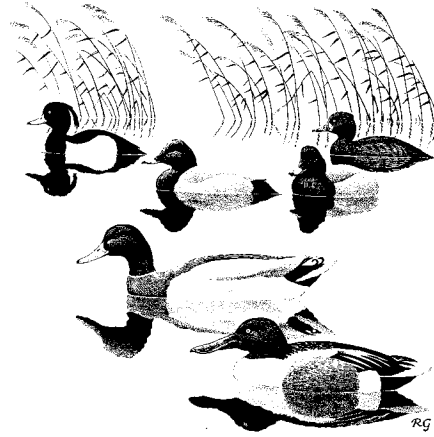


## Code of Practice for the Hickling Broad refuges

- 1 Avoid refuge areas if at all possible.
- 2 If a refuge area needs to be entered, navigate refuge areas with care trying to avoid disturbing any wintering birds.
- 3 If a refuge area needs to be entered, use only electric outboards or oars within these areas. Do not use petrol outboards within refuge areas.
- 4 Go quietly, be seen but not heard.



## Angling Permits

### Horsey Mere

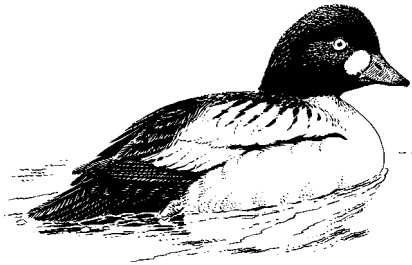
Permits are available for Horsey Staithe. Further information can be found at the National Trust Horsey Staithe car park.

### Martham Broad North

For further information on fishing permits contact:  
Richard Starling: 1 The Street, West Somerton, Great Yarmouth NR29 4EA

### For web based information:

[www.norfolkanglers.com/Hickling](http://www.norfolkanglers.com/Hickling)



An information pack is available that includes the background to the need for refuges, the legislation, operational and enforcement procedures.

Please write for 'Upper Thurne Winter Waterfowl Pack' from either:

### Broads Authority

18 Colegate, Norwich NR3 1BQ

or:

### English Nature

60 Bracondale, Norwich NR1 2BE

## Reducing disturbance to winter waterfowl

### Working together in the Upper Thurne

This leaflet explains why certain parts of the Upper Thurne broads have been identified as winter waterfowl refuge areas. The aim is to reduce disturbance to winter waterfowl through the management of the water space during this sensitive period. Your co-operation is being sought in making these refuge areas effective.



The Upper Thurne broads have long been recognised as an internationally important area for waterfowl. Large flocks spend the winter on the open water where they feed and roost. It is important that these birds receive as little disturbance as possible.

Disturbance has long been recognised a significant factor affecting waterfowl populations in the Upper Thurne. Hence the need for winter refuge zones covering a proportion of the water space. You will see from the maps that the refuge areas are managed in slightly different ways, to minimise the impact on human users but at the same time provide effective waterfowl refuges.

The refuge areas and their management regime for the winter of 2004/05 are identified on the map (below). It is our hope that all users will help to make these waterfowl refuges a success. They will only be effective, however, if they receive widespread understanding and support from all recreational users.

The proposals have been developed by English Nature, Broads Authority, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, National Trust, the Horsey Estate and the Upper Thurne Working Group (a group representing boating, windsurfing, angling and conservation interests).

## Working Together in the Upper Thurne: Reducing Disturbance to Winter Waterfowl

