

**Water of Leith Fishery: Rules for Anglers during Covid-19**

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**Do not share tackle** out with the members of your household.

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