



Fishing Report - Monday 25th March 2024

A great start to the new season!

The rod average for the first week of the season is 3.9, many anglers have had good success finding pods of fish and have even battled through the breezy conditions over the weekend. Not as many browns have been reported but certainly many lovely rainbows of 3lbs plus.

Monday saw the return of many regular faces, Chad Critchley was out guiding and had 4 fish to the boat using a Di5 and Humungus fly whereas Mr Gardner-Thorpe caught 6 fish using buzzers. There were a few visiting DCAC members, Mr Donaldson catching 4 rainbows from Sheepwash area, close to the bank using a black tadpole. Tower Bank, Fish tail and Stones Island were popular spots.

It was great to see some of Monday's anglers fishing again on Tuesday making the most of their trip to the area for the first time. Mr Duffield caught 8 rainbows all above 2lbs using bibios on floating line. Mr Schonau also caught 8 rainbows from near to the Osprey Towers using a sink tip with a Pheasant Tail orange Thorax, a fly that has been mentioned on a few occasions this week.

Wednesday was a pleasant day with kind winds and warmer temperatures. Lots of success with Mr Peet in the Wheelie boat and his boat partner caught 20 to the boat. A number of DCAC anglers returning to the water and new members.

Thanks to Mark Shortland for his brilliant report on social media and supporting pictures showing how great the conditions and fish were. Mark caught 5 fish in total from near to the Osprey Towers using black & green lures on an intermediate line.

Thursday saw a complete change in the weather conditions as the cloud cover rolled in and the breeze picked up. Most anglers fished the west side of the water to keep in the shelter of the north westerly winds. Chad Critchley ([CC Fly Fishing](#)) using Thursday as a recce ahead of his guiding session over the weekend. He fished the left side of Fishtail creek by Stitch Plantation, again Di5 with black lures worked very well bringing 17 fish to the boat throughout the day.

Bruce Blackshaw reported on his visit on Friday after catching 11 stunning fish each having stunning tails and fighting quality. He was joined for a few hours by Pete Eville for a social visit who by all accounts couldn't help but have a dabble!

A few boats braved the elements on Saturday. They were restricted to the west side of the water due to the gusty conditions. We did experience many types of weather with rain, snow, sleet and hail. Phil Harding & Gary Wolstenholme did manage 10 fish between them both fishing on pink snakes around Tower bank and Sheepwash.

For our final day of the week the Bollington Fishing Club visited for a social meet with 4 boats, they certainly chose the right day with conditions ebbing and the sun shining. Most had success finding snakes and lures the best method.

See a selection of this week's catches below.

Thank you to all those who have tag us in social media posts and sent in photos.

Terry's Favourite Fly Patterns

Terry's top tip for the week ahead. Try using the following fly patterns, Humungus, small pink snakes or cocktail booby & blobs..



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 3.9 with 192 fish caught by 49 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest Rainbow was 4lb 2oz caught by Phil Harding fishing a snake on a Di 3 near Tower Bank.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using a mix of lines from Di 3 to Di 7, either stripping back quickly or the opposite to a slow retrieve.

The most successful flies were black, green & pink snakes, Cats Whisker, Humongous, orange fritz Head, tadpole, traffic light buzzers and bibios.

Top Spot

Fish have been caught close to the banks in the shallows.

The most popular spots have been, fishtail creek, osprey towers, Tower Bank, Sheepwash, Upperfield Bay and stones island.

Our online booking system is live, see detail below on how to make your booking

All boats must be booked in advance.

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