



Carsington Water - Pre Season Report 2024

We are reopening Carsington Fishery on

Saturday 16th March 2024

As many of you will be aware it has been a sad start to 2024 for trout fishing with the sad loss of Ifor Jones in January and subsequent closure of several fisheries prior to the start of this season. Our condolences go out to Ifor's family, and we hope that some of the waters will be able to find ways of reopening in the future to maintain fishing options for the angling community.

The recent closures of these great facilities have highlighted the financial pressure under which fisheries have found themselves in recent years. With the increase in fish prices, wages and overheads it is becoming increasingly difficult to operate a financially stable operation. Many locations have had to look at changes in how they operate, and it has become a necessity for anglers to pre book their fishing and make payment up front of their arrival so fisheries can plan.

Moving on to a more positive note we are so looking forward to seeing you all back on the water for the new season. We are busy getting the boats back on the water and preparing the centre for the opening of the season on Saturday.

You will not be surprised to hear after such a wet 2023 that reservoir levels are currently at 100%. This means only a short walk to the jetty and the with the levels only changing by 15% throughout 2023 it should maintain stable conditions and food sources for the fish. We are looking forward to seeing some spectacular over wintered fish being caught over the next few weeks.

Following years of being asked about the potential of Predator Fishing at Carsington Water we worked with a number of professional parties to put together an offering at the end of last season. We were very conscious not to let Predator fishing disturb our trout fishing season so made the decision to keep the sports separate to each other. We offered 8 trial days during early November and they were all well subscribed.

It was certainly interesting to see the results and quite different to what we expected. Many anglers were convinced that the pike fishing would be of high level, but this wasn't to be the case, a number of pike were spotted and many lines were taken and flies followed but there were no actual pike recorded having been brought to the boat. The most surprising outcome was the quality of the perch fishing which was never on our radar. Large numbers of perch were located and caught, and a number were of significant size some measuring around 50cm.

We plan to offer similar days at the end of this season, details on how to book will be out soon.

Bookings have been open since our email pre Christmas and it's great to see a lot of regular and new names in the diary.

We are currently fully booked for Saturday 16th March and only have a few boats left for Sunday 17th March. Please endeavour to make your bookings via our website in advance.

We will have reception staff available 10am - 4pm over the next few days to help with any further enquiries.

Fishery Update

Regrettably in the light of yet further increases in running costs some of our prices have had to be increased. To help soften the permit price increase we are still offering the purchase of 10 permits at a reduced price, these can be shared with your boat partner. More information and costs are shown below.

We also have the options for half day boats and single occupancy boats to help reduce the cost for those fishing on their own or for those who prefer to fish a shorter day.

We are still offering fishing bookings for 8.30 - 5.30 or 9.00 - 6.00 once day light hours allow.

We have also set out a number of days for our later / evening fishing option. You can opt to book for an afternoon or a whole day fishing until 8pm; These later options need to be booked in advance to that we can allocate staff to support the sessions.

Our stocking programme has already begun for the season with visit from Bibury fish taxi stocking some fantastic quality fish of approx. 2lb each. We look forward seeing Bibury throughout the season as they will support us with our main fish stocking. There will be additional smaller stocks from other farms to help maintain the stocking programme and keep the fishing alive. Although fish prices have increased we have maintained our fish stocking budgets to reflect this and to maintain the level of stocking that has been usual for the last 8 seasons. Being a small independent fishery our stocking levels will always be lower than those supported by corporate organisations. We also have the need to stock large size fish to protect our stock from the level of predators on the water and reduce the amount of damage that can be caused by the cormorants.

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

All boats must be booked in advance.

[Click here for prices and booking](#)

