

## FAQ March 2011

### What is the biggest fish?

Each of the three lakes has a different profile:

- Specimen Lake 1 (Carp) – Carp to 30lbs+ (plus Roach 2.5lbs+, Perch 3lbs+, Bream 5lbs+)
- Specimen Lake 2 (Catfish/Carp) – Catfish to 50lbs+ and Carp to 30lbs+
- Mixed Lake 3 – Tench to 8lbs+ plus Carp typically 1 to 3lbs but some doubles and Roach 2.5lbs+, Perch 4lbs+, Bream 5lbs+, Rudd and Crucians

### How do I make a booking?

Day tickets (7.00am - 7.00pm) are available on a "first come, first served basis" but strictly via pre booking as swims are limited to ensure plenty of space for each angler. For example each specimen lake is limited to typically no more than 4 anglers. Swim arrival and departure times are at any time of the angler's choice but only during the period booked.

To book phone Mike Morrison: Tel: **01622 890 990** or e-mail [mikemorrison@btinternet.com](mailto:mikemorrison@btinternet.com)

### Can I book Night Fishing?

24 Hour Fishing is available only to NIGHT FISHING MEMBERS and strictly by arrangement having first participated in a **separate** day fishing session. To freely register as a NIGHT MEMBER complete and return the associated application form to Manor Fisheries noting this form can be down loaded from the Manor Fisheries web site.

### When is Manor Fisheries Open for fishing?

Generally fishing is available from early March to late November but always check the NEWS tab on the Manor Fisheries web site for updates.

### Can I bring a friend who is not fishing?

Yes, provided Manor Fisheries is informed in advance noting there is no extra charge.

### How deep are the lakes?

The lakes are mature being dug out of clay over 20 years ago and have mostly a clean clay bottom. Lakes 1 and 2 have a depth of approximately 5 feet whilst Lake 3 is 4 to 4.5 feet deep.

### How big are the lakes?

- Specimen Lake 1 (Carp) is approximately 1.1 acres
- Specimen Lake 2 (Catfish/Carp) is approximately 1.2 acres
- Mixed Lake 3 is approximately 1.6 acres

### How many swims are there?

- Specimen Lake 1 (Carp) has 8 but the maximum number of anglers is 4 (with prior agreement up to 10 rods)
- Specimen Lake 2 (Catfish/Carp) is 8 but the maximum number of anglers is 4 (with prior agreement up to 10 rods)
- Mixed Lake 3 is limited to 22 anglers spread over 350 yards of easy access banks

### What baits work best?

This is not a precise science and feedback from visiting anglers is always welcomed. The following has proven to be productive:

Baits for Lake 1 (Carp) and Lake 2 (Catfish/Carp)

- A whole variety of bolies ledgered in the margins and sometimes tipped with a piece of corn to provide colour contrast during bright weather conditions and often together with a small PVA string or bag that is better than loose bait which attracts the ducks. Fishy flavoured bolies for Catfish and smaller baits when the water is very cold.
- Ledgered halibut pellet
- Ledgered luncheon meat
- Bunch of worms – ledgered for float fishing over depth whilst feeding the float regularly with 2 to 3mm halibut pellet to attract smaller fish which in turn make the larger fish “curious”.

Tackle for Specimen Lakes (Only barbless hooks permitted)

- Lake 1 (Carp) – 12 or 15lbs main line (not braid), running ledgers not fixed (or bolt rigs)
- Lake 2 (Carp/Catfish) – 20lbs main line (not braid), 40lbs braid hook length, running ledgers not fixed (or bolt rigs)

Baits for Mixed Lake 3

- Flavoured paste and 5mm jelly bolies
- Sweet corn
- Smaller fish can easily be caught on maggots
- Lobs (tipped with a couple of red maggots) for bigger Perch

### Do I need a rod licence?

All anglers aged 12 years and over when visiting Manor Fisheries must carry a current Environment Agency licence for scrutiny when requested by Manor Fisheries. To purchase a licence online see web site PRICES tab.

### Does the charge for an Apartment include fishing?

No, but fishing can be purchased at a significant discount when booking an Apartment for 3 days or more. Also included is Night Membership at no extra charge whilst staying in an Apartment.

### Is there a toilet near the lakes?

Yes, a Cabin that is located between lakes 1 and 3 is available all visitors to Manor Fisheries and has a flush toilet, hot and cold running water, tables and chairs plus facilities for making hot drinks/meals.

Other facilities include safe landscaped surroundings and a hard standing car park (plus the adjacent field during summer) for cars and vans but not lorries,

### Are litter bins provided?

No, on leaving Manor Fisheries visitors are responsible for taking all their rubbish away including cigarette butts.

### Is it permitted to feed the ducks and geese?

No, they are wild animals who must not become dependent on receiving food from visitors and any food left over will attract disease carrying vermin (rats).