

Lyons Watersports Lake (Hetton-le-Hole) Angling Risk Assessment 2025

| Hazard                   | Persons at Risk | Potential Consequences  | Control Measures  | Likelihood | Severity | Overall Risk | Further Recommendations                                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|------------|----------|--------------|---|
| Slippery banks and paths | Anglers         | Falls and injuries      | Wear suitable footwear; take extra care in wet/icy conditions | Medium     | High     | High         | Carry a mobile phone; avoid fishing in hazardous conditions |
| Falling into lake        | Anglers         | Drowning                | Take extra care near water's edge; avoid unstable ground      | Low        | High     | Medium       | Personal risk assessment before fishing                     |
| Water-based illness      | Anglers         | Serious illness         | Wash hands; cover cuts  | Low        | High     | Medium       | Carry antiseptic wipes                                      |
| Tick bites               | Anglers         | Lyme disease            | Wear long sleeves/trousers                                    | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Seek medical advice if bitten                               |
| Trees/falling branches   | Anglers         | Serious injury          | Avoid fishing under trees                                     | Low        | High     | Medium       | Report dangerous trees                                      |
| Casting heavy weights    | Anglers/public  | Impact injury           | Use proper line strength; check surroundings                  | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Inspect tackle  |
| Hook injuries            | Anglers         | Minor injury            | Take care with hooks  | Low        | Low      | Low          | Use barbless hooks  |
| Fences and gates         | Anglers         | Hand injuries           | Take care opening/closing gates                               | Low        | Low      | Low          | Report damage   |
| Parking/vehicles         | Anglers/public  | Collision               | Use designated parking; 5mph                                  | Low        | High     | Medium       | Stay alert  |
| Insects                  | Anglers         | Stings/bites            | Avoid nests; cover skin                                       | Low        | Low      | Low          | Carry antihistamines  |
| Hazardous plants         | Anglers         | Burns/rashes            | Avoid contact; report hogweed                                 | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Routine maintenance   |
| Extreme weather          | Anglers         | Heat stroke/hypothermia | Wear appropriate clothing; carry water                        | Low        | High     | Medium       | Check forecast  |
| Fishing alone            | Anglers         | Injury episode          | Carry phone; inform someone                                   | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Fish with partner   |
| Wildlife                 | Anglers         | Bites/aggression        | Dogs on leads; keep distance                                  | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Seek medical attention                                      |
| Snagged tackle           | Anglers         | Injury                  | Avoid excess pressure   | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Report trailing line  |
| Manual handling          | Anglers         | Strains                 | Avoid heavy lifting   | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Ask for help  |
| Young/vulnerable people  | U18s/vulnerable | Safeguarding risks      | Supervision required  | Low        | Medium   | Low          | Contact details of parent / guardians                       |
| Power lines              | Anglers         | Electrocution           | Avoid casting near lines                                      | Low        | High     | Medium       | Maintain signage  |
| Watersports activity     | Anglers & users | Collision/entanglement  | Remove lines immediately when watersports present; no casting | Medium     | High     | High         | Train water bailiffs, Angler reminders                      |

| ASSESSED BY      | POSITION       | DATE   | NEXT REVIEW DATE |
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| Neil Middleditch | Club Secretary | Dec-25 | Dec-26           |

| How Users Have Been Informed                    |
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| SMS, Social Media, Joining The Club Email Links |

| Contact Details For Emergency Services Location |
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