



Fishing Report 21st March 2022

It's been fantastic to welcome back many of our regular anglers after a long winter break, and also great to see some new anglers coming through too.

The first week of the season has brought a real mixed bag of weather, with high winds and rain followed by sunny days with a gentle breeze. This has reflected in the fishing methods used, with many anglers fishing deep on sinking lines whilst others have fished high up in the margins, it seems slow and steady retrieves are the best option so far.

Our first rod average of the year is a healthy 4.43, with the most popular areas being on the east of the reservoir, from the North End right down to Millfields. A mixture of flies have proven successful, from buzzers through to black snakes. It's been great to hear that many of the fish being caught are over-wintered, the relatively high water level has certainly helped the trout winter well.

Sunday saw some fantastic fishing action with Ben Bayliss and Adam Larbalestier catching 23 fish to their boat, fishing around the Millfields area pulling lures. Mr Varley and Mr Peet also had a cracking day catching 22 between them, fishing to the left of Fishtail Creek. The good weather conditions played a part, but it's fantastic to see a great day of sport on the water, well done chaps!

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was **4.43** with 164 fish caught by 37 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb 7oz caught by Phil Harding.

The heaviest Brown was 3lb 8oz caught by John Wooffinden.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using either sinking lines with a slow retrieve or pulling lures through the top few feet of water.

The most successful flies were cats whiskers, damsels, nymphs, black snakes, minkies, buzzers, boobies and black & green lures.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been the North End, Sitch Plantation, Fishtail Creek and Millfields.



A beautiful 3lb 5oz brown caught by Mike Ashton on opening day.



One of Paul Grevett's seven rainbows caught last Saturday.

Casting Tuition for Beginners

Our beginners casting tuition has restarted for the 2022 season.

This is a great opportunity to learn the basics of casting, knots and entomology under the guidance of a qualified instructor. Our qualified instructor will provide all equipment for the course - you are welcome to bring your own. The cost is £40 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, please visit our website to book your place.

How to make a booking for Carsington Water

The best way to make a booking is via our website – www.carsingtonwater.com.

We have two time options for booking a day boat, 8.30 - 17.30 or 9.00 - 18.00. We are also now pleased to be offering a half day 8.30 - 2pm boat option.

If you have purchased multiple permits from us at the beginning of the season then please just book your boat and follow the instructions on the booking page.

Derbyshire County Angling Club - **DCAC** customers also have the same time options.

If you have any problems then please do give us a call.

Pictures

It's good to be able to feature those great catches on our weekly reports. We have already received some great shots, thanks to those who have emailed in.

Please don't hesitate to email photos of your catch to flyfishing@carsingtonwater.com. Remember to note your name, weight of fish, fly used and area caught. We always have a camera in the fishery lodge so let us know if your catch is worth a snap!

Safety Information

Please can we remind our anglers:

- Always wear your killcord whilst the engine is running
- Do not stand up whilst the boat is moving either as driver or passenger
- Wear your lifejacket on top of all other clothing
- Carry a mobile phone

Fishing Reports

Our weekly fishing reports will be emailed out to those on our mailing list and will be available to view on our website: <http://www.carsingtonwater.com/Fishing-Reports.html>.

If you would like to be on our email mailing list then please let us have your details.

http://www.carsingtonwater.com/contact-us/info_2.html

You can also help us with our reports by filling in the fishing catch return forms and putting them in the returns box by the warden's office, plus any pictures are always useful.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the 2022 season.
Don't forget to book your boat in advance to avoid disappointment.

Boats will leave the jetty at either 8.30 or 9am and must be back to the jetty by 5.30 or 6pm respectively.

Please allow sufficient time to return from your fishing spot

Please note that Carsington is a boat fishing water only. It is advisable that boat bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment. Discounts are available for bookings of 5 or more boats.