

TWINPEAKE FLY FISHING SAFETY STATEMENT

SAFETY

Your safety, well-being and enjoyment is our priority when fishing with TwinPeakes Fly Fishing. Whilst fishing is not a particularly hazardous sport there are a few things that you can do to safeguard yourself before and whilst fishing.

We have put together this list of hazard which you may encounter to allow our clients to familiarise themselves with what action they need to take to remain safe.

We will need you to dress appropriately for the time of year you are fishing and bring with you a pair of glasses (preferably sunglasses) and a cap.

It is also advisable to check that your holiday insurance covers you for fishing and any other activities you intend to undertake.

If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the points please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hazard	Types of Risk	Action to take to keep safe
Weather	Unexpected changes in the weather conditions Storms – Wind Storms - Lightning Sun	Keep aware of weather conditions at all times they can quickly change and affect your safety. Strong winds may make casting difficult and potentially dangerous. If you in an area where there is lightening put your rod down horizontally and take yourself to somewhere safe eg. Building or car. Do not shelter under trees Wear sunblock even when cloudy. Tinted glasses will also protect your eyes from glare
Trip Hazard	Paths, steps, river bank Stiles, bridges and fences	Keep to obvious paths where available Steps can be slippery take extreme caution Beware of undercuts in the river bank especially near deep water Take care when negotiating stiles, crossing bridges, especially those made of wood. Beware of barbed wire Electric fences are used to control animals and discharge voltages, therefore can result in a painful electric shock

Animals	<p>Farm Animals</p> <p>Wild Animals</p> <p>Insects</p>	<p>Avoid young calves, bulls rams and farm dogs</p> <p>Do not touch snakes or put any part of your body into burrows, holes, stone walls or similar openings</p> <p>Wear insect repellent – advise your instructor if you have any serious allergies to stings or bites</p> <p>Check for ticks and remove with tick click here for instructions regarding removal</p>
Flora and Fauna	<p>Giant Hogweed</p> <p>Trees</p> <p>Unidentified plants</p>	<p>Do not touch any part of Giant Hogweed as its sap is caustic and causes potentially severe burns</p> <p>Beware of falling branches</p> <p>Never lick, chew or eat any unidentified plants, berries, fungi or mushroom</p>
Power Lines	Electrocution	<p>Take care when walking to ensure that your rod does not come into contact with power lines</p> <p>DO NOT fish under or near power lines</p>
Water	<p>Weils Disease</p> <p>Blue Green Algae</p>	<p>Weils disease is transmitted by rat urine. Never put wet lines, or any other item of tackle, in your mouth. Wear waterproof plasters on cuts or abrasions.</p> <p>Avoid contact with Blue green algae. Do not drink the water or allow your dog to drink the water</p>
Fishing Tackle	Rods, Hooks and flies (including weighted flies)	<p>Take care when walking with an assembled rod especially in the vicinity of power lines or trees</p> <p>Take care when handling hooks and tying on or removing hooks as they can easily penetrate the skin which can bring risks of infection</p>
Casting	Fishing Lines and flies	<p>Wear a hat and glasses for protection at all times when casting</p> <p>Be aware of others on the bank to avoid hitting anyone with a back-cast</p> <p>If on a boat take extra care to avoid hitting them with a fly whilst casting.</p>
Wading	Drowning	Take care when wading in water especially deep or fast water and if wading on a rocky bottom.

		Use a wading stick Wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid Remain calm if you fall into the water Remain aware of the risk of flash flooding Whilst felt bottom waders provide extra grip when on stones or gravel they are very slippery on mud or wet grass
Boats	Boarding and disembarking from boats Drowning	Apply maximum caution when getting on, off or moving around boats. Your guide will provide full instructions. Never stand up whilst fishing in a boat Wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid

COVID 19

TwinPeakes Fly Fishing Limited have Risk Assessed our processes and procedures to reduce the risk of cross contamination whilst maintaining Social Distancing, in line with Government Guidelines.

If you would like to see a copy of our Risk Assessment, please do not hesitate to ask us for a copy – your health and wellbeing whilst fishing with us is paramount

Medical conditions

If you have any medical condition, either physical or mental, please tell your guide at the safety briefing - anything you tell us will remain completely confidential, but will allow us to ensure that you get the best from your fishing.

It is **your responsibility** to advise what action should be taken in the event of an emergency.

Do not be afraid to say if you are finding anything too difficult or physically demanding.

Where the guest is under 16 years of age or has physical or mental disabilities it is the responsibility of the individual or their carer to discuss their condition at the safety briefing.

General Safety

This list highlights some of the hazard which you may encounter when fishing with TwinPeakes Fly Fishing. Any specific risks which arise on the day will be brought to your attention at the safety briefing before you go fishing and updates will be provided throughout the time they spend with you e.g. changes in weather.

All our guides carry a standard First Aid kit, however if you have any specific requirements we would request that you provide your own items for your personal use.

Unfortunately, accidents can happen so you should always take care and use common sense, we will assist you as much as possible however much of the responsibility for your safety sits with you.

If your guide feels that there are any issues which could affect your health and safety their decision to terminate your fishing is final. Of course we will endeavour to re-arrange where ever possible.