



Fishing Report - Monday 4th September 2023

We have a slight drop in the rod average this week and this seems to be the effect of the warmer weather towards the end of the week.

Monday and Tuesday saw a range on anglers with a mixture of returns, Mr Garner Thorpe fish up at the dam wall using poppers and brought in a couple of fish whilst Pete and Mark fish just the afternoon and caught 8 fish between them again around dam wall, sailing club island and the middle of the water. Mr Bond also caught one of our 5lbs rainbows which was one of his 3 fish to the boat. It was caught mid water, on a slow retrieve on a white lure.

On Wednesday our regulars Ford brothers were out and caught 3 fish to the boat once again in the middle of the water. others fish deep on sinking lines and were less successful.

Thursday was a brighter day both Mr Severn and another regular angler Pete saw lots of fish but struggled to get many of them to the boat due to they fighting nature. Black snakes and sinking lines brought the most success.

Lots of regulars were out on Friday hoping that the over cast conditions would be more favourable. Success was had by many with Mr Hendry catching over 5 fish from buoy 2 and sailing club island. He fished a Di3, 6-10 feet down on a roly-poly retrieve. Black and green snakes were his best fly.

Saturday despite being bright and warm seem to bring the fish towards the warmer surface water with some angler catching on the surface. Brian Shields had great success catching 6 fish from the middle of the water. Phil Dixon was out again this week catching 4 fishing using one of his own Humungus flies.

Chad Critchley was out guiding some beginners to boat fishing and saw lots of fish, had a number of takes but unfortunately were only able to bring 1 fish to the boat. Hopefully we will see them out on the water again soon.

Good Luck Jess

Sadly for the fishery we had to say farewell to Jess at the end of last week.

I'm sure you will all agree that Jess has played an amazing part in the fishery team and we have had lots of positive feedback about the help and support that she has given to our anglers through the past months. She has been given a great opportunity to go and work for a larger company and will be supporting the welfare of wildlife and humans based on and around all types of waterways whilst construction work is in operation.

We are sure she will be back to help out in the weeks to come so hopefully we will see her soon.

I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her every success in her new venture.



Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 2.43 with 73 fish caught by 30 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

Our heaviest recorded rainbows were both 5lb and taken from the middle of the water the first caught by Mr J Bond on a slow retrieve and white lure, the second by Chad Critchley on a black lure.

Methods & Flies

Fish have been caught using hoppers, black snakes, pink snakes, humungous, black lures, white lures and poppers. Most anglers have fished on Intermediate and sinking lines on a slow retrieve.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been Dam Wall, Middle of the reservoir, Sailing Club Island, number 2 buoy and the mouth of fishtail creek.

Casting Tuition for Beginners

These are ideal for someone who wants to get into fly fishing or just have a go at casting. All fly fishing equipment is included in the price of the session. The session is based on land as the aim is to concentrate on the art of casting a fly rod before you before using your new found skills to go out on the water to catch some fish.

The next dates for these sessions are

Fri 15th September

Sun 15th October

(more dates are advertised on the website)

The cost is £45 per person, minimum age 12 years. Booking is essential as places are limited, click the button below for dates and bookings.

