



## Fishing Report - Week ending Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The weather has been much kinder to us this week with light winds and warmer temperatures.

As the week progressed and the temperatures rose, we saw an abundance of buzzer hatches and reports of the fish moving out from the banks. The rod average for the week is 5.3 and the majority of fish caught have been beautiful, overwintered fish.

Monday through to Friday the water has fished pretty much the same. Anglers have moved all over and have found fish everywhere. It's been great to see reports of the use of floating lines with buzzers and nymphs. Some anglers have chosen to change methods in the afternoons as the air temperature has risen and the bright sunshine has sent the fish to lower levels. Intermediate / floating lines with hothead damsels or humungus flies have been preferred. The rod average for Monday to Friday has been a respectable 4.52 with a number of anglers catching 14 plus fish whereas others have reported struggling to catch or worse still actually getting those crafty fish to stay on the line. Anglers fishing smaller flies / hook size have been a little more successful in completing the catch and getting the fish to the net.

Saturday was a spectacular day with lots of boats and a number of visiting anglers who are holidaying in the area. All caught extremely well, resulting in a rod average for the day of 12.5! The most popular areas were all the way along the far, Eastern bank in Fishtail Creek, Upperfields Bay and Stitch Plantation. Fish had moved out from the shore and were being caught on floating or intermediate lines using black buzzers or black & green lures. The best catch of the day was 30 fish to the boat which were caught around the Stitch Plantation area. Thank you for all those who took the time to complete their catch returns and leaving lots of positive comments on what a great day they had experienced.

On Sunday, it was great to play host to the Alex Booth Fly Fishers, they had 9 pairs who fished a catch a release competition in memory of Dennis Footman. 108 fish were caught with many fish being lost before getting to the boat. The competition rod average was 5.77 and Bill Richardson took first place catching 12 fish, closely followed by Martin Smith and Mike Smith who both caught 11 fish. We look forward to seeing you all again later in the season for your next visit.

The forecast for the week ahead is looking a little breezier to start off with but calming after Monday, it looks like we will have more cloudy days but temperatures still staying around 14 degrees.

### **A Reminder regarding emergency contact numbers**

We do patrol the water on a regular basis however there may be times that you need to contact us in an emergency or need help with your boat or engine.

There are 2 emergency contact numbers on your permit and on the engine.

**The landline number – 01629 54044** will bring you straight through to reception staff who will respond to this call immediately however, this number will only be manned during reception opening hours.

**The mobile number - 07843 910712** will be monitored by a member of staff throughout the fishery operating hours, especially once reception has closed at 5pm.

### **Jetty Times**

Now that the clocks have changed, we have fishing options of, 8.30 – 17.30, 9.00 – 18.00 or 8.30 – 14.00. Please make sure you choose a suitable time option when booking online.

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](#)

### Terry's Top Tips

Another excellent week with lots of fish being caught, with both floating & sinking lines working well. Buzzers and small flies are catching on floating lines especially early morning when the conditions are cooler. Once the sun is high in the sky the fish have been pushed deeper down in the water and many anglers have switched methods to sinking lines with black & green lures.

Best areas have been the shoreline from Halfmoon all the way to Millfield's.

Best flies being buzzers, damselfly and gold head hares ears.

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### Rod Average

The rod average for the opening weekend was 5.3 with 448 fish caught by 84 anglers.

### Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Roger Stead at 5lbs 6oz

### Methods & Flies

Anglers have mostly used a mixture of floating and sinking lines, Di3, Di5 & Di8 and sink tips with a slow retrieve. Anglers fished both short drifts into the bays whilst others anchored in the shallow areas. Fish did start to move out into deeper waters over the weekend.

The most popular fly patterns have been buzzers, nymphs, hot head damselfly, black & green Montana, gold head hares ear, black and green lures.

### Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, fishtail creek, Upperfields Bay, Halfmoon bay and Millfields.

Although when winds have allowed the fish have been found all over the reservoir.

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### Spring Open Competition

Sat 26th April 2025

*Just a few Boats left for this competition*

Why not join us for a great day out on the water for a relaxed competition organised by our fishing team with support from regular supporting anglers.

The Carsington Open competition is known as a Boat pairs event and is open to all. This is a great friendly competition perfect for adults and juniors wanting to have a fun relaxed competition with a range of prizes and trophy's up for grabs

Bookings can be made online via the link below and full joining instructions will be sent nearer the event.

The event is always popular so book early to avoid disappointment!

