



ALBURY ESTATE FISHERIES

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FISHERIES REPORT 10th July 2012

How has it been Fishing?

The past four weeks have produced some great fishing for the time of year, courtesy of the very unsettled conditions. Day after day of rain has left most people quite depressed, but trout anglers are relishing these conditions – by mid July, our lake fishing has often become too challenging as water temperatures soar into the mid 20's celcius. Not so this year!

With cloudy skies predominating, fly hatches have been getting airborne at will, and a steady stream of midge, olive, sedge and damsel nymphs coming to the surface has seen the best of the fishing in the first couple of feet of water, nymphs, emergers and dries all combining to produce some excellent sport for the time of year.

Big dry flies have also done really well too – firstly imitating the backend of the mayfly hatch, and latterly, sedges, with daddies too getting out and about now.

Fish are less inclined to chase a lure at this time of year, so best to concentrate on the smaller patterns; besides, you can always fall back on a Cat, or wait til the more furious speed of autumn sport.

Spell upon spell of heavy rain has left the river Tillingbourne prone to colouring up, although as it is only six miles old here, we don't get the flood condition being suffered by so many lower lying river valleys right now.

Top Patterns at Albury

Blue Flash Damsel	PTN
Montana Nymph	small Cats Whisker
Buzzer	Diawl Bach
Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear	Dry Sedge
Daddy-long-legs	WAEF

New Website

Our website is changing. For all fishing information, and payments online, your first port of call is www.alburyestatefisheries.co.uk

We are also maintaining our old site www.alburyestate.com until it is stood down.



Hot Chocolate anybody? 2" rain fell on the afternoon of 22nd June, turning the river a very strange colour, and suspending all river sport for a while! The drought conditions of March have been swiftly followed by 3 very wet months in a row. What on earth was the problem?!

Fishery Catch totals for the period
11th June - 8th July:
Park Lake (rainbows) 213
Park River (browns) 146
Powdermills Lake 78
Powdermills River 35
Vale End 230
Weston 304
Total catch 1006



Alex Mulligan proudly holds his personal best rainbow at 7lb 10oz, taken from Vale End on an Orange and White Buzzer.



9lb 8oz rainbow for Mick Hook, one of a six fish bag taken at Vale End on 7th July on Cats Whisker

Rainbow Captures of 7lbs+.

Key: AP = Albury Park, PM = Powdermills, W = Weston, VE = Vale End, BFD = BlueFlashDamsel, CW = Cats Whiskers!

10lb 0oz Simon Furber	BFD	PM
9lb 12oz John Skidmore	GRHE	PM
9lb 4oz Mick Hook	CW	VE
9lb 2oz Steve Allum	Black BFD	VE
8lb 8oz Michael Hopkins	Buzzer	PM
8lb 4oz Mark Dyakiewicz	BFD	VE
7lb 10oz Alex Mulligan	Buzzer	VE
7lb 4oz M Strong	Grey Wulff	AP
7lb 0oz Mike Negus	Dry Sedge	AP
7lb 0oz Robert McCauley	Buzzer	PM

Instruction

Lessons always available, please ring for an appointment to learn from scratch, or, improve your technique.



9lb 12oz rainbow for John Skidmore at Powdermills, taken on a GRHE on one of the few sunny days!

Of the best bags:

Powdermills Lake: 3 fish for Graham Lee, Stephen Swann and Graham Lee.
Powdermills River : 3 fish for Nigel Connell and Derek Snowball.

Vale End: 6 fish Mick Hook; 5 fish for Jonathan Margree and Darren Baxter; 4 fish for Steve Travers, Chris Bell, R Etherington, Charles Kyles, R Holmes, Neil Boosey and Robert Hughes.

Weston: 6 fish for Paul Vizard; 5 fish for Vincent Ashe, Geoff Alexander and Dariusz Andrzejewski; ; 4 fish for Kevin Ashdown, Dave Bridger, M Byrne, A Brooke, Robert Matson, Mairi O'Connell, Theo Tramblinas, Paul Avery, Steve Stephens and Mike Byrne.

Prospects for July/August

Whilst it carries on raining and staying generally cool, we can expect really productive fishing, with fish coming steadily to the net throughout the day. Fish feed best with water temperature in the high teens celcius, which is just where it is now, so you should be filling your boots!

Do expect some heat at some stage, perhaps if only for two or three days at a time – then, the best of the sport switches to during morning and evening spells, and anglers can also take full advantage of the reduced priced membership after 5pm – for just £7. Expect BFDs and GRHEs to again front the fly choice.

Tickets

**DAY TICKET CHARGES
UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2013**

Day Membership is £13 for new rods and £11 for existing rods.

NEW ! Evening membership is only £7 from 5.00pm.

Fish Ticket prices are now
2 Fish £20 Or 4 Fish £34

**SEASON RODS
NOW AVAILABLE**

Catch from 10 Fish for £252.50 including annual membership.

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