

GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAC DE MADINE, 2026

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The following regulations remain effective until those of 2027 are published.

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www.cartedepeche.fr

ARTICLE 1: General

The lac de Madine is a lake, classified as second category open water. It is regulated by prefectural order, issued in accordance with the environmental code.

Fishing rights are entrusted to the 'Les Pêcheurs de Madine' AAPPMA by the SPL Chambley Madine.

PLEASE NOTE there is no reciprocal agreement between the AAPPMA "Les Pêcheurs de Madine" and other AAPPMA's or associations of any kind (Urne, Egho, etc.).

ARTICLE 2: Fishing zones (see maps)

Fishing zones are demarcated with posts for shore fishing, yellow buoys for boat fishing and red buoys for carp fishing.

Summer zone:

- From 1st May 2026 to 14th October 2026 inclusive

Winter zone:

- From 15th October 2025 to 30th April 2026 inclusive
- And from 15th October 2026 to 30th April 2027 inclusive

N.B.: Access to and fishing in the reed beds and bird reserves (indicated in black on the maps) are strictly prohibited.

In the event of a significant drop in water level, fishing zones may be modified following agreement by the SPL Chambley Madine.

Occasional fishing closures may occur during special events or fish rearing.

Such closures will under no circumstances lead to compensation for fees paid.

Access to ponds (Nouettes, Bois Bas) adjoining the main lake and to the reserves is strictly prohibited.

Fishing is prohibited in the Nonsard marina as well as the zone located between the sheet piles and yellow buoys.

ARTICLE 3: Fishing licences

N.B.: Licence cards are published via Internet only, via the FNPF website: www.cartedepeche.fr, either by you or with a distributor.

Available licence cards are either:

- 1). An adult card valid from 1st January to 31st December of the current year
- 2). A daily card valid on the date mentioned on the document only
- 3). A weekly card valid for seven consecutive days between the 1st January and 31st December
- 4). A youth card: from 12 to 18 years, for four rods
- 5). A discovery card: under 12 years, for one rod (dispensation for holders of a Meuse AAPMA card)
- 6). A women's discovery card: for one rod covering all AAPMA lots.

For boat and night carp fishing, each angler must pay the specific supplement(s). Holders of "youth card" and "discovery card" (under 12 years and women) are exempted of those supplement(s).

Where fishing rights are acquired, anglers are obliged to respect all clauses of these regulations and regulatory specifications issued by prefectoral order.

ARTICLE 4: Specific opening and closing periods, catch-and-release dates for certain species.

Pike: Pike fishing is permitted during the following periods:

- From January 1, 2026 to January 25, 2026 inclusive.
- From April 25, 2026 to December 31, 2026 inclusive.

Zander: Zander fishing is permitted during the following periods:

- From January 1, 2026 to January 25, 2026 inclusive.
- From June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 inclusive.

Outside of these periods, all fishing for the species concerned is strictly prohibited.

Catch and release fishing regulations (mandatory release)

No fish may be taken during the following periods for the species concerned:

Pike: from January 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026 inclusive
Zander: from January 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026 inclusive.

Any capture of pike or zander (accidental or otherwise) during these periods is subject to an obligation of immediate release, under the best possible conditions (catch and release).

Night carp fishing:

- From 1st April 2026 to Monday to 14th October 2026 inclusive, in zones A, B and D (article 14)
- From 1st May 2026 to Monday to 14th October 2026 inclusive, in area C.

Other types of legal fishing are permitted throughout the year in the authorized fishing zones.

ARTICLE 5: Authorised catch and fishing methods during specific closures

All species except pike and zander.

Hook and line fishing, excluding live bait, dead bait, dead bait with traces, artificial bait or lures that are likely to catch pike or zander in a non-accidental manner (fishing spoons, flexible lures...)

Spiny-cheek crayfish fishing is permitted throughout the year: a maximum of six net traps per angler. It is prohibited to return them to the water or introduce them into waterways, canals, streams on both private and public areas, as well as lakes to which fishing regulations apply.

ARTICLE 6: Minimum size limit for caught fish

The minimum size for retaining pike is 60 cm.

The minimum size for retaining zander is 60 cm.

ARTICLE 7: Retained fish logbook and maximum catch limit

A). The logbook for retaining fish is named and compulsory for **adult, youth and discovery card** holders who wish to keep their fish.

The logbook should be requested via our website under *REGLEMENTATION*.

Only one logbook will be provided per angler per year, irrespective of the number of cards purchased.

Duplicates will not be issued.

Each fish must immediately be measured and recorded in the logbook using a ballpoint or non erasable felt-tip pen. Records must not exceed one predatory fish per day (pike or zander), and eight predatory fish per year.

B). Weekly or daily cardholders should record their catch directly onto their fishing card using a ballpoint or non erasable felt-tip pen, indicating the date and time of the catch as well as the species and size of the fish.

In both cases, quotas are as follows:

- For a **WEEKLY** card: one predatory fish per day (pike or zander), based on a maximum of two fish throughout the period of validity of the card
- For a **DAILY** card: one predatory fish per day (pike or zander).

C). In all cases, the number of European perch is limited to 20 fish per day per angler.

Any predatory fish held inside a net, keepnet, live well, etc. is considered retained. It needs to have been measured and logged in the retained fish logbook or on the daily or weekly card.

Anglers may under no circumstances possess a number of fish superior to that of the corresponding daily authorised limit per species.

Fish should be kept 'whole' so that they can be measured in case of inspection. It is prohibited to scale, gut or cut a fish and leave any 'remains' by the lake. Retained fish (catfish, bream, etc.) should not be discarded by the lake.

Keeping live fish in keepnets, storage bags, buckets, etc. - regardless of species - is strictly prohibited outside of legal fishing hours.

ARTICLE 8: Fishing by foot, shore fishing

Vehicles should be parked only in the authorized zones.

Shore anglers should limit their fishing zone to a maximum of 100 metres from the shore, within the zones indicated on the 'shore fishing' (*pêche du bord*) maps. Tents are prohibited. Shore fishing will be authorised in front of the sailing school of Heudicourt and from the launching zone of Nonsard (at the end of the dike of Marmont) to the marina, from 1st November 2026 to 31st December 2026 and from 1st January 2027 to the last Sunday of January 2027.

During the night carp fishing season, priority access will be given to anglers practising this method at stations reserved for night carp fishing (within the shore fishing zones).

Shore carp fishing along the Montsec walking route is prohibited.

It remains permitted - during the day - on the dikes of the Nouettes and Bois Bas ponds.

ARTICLE 9: Boat fishing

Fishing on board a boat (skiff, inflatable boat, float tube, canoe, sailing boat, etc.) as well as the use of a boat for baiting, line set-up, etc. carries an additional 'boat' charge per angler (see article 3).

Each boat must be equipped with the required equipment: a life jacket for each person, rows, bailing scoops and an identification plate with surname, first name, address and two telephone numbers, a ready-to-use lifejacket per person. The vest will be obligatorily worn except at anchor. Any boat under 2m50 is considered by the police to be beach craft, so it is not allowed outside the bathing areas.

Under no circumstances should the fishing boat's movement disturb shore anglers and sailing boats. Boats and fishing lines should be located within authorised zones outlined on the maps.

The following are prohibited:

- Access to fishing in temporary or permanent reserve zones
- Fish trolling by any means of propulsion (motor, oar, sail)
- Boating and anchorage at night
- Mooring both during the day and at night within 10 metres of a reed bed, warning buoys or engineering structures
- The carrying and use of combustion engines.

Combustion engines which cannot technically be dismantled outside of specialised workshops are nevertheless permitted (bolt engine, steering linkage/gearbox, power supply, trim system, ...). **The engine must be raised.**

Outboard engines with tiller handles fixed only by clamp screw (vice) are excluded from this specification.

ARTICLE 10: Boat launching, vehicles parking and docking

Boat launching can only be carried out in authorised areas.
No vehicles are allowed to park on the dikes and on the night fishing posts in zone A. Vehicles will be parked according to the chosen post, either on the parking lot near the campsite or below the Chevaliers dike.

All non-identified boats, boats that are not maintained or are docked outside of authorised zones may be removed by the lake's management.
Boats anchored using chains or cables during the winter period must be removed from the site within the week following the end of the predator fishing season (end of February 2026)

ARTICLE 11: Fishing surveillance and penalties

Anglers must fulfil any orders received from the association's fishing guards and other duly authorised persons. Official statements will be drawn up for any breaches to present AAPPMA regulations, the environmental code, prefectural orders or national decrees.

A temporary or permanent exclusion decision, voted and approved by the board of directors, may be imposed on offenders - see penalty table on our web site: lespecheursdemadine.fr, under REGLEMENTATION.

ARTICLE 12: 'Accident, damage and liability' angler obligations

Fishing is carried out at the angler's own risk and individuals should be able to assess the associated dangers (weather, wind...). You are strongly advised to use boats of a minimum of three metres in length.

The AAPMA, the lake's management, is not responsible for criminal acts committed by its members or for accidents they may have caused or been the victim of. Theft or deterioration of boats anchored on site or in designated ports cannot implicate AAPMA responsibility. Boat owners are solely responsible for the surveillance and maintenance of their boats. The AAPMA and SPL Chambley Madine have no security obligations.

CARP FISHING

ARTICLE 13: Each angler may retain a maximum of one carp measuring less than 60 cm, per day.

Carp that are above 60 cm, fished during the day, should be returned to the water immediately.

It is strictly prohibited to transport live carp measuring more than 60 cm.

It is compulsory for anglers fishing for carp during the day onboard a boat, to demarcate a fishing zone using 'vivid-coloured markers' within a maximum distance of 30 metres.

Fishermen fishing for carp by day, from a boat (over 2m50, see art 9), must mark their fishing area, limited to a maximum of 30 meters around the boat, using " brightly colored markers.

The fishing area must be marked with "brightly colored markers"

NIGHT CARP FISHING

ARTICLE 14:

Carp fishing at night is permitted - under prefectural order - in the 'night carp fishing' zones indicated on the map only - at all hours, both day and night:

- From 1st April 2026 to 13th October 2026 inclusive, in zones A, B, D only
- From 1st May 2026 to 13th October 2026 inclusive, in area C (see article 4).

Carp cannot be kept in captivity or transported during night fishing legal hours, i.e. half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise.

Only dark-coloured tents and shelters are allowed. Faeces should be buried and the station left free of rubbish. Lines must be extended at a 90° angle from the shore.

Stations cannot be occupied by more than two people. Stations must be lighted at night.

To fish at these stations, anglers must:

- Be an AAPPMA licence card holder for the duration of the stay
- Pay the specific supplement for night carp fishing and, if using a boat, the 'boat' supplement, including for baiting, line set-up, etc. purposes (see article 3).

The following are prohibited:

- Fishing and placement of markers more than **100** metres from the shores (prefectural order)
- The use of meat fishing bait, lighting a campfire, cutting vegetation
- Roaming dogs. Dogs must be kept on a lead.
- Fishing with lures, live or dead bait, dead bait traces, fly fishing and streamers - from the shore or a boat
- Fishing throughout the duration of the '*Rendez vous avec Esox*' competition (September/October)

Fishing stations in zones **A**, **B** and **D**, with unrestricted access, will be occupied for a maximum of 15 days.

Zone A: 12 stations, n° 1 to 12, accessible from the shore, Madine entrance 2-3, or Nonsard (golf field)

Zone B: 9 stations, n°14, accessible from the shore, to the right of the sailing school
n° 15 to 22, accessible by boat only, Madine entrance 2-3.

Zone D: 3 stations, n°27 to 29, accessible from the shore and by boat, car park at the foot of the Marmont dike. Lines should be extended in the direction of the arrow (see map) in the winter zone.

Reservation requests for fishing stations in zone C should be addressed to SPL Chambley-Madine, in charge of management and services (03.29.89.32.50)

Zone C: 4 stations, n° 23 to 26, by reservation only, accessible by boat only.

 **Area currently inaccessible for security reasons.**



