WALTHAMSTOW WETLANDS ANNUAL BIRDWATCHING PERMIT APPLICATION

Please complete the below application form and hand to the reception at the Engine House for consideration.

This permit will entitle you access to the reservoirs at the following times:

**OPENING TIMES FOR 2020/21**
2nd March – 3rd May: 7am – 7.30pm
4th May – 26th July: 7am - 10pm
27th July – 20th Sept: 7am – 9pm
21st Sept – 18th October: 7am – 7.30pm
19th October – 28th Feb: 8am – 5pm
Closed: Christmas Day and Boxing Day, and reduced to visitor centre hours on New Year’s Day

This permit entitles the holder to access Walthamstow Wetlands ONLY.
For any enquiries please contact: wawbirdpermits@gmail.com

All permit applications are to be submitted by 15/03/2020. Spaces are limited and the cost is £10 for the year. Successful applications will be notified from 1st April 2020. All permits must be collected from the reception at Walthamstow Wetlands by 1st May. Any permits which have not been collected by this date will be re-allocated to those on the waiting list.

Proof of I.D. will be needed to complete your application. A driver’s licence or passport would be suitable as well as one passport-sized photo for office use.

All permit holders are required to abide by the Thames Water Conditions and Regulations – see p.3 of this document.

**Please note:** These permits are only for access to observe and study the wildlife found at Walthamstow Wetlands. If you are found to be participating in activities outside of these agreed boundaries, your permit will be revoked. You may be asked to show proof of your permit, so please always carry it with you when on site.
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For wildlife monitoring purposes, please notify one of the reserve staff if you find anything of ecological interest so we can add to our records. We thank you for your cooperation.

The questions below will help us to process your application faster:

1. What is your connection to the local area (e.g. local resident, work etc)?

2. Do you hold any other memberships with wildlife organisations, and if so with whom?

3. What are your particular interests in Walthamstow Wetlands?

4. How often would you intend to visit the site outside of public hours in any given month?

5. How did you hear about the bird watching permits? (e.g. website, word of mouth etc)

Thank you for submitting this application. We will be in contact with all successful applicants from 1st April 2020. If you are unsuccessful you will not be contacted.

Signed:          Signed by Staff:

Office Use Only: Permit Approved Yes/No
THAMES WATER TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Company will take action against anyone who fails to comply with these regulations:

1. Permit holders are expected to be considerate and courteous while on the Company's property.
2. Offenders may be removed from the site, future access may be denied, and if appropriate they will be prosecuted.
3. It is in the best interests of all users that these regulations are observed. If you see others misbehaving, please help to preserve the amenity by notifying the Thames Water staff as soon as possible - they can be reached on 07747 641 179.
4. The main function of these reservoirs is for the storage of water for public supply. Birdwatchers should always bear this in mind and use common sense.
5. The Company will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury to permit holders or their property.
6. Entry onto the Company's property by any persons shall be (except as stated) at their own risk.
7. All persons at any time while on the Company's property must comply with all directions and instructions given by the Company's staff relating to the Company's land, buildings and property.
8. Instructions on notices must be observed.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. All regulations are subject to review by the Company - changes or additions will be posted at the Gatehouse.
2. The holder of a permit will be permitted by the Company, for the duration of the permit, to use the facilities at such reservoirs as the Company may from time to time decide. The Company reserves the right to restrict or prohibit recreational activities at any time at its discretion.
3. No one may enter the site without first purchasing the correct permit (from the Wetlands Reception). Permits must be produced for inspection at any time on demand by any authorised representative of the Walthamstow Wetlands team, including Wildlife Trust Staff and Thames Water security personnel. Please note that permits are not transferable.
4. Permit holders under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a permit holder aged 18 years or over, who will be responsible for their conduct. No juveniles under the age of 8 years will be admitted.
5. The only entry and exit point for recreational purposes is the Ferry Lane Gate.
6. All litter should be taken home. Litter is unsightly and can kill and injure wild animals.

The following are prohibited on the Company's property:

1. Pollution or contamination of the reservoirs or land.
2. Interference with, or damage to, any buildings, machinery or apparatus, trees, plants, wildlife, grazing animals and the digging or removal of soil, clay or sand.
3. Dogs or other animals brought in by visitors.
4. Bathing or standing in the water for any purpose.
5. The lighting of any fire.
6. Entering upon any parts of the land adjoining the reservoirs, rivers etc other than by the paths or other means of access provided.
7. Urinating/defecating on company property except in the toilet facilities provided.