



Fishing Report - Week ending Sun 30th March 2025

Another lovely week weather wise with warm sunny conditions, although the wind did pick up from Friday and over the weekend.

Mr Fisher, our only angler on Monday, had a great day with 8 fish caught. He fished a sink tip with Black and Green lures, finding fish at many locations around the water.

Tuesday continued well with several anglers catching 8 fish and leaving some lovely comments on how great the day had been, how amazing the fish quality was and how much the fish fought. Mr Cummins and Mr Savage were back out, their results were much more even this week with both anglers catching 4 fish. They also recorded having lost many more takes so they are certainly out there to catch. They fished a drift towards the banks, using Black & Blue Cormorants and "Terry's Terror fly"! - which we think is a variation of the Pink Snake! We had many other regular faces out using a mixture of methods, some even sinking lines in the deeper areas. It was very much a North and South divide with The Osprey Tower and Millfield's Bay being popular spots.

Wednesday was another busy day with many familiar faces returning for their first visit of the season. Returns were showing catches from 4 – 10 fish with many once again being lost before getting to the boat. A real variety of methods were once again reported and lots of different fly patterns; Snakes, Cormorants, Booby, Montana, Humungus, Yellow Lures and Cats Whisker. Preferred areas were towards the East side of the water with Upperfields, buoy 10 and buoy 2 plus the middle of the water.

Thursday saw our heaviest rainbow trout of the season so far, Mr Williamson caught a 7lb rainbow, his comment on the catch return was

'The large Rainbow was in A1 condition.'

The fish was safely returned to the water and was only 1 of 2 fish caught by Mr Williamson throughout the day. This stunning fish was caught on a sinking line with a Black and Green Lure.

We also saw Terry and Tony out for their second fish of the season and Tony certainly had the more successful day. On the same day, Mr Wood caught one of a number of good-sized browns, the heaviest weighing 5lbs 9oz before being swiftly and carefully returned to the water.

It was a father and son day out for the Wilton's with 7 fish caught between them, fishing a mixture of sinking and intermediate lines with Black & Green Lures and Hothead Damsels, keeping to traditional methods. It has been good to see the return of the success of the Hot Head Damsel so far this season. Their fishing return, reported

'Hard work but very good fish'

Friday was a bright but very breezy day with only a couple of boats venturing out for a short day, both caught but a lower number than the past few days.

Luckily the winds dropped back a little for Saturday morning and a number of boats had success until the wind began to build up and the conditions became a little more challenging. Despite this all boats returns showed fish caught. Fishing in boat 6, Mark Hope-Urwin caught an incredible 20 fish by tucking in the shelter at Tower Bank and fishing Black Lures on a Di5.

The winds stayed with us on Sunday, increasing through the morning however, this didn't put off our anglers who had a great day fishing the North End. Most set up drifts out of the bays midway across the North End and had great success. The winds dropped in the afternoon, but most stayed in their location after finding the pods of fish. Gary Fallows had an incredible 25 fish to the boat, he fished the roly poly method with a Black & Green Snake.

Chad Critchley was also back out guiding. Both his customers enjoyed immersing in his knowledge of boat fishing and the water, catching 12 fish between them.

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](#)

Tony's Top Tips!

Following Terry and Tony's day out last week Wednesday saw a very different result, Tony beat Terry, 8 fish to 1. It seems only fair to we have changed this week's article to Tony's Top Tips!



The water continues to fish well mainly around the banks however, some anglers have had good bags of fish in the deeper parts of the reservoir using sinking lines and large lures.

Sheepwash, Osprey towers, Brown Ale Bay, Half Moon, North End especially near the large Island and Upperfield Bay have all being successful areas throughout this week. There has been a variety of fishing methods used, and we have noticed that rudder style fishing is becoming more popular and producing good results.

Floating lines, sink tip lines and even sinking lines are all catching. Black and Green flies seemed to catch more fish but there are still fish being caught on the good old Pink Snake.

Tight lines – Tony

Rod Average

The rod average for the opening weekend was 5.3 with 249 fish caught by 47 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Mr Williamson at 7lbs

The heaviest brown was caught by Mr Wood at 5lbs 9oz

Methods & Flies

Anglers have mostly used a mixture of floating, Intermediate and sinking lines 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.

The most popular fly patterns have been cormorants, pink snakes, hot head damsels, black & green Montana, gold head cats whiskers, olive, black or white Humungus, yellow lures.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, the back of Stones island and Sailing club island, Dam wall, Brown Ale Bay, Shiningford bay and the Osprey towers. Fishing has generally been concentrated to the west side of the water due to the wind direction. The forecast ahead looks like this could open up the water for the following week.

A Reminder regarding Returning Browns.

We have been asked to remind anglers that Browns must be returned carefully to the water when caught. This has been the rule for a couple of seasons and is common practice at many waters. We are all trying to protect the browns where the population against rainbows is much lower, and the level of stocked browns is smaller due to their price.

We have attached a link to our fishery rules for those who wish to catch up on the finer details
[Fishery Rules](#)

Below is a fantastic brown caught by Shane Calton in opening week. Shane has also been one of the ambassadors of fisheries maintaining healthy browns in their waters for others to experience the sport of catching them in the future.

