



Opening Weekend 15th & 16th March 2025

Our open day on Saturday brought bright but cold conditions. It was great to see all of the boats out by 8.30 and lots of fish being caught. Thank you to everyone who submitted their returns and left positive and informative comments. Out of the 26 returns that were left we had no reported blanks and a number of catch reports of 30 plus fish.

Like most opening weekends there has been a mixture of methods tried and lots of different fly patterns. What has been noticeable is that all boats have kept to the west side of the water fishing off the back of the Islands, by the Dam Wall and further North by the Osprey Towers. Although some boats have fished a short drift in and out of the bays and successful spots most have anchored keeping their preferred spot.

The most popular line set up has been floating lines with sink tips plus Di3 or Di5 letting the fly drop through the top part of the water at a steady rate. Although water temperatures have dropped through the winter, we have not experienced prolonged cold temperatures resulting in the overall reservoir temperature being slightly warmer than that of past winters.

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

All the above resulted in lots of over wintered fish with a number of 4 and 5lbs specimens.

Saturday was much warmer than Sunday and seem to result in higher catch reports. For example, Mr Hockenull caught 19 fish overall from the back of the Islands using a Di3 with black and green lures. He commented on the 'Superb quality of the fish'

He was beaten by a further 5 fish with Mr Schonau catching the highest amount for the day - a cracking 24 fish in total. He also fished off the back of Stones Island and was successful on a dry line with black & green. Its nice to see some traditional patterns being used and getting away from the infamous Pink Snake...

Sunday was a much colder day all round and catches dropped with most anglers having between 4 – 9 fish. Islands and Osprey Towers were the favoured spots with hot head damsels and black & green lures being the favoured pattern. It looks like the weather is warming up as the week ahead progresses, so we hope to see more of you out on the water catching those beautiful over wintered fish.

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](#)

Rod Average

The rod average for the opening weekend was 7.8 with 266 fish caught by 34 anglers.

Best Rainbow/Brown

The heaviest rainbow was caught by Mr Fisher at 4bs 8oz, caught off the back of Stones island using a sink tip with gold head damsel.

There were a few browns reported which were safely returned no particular weights recorded.

Methods & Flies

Anglers have mostly used a mixture of floating lines, Di3 & Di5 and sink tips. Anglers fished both short drifts into the bays whilst others anchors in the shallow areas.

The most popular fly patterns have been black, white and pink snakes, hot head damsels, black & green Montana, gold head cats whiskers, olive Humungus, boobies, mop flies and nymphs.

Top Spot

The most popular spots have been, the back of Stones island and Sailing club island, Dam wall, Millfields and the Osprey towers.

Spring Open Competition

Sat 26th April 2025

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 a 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!

MULTIPLE PERMIT OFFERS

For those anglers who fish with us regularly you can buy multiple permits at a reduced price. We have the options of purchasing 10 Full day, Sporting or Concessionary permit at a discounted price. The permits must be used during the 2025 season but they can be share between two anglers. See more details below

10 x Full Day Multi Permit (4 fish bag limit plus catch & release)

Full Price = £360 (10 permits at £36 each)

2025 Season Multi Permit offer = £310 - saving £50

10 x Sport Day Multi Permit (Catch & Release only)

Full Price = £250 (10 Permits at £25 each)

2025 Season Multi Permit offer = £210 - saving £40

10 x Concessionary Multi Permit (4 fish bag limit plus catch & release)

Full Price = £360 (10 permits at £36 each)

2025 Season Multi Permit offer = £295 - saving £65

Purchase via our website or call reception to purchase over the phone.

