



## SAILING REGULATIONS

Please read before taking to the water - safety is a top priority and all sailors and crew are reminded of the potential risks of water-based activities. There is no direct supervision of sailing on the Mere and sailors using Tatton Mere do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. However, Rangers are equipped with radios, a mobile telephone and first aid equipment and will respond to all emergency reports or requests for assistance. Sailors who fail to comply with these regulations will be refused access to or banned from using Tatton Mere for the season.

**1. SEASON**                      **From Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 inclusive (High Season only)**

Permits, Tickets and Charges: See website for details at [www.tattonpark.org.uk](http://www.tattonpark.org.uk)

Day tickets may be purchased from Rostherne Gate. Tickets are available throughout the season. Permits and tickets are not transferable and refunds cannot be made by the Gatekeeper. Application forms for permits are obtainable from both Rostherne and Knutsford Gates or from the Reception, Tatton Park, Knutsford, WA16 6QN.

**2. TIMES**                              From the times gates open to one hour before they close as published annually. All sailors and craft must be off the water by the times displayed on the notice board at the launching area.

**3. SAFETY**                              All crews must wear approved buoyancy aids or lifejackets at all times. Windsurfers must wear immersion clothing (ie wetsuit or dry suit) to cover at least the torso. Blue/Green Algae are present throughout the year (see website). Public concrete jetty to the left of the slipway should not currently be used. Take care when launching from slipway as it can be very slippery.

**DANGERS AND SYMPTOMS OF HYPOTHERMIA** - in cold water such as Tatton Mere, hypothermia can set in within 20 minutes. Drowsiness and inability to think clearly characterises this condition. Do not take chances – ensure that you and your crew are properly equipped to minimise risks.

**4. HELP**                                      If you are in difficulties **STAY WITH YOUR CRAFT UNTIL HELP ARRIVES. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SWIM TO THE SHORE.** Attract the attention of other sailors and/or persons on the shore by waving one arm side to side above your head. **Rangers can be summoned (Tel 07768 154884 Duty Ranger) or by radio via Tatton staff.**

**5. CRAFT**                                      Sailboards and sailing dinghies up to 16ft long are permitted. No other form of craft is allowed. All dinghies must be equipped with approved buoyancy panels/bags properly inflated. Paddleboards are not allowed.

**6. AREA**                                      The whole of the Mere is available except for the shaded areas marked on the map overleaf. Do not go beyond the buoys or within 50 metres of the fishing reach (west bank). Please keep clear of groups under tuition and give way to junior learning groups. All motor craft on the Mere must be authorised Safety/Rescue Craft.

**7. LAUNCHING**                              Boat trailers may be wheeled from the car park near the Mere or taken by car to a position near the launching point. Cars may not proceed beyond this point which is indicated by a notice board. Remove cars (see below).

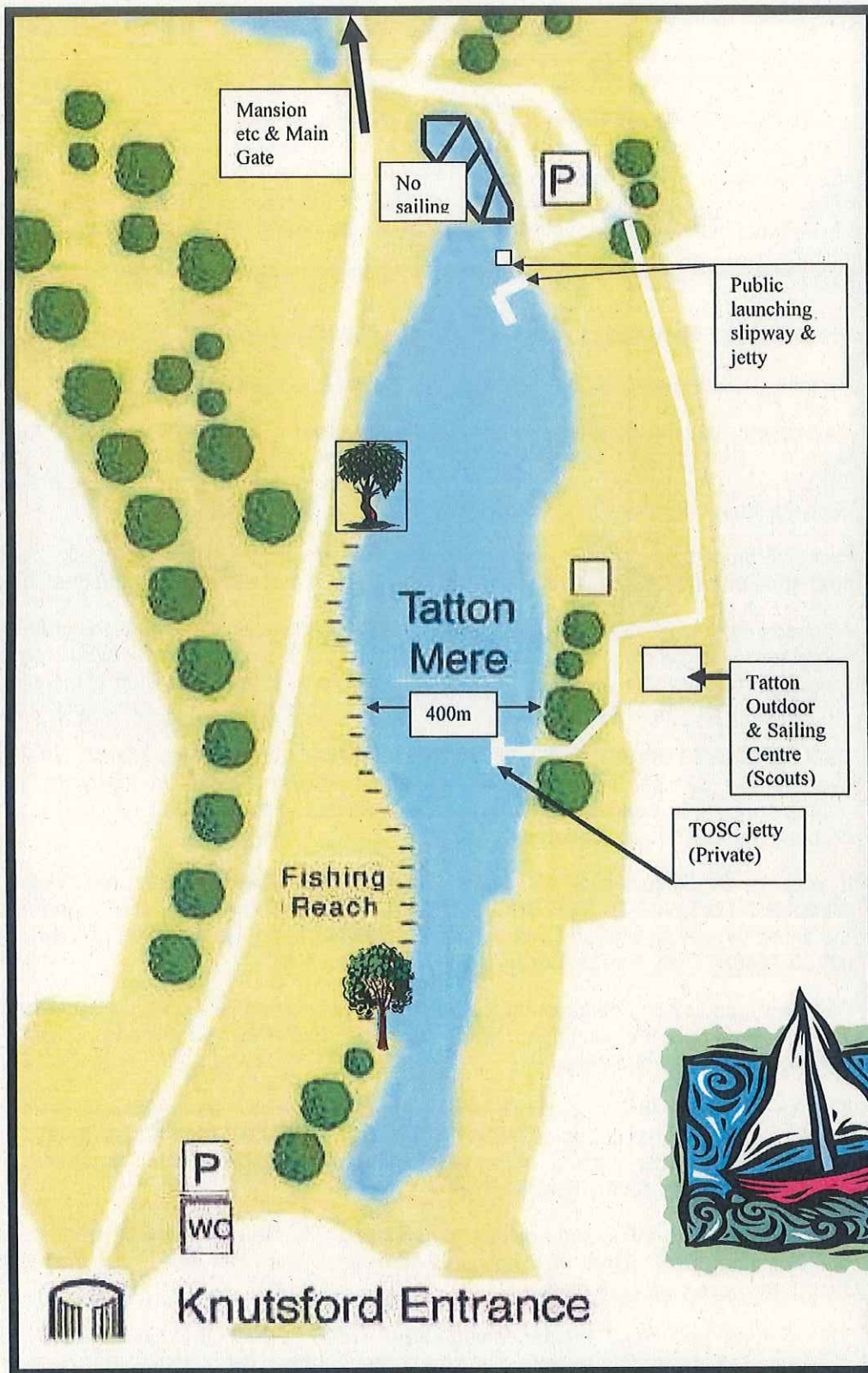
**8. PARKING**                                      There is no parking at the launching point. After unloading, cars should proceed to an authorised car park. Overnight parking for boats or trailers is not available.

**9. INSURANCE**                              All sailing dinghies and sailboards must have third party insurance. The management accepts no responsibility whatsoever for accident, loss or damage.

**10.RESTRICTIONS**                              • During official regattas, training sessions and special events, sailing may be restricted. At such times, notice is given at the Rostherne Gate or whenever possible in advance.

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Ranger Emergency Mobile Telephone Number 07768 154884