Chelmer and Blackwater Canal
Match Bookings Now Available

Peg fees are now £3 per peg for matches of 20 pegs or more and £4 per peg for matches under 20 pegs

For further enquiries, available dates and bookings please contact Russell Samuels on 07736 238097

This established fishery offers around 12 miles of varied sport for both novice and experienced anglers, extending from the gasworks in Chelmsford to Heybridge Basin. The towpath running along its length (though changing sides here and there) is a well-maintained footpath which offers access to the whole fishery. There is roadside parking at Hoe Mill, Paper Mill and Boreham Bridge and access to car parking areas at Heybridge and Heybridge Basin. Most anglers seem to congregate where there is parking, but for those prepared to walk a couple of hundred yards lightly fished spots are easy to find.

The Environment Agency survey fish populations on the canal. This is done every three years and offers invaluable data regarding trends. It shows that the fishery is in good health and has maintained its improvement since the survey began in 1986. In particular Tench and Perch have increased in weight and numbers, as have Chub. The lower reaches are excellent for Chub and dace with the upper stretches good for roach. Carp were noted at the A12 Bridge, as well as a large shoal of Bream. The only species showing a decline is Dace (though plenty are still being caught).