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Tactical briefing

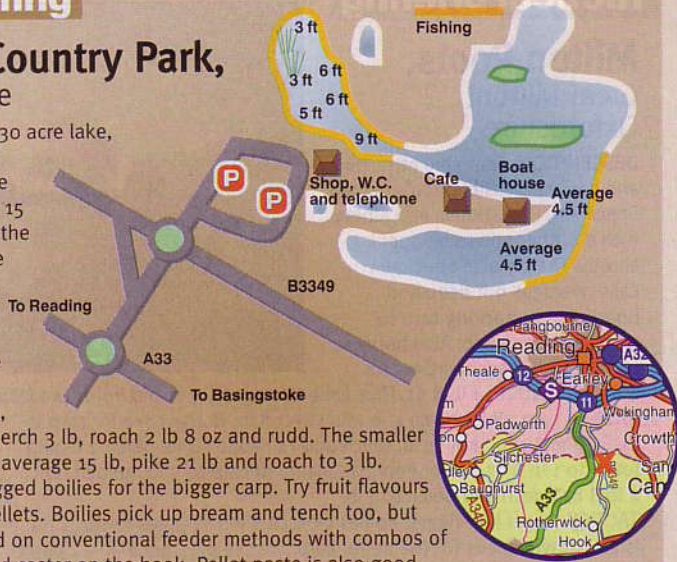
Wellington Country Park, Riseley, Berkshire

DESCRIPTION. The large 30 acre lake, averaging 4.5 ft deep, is syndicated except for one day ticket bank boasting 15 pegs from the railway to the animal farm. The 2.5 acre smaller lake is open to all and averages 5 ft. The lakes are similarly stocked. The large venue contains carp to 39 lb, average 25 lb, pike 26 lb, bream and tench 10 lb, perch 3 lb, roach 2 lb 8 oz and rudd. The smaller lake holds carp to 35 lb, average 15 lb, pike 21 lb and roach to 3 lb.

TACTICS. Legered hair-rigged boilies for the bigger carp. Try fruit flavours over PVA bagged carp pellets. Boilies pick up bream and tench too, but they can also be targeted on conventional feeder methods with combos of red maggot, redworm and caster on the hook. Pellet paste is also good. Wagglers corn for tench. Silver fish to float fished maggot or caster. Try a redworm for perch. The large lake is recommended for pike using sea deadbaits.

TICKETS. £10 per day, concessions £6, dawn until dusk. Night fishing, by appointment only, is £10, 24-hours £20. Unhooking mats, large landing nets essential. No nuts or pulses. Tel: 07740 456702. Thames byelaws. Open all year but winter fishing is by arrangement.

LOCATION. From J5 M3, take the B3349 north through Mattingley. Continue along this road and look out for Wellington Country Park sign posted on the right, just as you enter Riseley.



Highly recommended

Goose Green, Ashington, West Sussex

CURRENT FORM: the six lakes on-site were all fishing well when Virginia and I visited over the weekend. Dudley Chandler, from Amberley, had had 33 lb of carp out of Deep Lake the previous day. This lake also holds a good stock of roach, rudd, crucians, bream to over 4 lb, tench and good perch. The smaller New Pond is much shallower with a similar stock of fish including ghost carp. It was too early for the Tench Pond to produce many tench but the odd tinca had shown to 3 lb on worm. Lakes One, Two and Three to the back of the fishery were giving plenty of sport with a mixture of skimmers, roach, rudd and perch coming to pole fished pinkie or maggot. I commented to Ryan Giles on Lake Two that I wanted to see a bigger fish. Five minutes later he was playing the carp shown below!

BAITS: maggot, worm, caster, bread, meat, corn, pinkie, cheese, pellet and paste. No boilies.
TICKETS: Pulborough AS members only. Club membership covers other stillwaters and several river stretches. Subscriptions £62 adult, £20 junior, £72 husband and wife, £34 OAP and registered disabled £33. Tel: 01789 831525.



Job done!
Print finisher
Ryan Giles
from
Worthing,
West Sussex,
caught this
pristine
9 lb 2 oz
mirror carp to
order – as
'Barmy' Bill
Rushmer
explains
above.



two perch at 2 lb 14 oz and 2 lb 15 oz in the same match.

On another 21 peg match, a total of over 200 lb of silvers weighed in giving a very close result with the winner on 15 lb 8 oz. The top three weights all came to pole tactics, with the winner using caster over pellet. Bloodworm is also consistent at present on this water.

The larger Brook Lake has coloured up due to feeding carp. A big injection of carp should result in the first ever ton up bag this season with over 90 lb recorded last year.

Day tickets £6, concessions £4. Breakfasts available Wednesday and Saturdays. Club bookings welcome. Bait shop, WC, two car parks and disabled swims on-site. Fishing 7am to dusk. All bookings via Craig on 01923 284765 or 07778 414646.

Child Beale Park, near Pangbourne, Berkshire, has a 76 peg Canal Lake fishable with a

wagglers or 11 metres of pole.

The lake holds a good head of roach, tench bream and carp pushing 20 lb. Currently the bottom end is fishing well for silvers on maggot. The carp are expected to show soon on tiny pieces of meat on size 16 or 18 hooks fished over a bed of 4 mm trout pellets. Redworm is a good alternative, but as it warms up pellet and paste will come to the fore.

The Main Lake is known to hold carp in excess of 30 lb and numbers of big slabs as 'nuisance' fish. Carp anglers have been observed landing fish pushing 20 lb and bream to 7 lb on frozen or home-made boilies.

Canal Lake is £6 a day, Main Lake £7. Further details from the gang of the nearby Thames Valley Angling on 01189 428249.

Culminating this week at Dorking, Surrey's **Bury Hill** where zander fishing on the Main Lake is expected to pick up until the March 31 predator

close. Over 200 double-figure zeds have already been caught with pike to 23 lb 10 oz also showing.

The mid section on the front bank and the early 40s on the long bank are the zander hotspots on dull days, or as the light fails towards dusk. Freshwater and sea deadbaits fished near features such as lily pads normally does the trick.

Pegs 25, 28 and 29 are yielding good nets of bream, skimmers and roach with odd bonus early season tench. The fish are further out at this time of year in the deeper water. The crumb and chopped worm ground-bait feeder and red maggot worm cocktail hooks work well.

Day tickets £10 one rod, £15 two, £7 concessions. Punt hire £5 per person. Excellent facilities including tackle shop, clean ladies and gents loos. Café serving top breakfasts. Further details on 01306 877540 or visit www.buryhillfisheries.com

worth a cast

I hear **Longmoor Farm**, Finchamstead, Berkshire (01889 762443) is a consistent fishery. Pole or wagglers fished maggot, chopped worm with casters and small pieces of meat work well. Day tickets £6 one rod, £8 two, £4.50 concessions.

The fairly recently opened **Pilon Island Fishing**, Dunton, Essex (01268 492413) holds a large number of carp with the best over 25 lb. Meat, corn, chopped worm with caster are all producing plenty of fish. Day ticket £10.

Lincoln Lake, Standlake, Oxfordshire (01865 300179) offers day ticket fishing at £5 for two rods. Legered boilies to the islands for carp running to 28 lb 8 oz. There are loads of roach to 2 lb 4 oz to wagglers maggots and casters. Chopped worm and caster for perch.