



## Fishing Report – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

It has been another great week of fishing with many fishermen reporting on the “fantastic quality” of our fish. We have had a number of rainbows caught weighing in at 4lbs and browns of 5lbs plus.

It's been good to hear that fish are moving back into the bays, out from the depths and into the shallower areas.

Monday saw a continuation of the warmer weather and slightly lighter winds. Lots of fish were seen topping. Floating lines were the preferred option with daddies and PTN. Catch results were on the lower side despite many fish being seen and lots of hits on the fly.

Tuesday was no comparison to Monday, boat numbers were high and lots of regular faces. We were back to a mixture of floating and intermediate lines, black & green lures, snakes, silver & black Humungus plus orange hoppers. Buoy 3, Fishtail Creek and drifting over the middle were all recorded with a number of returns being 6 plus fish.

Wednesday was a little breezier and started off quite chilly but by the afternoon we were back to 20 degrees. We had success reported on polar opposites with both pink snakes and daddies working well. It seemed that the anglers favoured the main basin for most of the day although not producing quite such lucrative catches as Tuesday.

Thursday was another cold start but the temperature soon increased making it a gorgeous day and the winds reduced in strength. Middle of the water once again seemed the preferred option and many of anglers drifted across the main basin. Some caught double figures. Snakes and damsels were the preferred fly. Mr Duffield caught a fantastic 5lb brown, it was certainly worth venturing up to the North End and into Brown Ale bay to catch this fine fish, see photo below.

Friday saw a change in weather conditions with temperatures staying high but more overcast and drizzly than early in the week. There was certainly a vast difference in catch results from blanks to 9 fish. For those who caught, their returns reports were gratefully received with lots of comments on the quality of the fish and their fully finned tails. The reports also showed that fish are being caught in the North end which is much shallower than the main basin. It's good to this change is coming in to play for the Autumn season.

A few boats ventured out on Saturday before the rain and thunderstorms hit and set in for the night. Catches were pretty consistent with Main basin and North end seeing a number of catches. Most anglers reported using blobs, boobies and snakes.

Following the storms and consistent heavy rainfall we saw no boats out on Sunday.

The week ahead is looking interesting with a large amount of rain forecast for Monday and then easing as the week progresses.



**5lb Brownie caught by Mr Duffield on Thursday. Location Brown Ale bay using a damsel fly.**

### **Autumn Open Competition – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Thank you to those that have booked a place on the competition over the past week. A couple more entries would be great. The competition is less than a month away and it would be great to see a few more pairs registering for this enjoyable event.

This is a friendly known pairs competition which is run yearly. It is aimed at all abilities and is run as a very relaxed and enjoyable competition. If you are used to fishing Carsington and have a friend or family member to fish with, then give it a go. The rules are very easy to understand and there's plenty of support on hand for those that have never entered before.

There are a number of prizes / Trophies to be won

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- The Best Overall 'Pairs Weight' including 'time bonus'. (Names to be entered on the Honours Boards & Prize).
    - Top Individual Bag Weight. (Prize)
  - The Biggest Fish caught. (Name to be engraved on 'John Wilson Memorial Cup' & Prize & Cup).
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The cost is £80 per pair - including fishing fees and entry to the competition. We have spaces left so if you are able to support this relaxed and enjoyable competition then come and join us on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October! Please book via the website or give reception staff a call.

### **6 Weeks to the end of the season**

We have just 6 weeks left of fishing for the 2024 season. Our last day for fly fishing will be Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We are currently fishing until 6pm however this will change as the daylight hours reduce. Keep an eye on booking times, the jetty clock and reports for the most up to date info.

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#### **Rod Average**

The rod average for this week was 3.98 with 315 fish caught by 79 anglers.

#### **Best Rainbow/Brown**

The heaviest rainbows were caught by

Mr Carr - 3.5lbs, one of 6 fish caught using a sinking line.

Mr Phil Harding 4lbs 11oz

Mr Cummins caught and released a lovely 3lb 10oz brown using a personally tied fly and sinking line.

#### **Methods & Flies**

This week has mostly seen the use of Slow Sinking ( Di5, Di6 & Di7 ) lines. with some use of intermediate and floating. Washing line of flies also working well especially buzzers.

We have seen the use of white snakes, black and silver snakes, humungus, orange blob, black fritz and buzzers.

#### **Top Spot**

The most popular spots have been, Fishtail creek, Dam Wall, Buoys 10 & 11 & 4 and the middle of the water.

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](http://www.carsingtonwater.com/information-1)

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