



Fishing Report – Monday 30th September 2024

It's been a busy week with a number of visiting groups, many are returning anglers so really nice to catch up with those we haven't seen for a while.

Methods haven't really changed with snakes, blobs and Humungus flies still being the preferred fly option and intermediate and floating lines being the line of choice. Lots of mentions of fast retrieve, stripping and pulling lines reasonably fast through the water to attract the trout and it is great to see the rod average has increased to over 4. The air temperatures do seem to be dropping however, the Autumn sunrises are amazing - see one below from Sunday morning.

Monday was a quiet day due to the high winds and persistent rain. Luckily the weather improved for the rest of the week and conditions improved considerably.

Tuesday was a great day with several anglers fishing together from Derby and Notts police. Many fish were caught with most of the anglers catching between 2 and 8 fish. There was only one blank recorded for the day. The boats were spread out with a number of fish caught around Brown Ale Bay, Middle of the water and Dam Wall area. Good to see there was a spread of fish in many different locations. Although some anglers chose to fish using buzzers, it seemed that pink snakes and Fab blobs were more attractive and produced the larger catch rates.

Wednesday was a day for many of the weekly returning anglers. The Ford brothers managed a visit before temperatures get too cold and caught 6 fish between them. Stuart and John Richardson had 14 fish to the boat and reported having a 'First Class' day with 'Good Fit Fish'. They fished around buoy 5 using Humungus fly on a sink tip.

Mr Hendry left a detailed return which is always a pleasure to read and helps to support and advise other anglers. He had 7 fish to the boat and lost a number of others. He fished Upperfields Bay and around buoys 4, 6 & 10. His preferred method was a fast intermediate line pulled fast through the sub surface, so not too deep at all. He fished pink snakes, fish were around 2.5lbs which were a little smaller than those caught during visits earlier in the season however they were still strong fighting fish.

On Thursday we had a few practice boats out ahead of the HASSRA competition on Friday. Organiser Ashley Robertson fished with his boat partner, George Ashton and they caught 14 fish with Ashley catching 10 himself. It was a good start to their 3-day visit to Derbyshire. Reports showed fish being caught over the middle of the main basin as well as many other locations all around the perimeter of the water. We saw a number of the visiting competitors getting a feel for the area, purchasing flies and chatting about the current methods with our Fisheries Warden - All hatching a plan for the Fridays HASSRA match.

Friday saw 16 anglers fishing the HASSRA competition with a number of anglers travelling from all areas of the country to enter a team into the match. It was great to see them back at Carsington for their second visit and hopefully we will host this match again in the future.

Despite the stronger winds, which resulted in most boats fishing the North End to gain a little shelter, the group did really well. For those who practiced the day before, their time spent getting to know the water on Thursday certainly paid off with Ashley taking the lead with his catch rate being 8 fish overall.

George and Ashley fished again on Saturday fishing for a while at the North End but were not as successful as when they moved back around Buoy 4, a spot they had fished the previous day. Between them they caught 14 fish both pulling pink blobs which certainly worked in attracting the fish.

Sunday started off as a calm, cool morning however, the wind built up throughout the day and gave us a true feel that Autumn is on its way. Most of the boats hugged the Far Bank and Fishtail Creek. Barry and his brother, Phil caught a couple of fish each but had plenty of takes and lost a number before bringing them into the boat. They both fished floating lines with pink snakes and pink Dog nobblers.

The forecast for the coming week is showing heavy rain during Monday however, becoming much drier for the rest of the week. Winds are fairly moderate with lighter conditions currently forecast for Saturday. Fingers crossed the forecast stays favourable for our Autumn Open Competition.



Autumn Open Competition – Sat 5th October 2024

We have one boat left for this event which can be booked via our website.

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, 5th October! Please book via the website or give reception staff a call.

Rod Average

The rod average for this week was 4.2 with 232 fish caught by 55 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbows caught this week weighed 4lbs and caught by Greg Swinnerton. He fished Middlewood on a floating line using a cats whisker.

Methods & Flies

Once again the most popular lines have been intermediate and floating lines. Many anglers have been using stripping or pulling methods to attract the fish. Many Anglers have drifted across the main basin others have found the bay areas coming back into play away from the deeper areas of the main basin.

We have seen the use of a variety of colours snakes both mini and regular in size. Boobies, FAB blobs, silver Humungus and cats whiskers have been popular.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, Buoys 4, 5, 6, 8, & 10, middle of the water, Dam wall area, North Island, Brown Ale Bay, Fishtail Creek and Upperfields Bay.

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

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