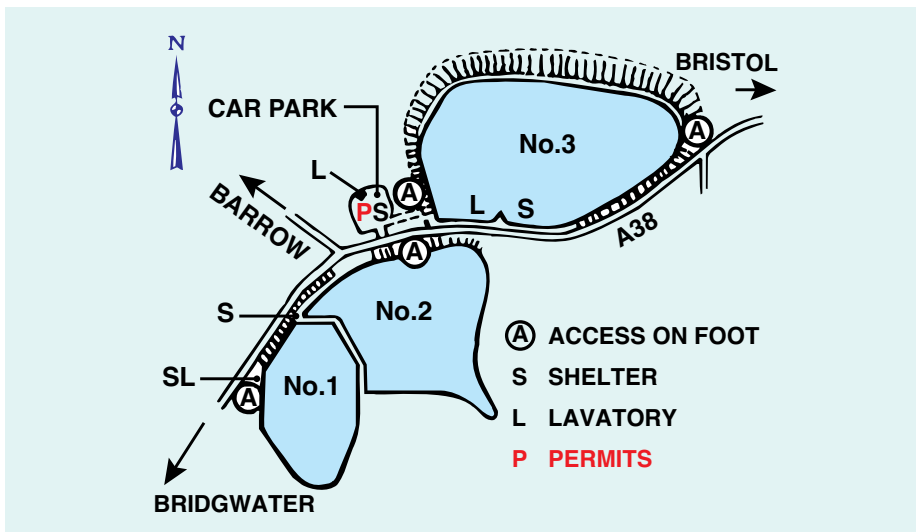


Arguably, the best bank fishing of all the Bristol Water fisheries

The Barrows



M Brown 5lb 0oz

Often referred to affectionately as 'the Tanks' the Barrows consist of three concrete bowl type reservoirs. They are large enough to offer a real challenge, but not so big as to be intimidating, making them ideal for the angler who wants to learn the skills, flies and tactics for approaching larger waters. They occupy an intermediate position between the smaller private fisheries and the large still waters such as Chew and Blagdon.

Many longstanding regulars consider the Barrows to be the best bank fishing of all the Bristol Water Fisheries, with their free rising trout and gin-clear waters. The variety of fishing on offer is considerable from deep fished lure to dry fly. The wide variety of surroundings and range of options available make the Barrows an ideal fishery, and the circular nature of the banks means that whatever wind is blowing there will always be somewhere that is fishable. The Barrow regulars

are a friendly crowd who create a club-like atmosphere around the shores of the lakes; most of them are very willing to offer advice and information to newcomers and beginners.

Wading is not allowed at the Barrows, and care should be taken as the banks can become very slippery when the water level falls. Day and afternoon bank permits are available in the self service permit kiosk in the main car park, on the same side of the A38 as Barrow

No 3, 60 yards past the traffic lights looking towards Bristol.

For up to minute information on how the tanks are fishing ring Woodford Lodge where local experts can advise on tactics and fly patterns.

2009 Permit Prices (per person)

Bank Day £13.00 Afternoon £10.50

Full details of all permit prices are on page 19.

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Season March 16 to November 30

Total catch last season 7,098

Rod Returns 2,721

Average per rod 2.6

Average weight 1lb 12oz

Best fish Brown 7lb 14oz

Rainbow 4lb 8oz

Fish Stocked 12,850

Barrow 1 - 25 acres

Barrow 2 - 40 acres

Barrow 3 - 60 acres

"Fish with the England Team Captain"

John Horsey is England's highest capped International fly fisher and has been the Resident Professional Guide at Chew Valley and Blagdon Lakes for the past 17 years. He is the only angler to have been appointed Captain of England at all four disciplines; World Team, European Team, Loch Style and Rivers.

A visit to Chew Valley and Blagdon Lakes can be a challenging, if not daunting prospect at times. Both are huge expanses of open water that contain plenty of hidden features, such as sunken islands, secluded bays and miles of tree-lined banks.

Knowing where to fish, what flies to use and which tactics to employ, are three of the essential ingredients for success. A day with John can also help you to improve existing skills, learn the latest techniques and thereby achieve more consistent results!

John uses top of the range Hardy & Greys tackle, all of which is available for use on the day. So why not enlist the services of



John and Simon Pledge's 32lb pike

England's Team Captain and let him show you the best way to fish Chew Valley and Blagdon Lakes.

PIKE ON THE FLY!

During the past few years, John has fished extensively for pike using modified fly fishing tackle. He has now extended his Guiding Services to include pike fishing and he can supply all the necessary equipment to cope with these wild and sometimes huge "toothy critters"!

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