft, excepting a rescue boat, will be allowed on the water.
10. Recreational use of the water by persons aged under 16 is only permitted when an adult is in attendance.

11. Water users must be able to demonstrate competency in usage of Watersports craft by appropriate certificates or logged experience.
12. Group leaders must have appropriate qualifications to lead their group on the water.
13. All users shall be responsible for adequate insurance of their own craft, including cover for 3rd party liability.
14. Leaders of organized groups shall be responsible for satisfying the requirements of their own insurance before using the lake.
15. After loading or unloading, all vehicles and trailers belonging to lake users must be parked in car parks and are not to be left on boating ramp or surrounding grassed areas.
16. Access to the water is allowed between 8.00am and dusk.
17. When using the floating pontoon please use the half closest to the gate for access to the water
18. Changing rooms are locked at all times. Toilets are locked early evening. Height barriers are locked at all times. For regular users a key may be obtained from the Wardens or Southwater Watersports.
19. Groups or individuals failing to observe these regulations shall be liable to withdrawal of permit at the discretion of H.D.C.
20. If only one person is using the water, a safety lookout person must be present on the bank.
21. The lake is unsuitable for performance type sailing dinghies and inflatable craft unless agreed with Southwater Watersports Centre.

**Triathletes Training Code of Conduct  
(Southwater Country Park)**

1. Triathletes' training is allowed on Cripplegate Lake (the main lake at Southwater Country Park) between 5.30pm and dusk. No training is allowed before 5.30pm;
2. When using the floating pontoon please only use the half closest to the florescent long load signs to leave the closest half to the gate for boat access to the water.
3. At least one person (a 'spotter') must be present at all times during training on the bank or pontoon for safety reasons;
4. While training, Triathletes must have a mobile phone with the spotter;
5. There must be a minimum of two Triathletes swimming at one time (plus one spotter on the bank). Under no circumstances will lone training be allowed;
6. Triathletes must wear wet suits at all times while training;
7. Triathletes must wear a high visibility swimming cap at all times while training. The colour of the cap will be determined by the Club they belong to (for example, the Amphibians Tri Club will wear orange caps);
8. Triathletes must abide by all rules and regulations relating to general usage of the Country Park;
9. All Triathletes must conduct themselves with due regard for the safety and enjoyment of other users of the Country Park and must comply with all instructions given by representatives of the Council;
10. Any Triathletes under the age of 16 must be registered separately and must be accompanied by an adult (over 18) at all times. Please contact Sarah Johnson or Southwater Watersports to register;
11. Vehicles belonging to Triathletes should be parked in the Station Road car park;
12. Persons failing to observe any points within this Code of Conduct shall be liable to withdrawal of use of the lake.
13. All Triathletes please swim to the left hand side of the lake guided by the long load signs on 2 of the fence posts at either end to keep from the middle area of the Lake.