

Notice to members regarding re-opening of Croft Farm for swimming

Dear TTC members

I keeping with the government's recent relaxation of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, limited open water can now take place at Croft Farm for some TTC members from the 6th June 2020.

This is not TTC supported swimming or training. However, TTC pays an annual fee to Croft Farm and this affords us certain swimming opportunities. The committee is therefore drawing to your attention that, subject to strict observation of social distancing and adherence to the rules set out below, you may now swim in the lake at Croft Farm.

- You **MUST** hold Silver or Gold membership of TTC. This means you must be up-to-date with monthly subscriptions and must have paid the annual membership fee.
- You **MUST** be a confident open-water swimmer. **Please note that there is no safety cover at Croft Farm. You therefore swim at your own risk.**
- You **MUST NOT** enter Croft Farm if you exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in unprotected contact with a sufferer in the previous 14 days.
- You **MUST NOT** swim alone (as usual, please have a swim partner or lakeside "spotter" for safety reasons).
- You **MUST NOT** swim in a group comprising more than two people.
- You **MUST NOT** use the changing rooms (if you need to change lakeside please do so outside and observing a code of common decency)
- You **SHOULD NOT** come within 2 metres of another person (in or out the water), with the exception of a family member with whom you are living.
- Use of the lake for swimming is restricted every day to before 8am or after 6pm only. The keypad entry code for the gates at the entrance is 6768.
- A Whatsapp group has been set up to facilitate co-ordination of swimming slots (as below). Members wishing to swim should arrange a swim partner and a time via the App. This gives others the ability to see when swimming is taking place and to **AVOID** those times where possible.
- A maximum of 4 pairs of swimmers is permitted in the water at any one time.
- Entry of a swimming pair to the water must be staggered from another pair to avoid any real or perceived "crowding".
- If the lake already has 4 pairs of swimmers (ours is the only club with rights to swim in Croft's lake) then no other pair may enter until a pair leaves the water.
- Please (initially while this system is being trialled) swim for only ½ hour at a time, unless it is obvious that there are not yet 4 pairs of swimmers in the water, or that no swimmers are waiting lakeside to get into the water.

The usual OWS recommendations naturally still apply: tow float, swim torch if light conditions dictate, don't swim if feeling unwell etc.

Apologies if this sounds strict. Many non-swimmers use Croft Farm and can see how we behave. The Farm may well be under police scrutiny. So, apart from behaving as a good citizen should, please ensure the good reputation of the resort and comply with the law, local regulations and the guidance above. If the owner of Croft Farm believes the rules have been flouted or his reputation impugned then we will lose the rights to swim. The committee, helped by any member feedback, will review the above on a regular basis.

Enjoy some OWS at last!