

PLEASE DO NOT TRESSPASS ON THE DAM

The general public have no right of access to the dam or to the area at the base of the dam.

The exclusion area is fenced off and marked with notices.

As members of The Friends of Weir Wood Society we are given privileged access to the South Bank at the dam end to watch birds from the grassy area between the Sailing Club and the Angling Club office. This allows you to look back onto the dam wall. It is possible to bird watch on the South Bank beyond the fishing lodge; but you must ask the staff at the fishing lodge for permission. Access is at their discretion. You have no automatic right of access beyond the lodge.

There is strictly no access to the dam wall for safety reasons.

Please note that there is also no access to the North Bank meadows.

On Tuesday 14th August someone put our privileges at risk by trespassing onto the dam wall. A man was seen climbing through a fence and going up on to the dam wall. When challenged by staff from the Angling Club he said that he was a member of the "Friends" and that he "had always done it".

Southern Water staff also witnessed this breach of their regulations and they are following it up with our Society.

By breaking the regulations you are putting our access permissions and our relationships with Southern Water and the Clubs at risk.

We wish to preserve our access permissions for the benefit of all members. Anyone jeopardising these may be subject to action by The Society.

We are sending this message to all members to make you aware of the incident and to raise awareness of the access regulations and rights that we have.

Please keep within the rules and do not trespass; thank you.

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