

Tactical briefing

River Arun, Greatham Bridge, Greatham, West Sussex

DESCRIPTION. A single bank, tidal stretch of river controlled by Pulborough AS. A good three miles long, expect depths to 6 ft at low tide and as much as 15 ft at high tide. An under-rated stretch, there are some real specimens here. The pike top at least 38 lb, there are also carp to 32 lb, bream 9 lb, chub 7 lb, tench 6 lb, eels 5 lb, perch 3 lb, odd barbel 3 lb, roach and rudd 2 lb 8 oz, dace 8 oz plus bleak and gudgeon. Mullet to 7 lb, sea trout and flounder also figure.

TACTICS. Pre-baiting is worthwhile here. For bream feeder fish worms or two or three maggots over plenty of groundbait. A hemp base works well for lots of species. Chub plus better roach and rudd will accept bread flake. Smaller roach and other species to maggot or caster. Most of carp, and odd better bream, fall to legered hair-rigged boilies. Eels to legered lob-worm. Perch to a small spinner or worm. Worm is a good universal bait on this river. Pike to wobbled sea deadbaits.

TICKETS. Season only, £62, under-16s £20, husband and wife £72, OAPs £34, registered disabled £33. Fishing dawn until dusk. Information from 01798 831525, 01903 692844 or 07990 856844. Southern byelaws. Check out www.pulboroughas.com

LOCATION. From Pulborough take the A29 south. When you reach Coldwaltham turn left and park on the right just before the river bridge.

TOP TIP

Choose a 5.6 to 5.8 metre tide, check the high tide reading for Littlehampton, and fish four hours after. When the tide floods it sparks off a feeding spell.

