

## COLLIFORD WEEKLY CATCH REPORT WEEK ENDING 22ND MARCH 2020

### Great start for Colliford!

Following opening Sundays positive start at Colliford with a rod average of 7 and a fish of just under 2lbs a fish of 2lbs has been caught last week and returned to fight another day (see pic below). The successful angler was again Dean Boucher.

If you want to get more from your visit to Colliford you really need to read the anglers guide to fishing the lake. The link to the guide and fishing map is below.

Dean had this brief report for us from his visit to Colliford during the last week:  
'Nice forecast today South East breeze so decided to make the walk to The Stuffle. Condition's looked good and started with pulled wets on a floating line. Covered a fair bit of ground but didn't even move a fish. Changed tactics to a couple of spiders on the droppers and a Black Tadpole on the point fished with a slow figure of eight retrieve. Had a couple of fish around the 1lb mark and dropped one smaller fish but still slow fishing in what were decent conditions. The wind shifted around a little setting up a little flat water on the leeward shore. Spotted what looked to be a nice fish occasionally rising to some small black buzzers in the 2nd Inlet Bay. Put on the dries (sparse Black Bits on 14`s) and managed to rise the fish (one of those lovely slow motion head and tail rises ) and hooked him. A beautiful fish, fought well, and just a shade under 18 inches in superb condition probably nudging 2lb'.

*Picture: Dean Boucher's 2lb Brownie from last week caught on a dry fly...*



### Stocking:

We have continued with stocking 4000 Brownies ranging from 3 inch to 1lb. These fish will provide some sport this year but will make the future of Colliford a fantastic prospect. Fish seem to be growing half a pound a year so in 12 months time and beyond these fish will be 1lb+ and you can expect plenty of sport. Pics of stocking below from last week!

*Picture: Dean Bouchers opening day 16inch brownie! Estimated at 1lb 10oz*



*Picture of stocking last week – 4000 Brownies*





We would love to see some pictures so please email them to me  
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Our online catch return facility is located here:  
<http://trout.swlakesfishing.co.uk/catch-return/>

Permits are available to buy here (scroll down to purple box which says buy your permits online).  
<https://trout.swlakesfishing.co.uk/>

Our fishing map is here for you to have a look at:  
<https://trout.swlakesfishing.co.uk/waters/colliford-lake/#map>

The Colliford fishery guide to help you catch more fish is here:  
<https://trout.swlakesfishing.co.uk/2019/05/01/colliford-stocked-and-wild-brown-trout-fishery-an-anglers-guide/>

Good luck for the season ahead!  
Ben Smeeth  
Head of Angling

<b>CATCH REPORT</b>			
<b>SOUTH WEST LAKES LTD - FISHERIES WEEKLY REPORT</b>			
<b>FISHERY: Colliford</b>	<b>WEEK ENDING: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</b>		
Number of Returns Made	<b>1</b>	Number of Full Bags	<b>0</b>

Rainbow Trout Caught	<b>0</b>	Brown Trout Caught	<b>3</b>
Blue Trout Caught	<b>0</b>	Total Trout Caught	<b>3</b>
<b>Fish caught of note / Best bags of the week:-</b>			
<b>Dean Boucher 3 fish to 2lbs</b>			
<b>Other Fish @ 3lbs+</b>			
<b>EXPRESS POPULARTY USING SCALE</b>			
	<b>A/B or C</b>	<b>Notes / Comments</b>	
Bank	<b>A</b>		
Boat	<b>-</b>		
At Anchor	<b>-</b>		
Drifting	<b>-</b>		
Dry Fly	<b>A</b>	<b>Sparse Black bits size 14</b>	
Wet Fly or Nymph	<b>A</b>	<b>Spiders</b>	
Lure	<b>C</b>		
Team of Flies	<b>B</b>		
Single Fly	<b>B</b>		
Fly Line choice	<b>floating</b>		
Best Time of Day	<b>Any time, no preference yet</b>		
<b>Notable Hatches of Flies</b>			
	<b>Small black buzzers</b>		
<b>Surface Feeding Fish</b>			
	<b>Yes occasional fish and taking dry flies</b>		
<b>Rod Average (fish caught divided by no of returns)</b>			
	<b>3</b>		
<b>Weather Conditions</b>			
	<b>Cold wind sunny spells</b>		
<b>Notes &amp; Wildlife observed</b>			
<b>SEASON TO DATE</b>			
<b>Total Trout Caught to Previous Week:</b>		<b>7</b>	
<b>Total Trout Caught This Period:</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>Total Trout Caught To Date:</b>		<b>10</b>	
<b>Catch &amp; Release This Week: (Season to date)</b>		<b>3 (10)</b>	
<b>Trout Taken From Reservoir This Week:</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Trout Taken From Reservoir To Date:</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Trout Stocked</b>		<b>4000</b>	
<b>Best fish of season:</b>			
		<b>D Boucher 2lb 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	