

COLLIFORD WEEKLY CATCH REPORT OPENING DAY 15TH MARCH 2020

Great start for Colliford!

Just the one return from Colliford on opening day with venue regular Dean Boucher dusting off the cobwebs from the close season with 7 fish to just under 2lbs in size! Fish were taking pulled wets and dries!

Dean had this report for us:

'A nice opening day. 7 fish from an estimated 10ozs to 1lb 10oz. Best fish a nice 16inch fish in good nick. All were over wintered fish. One fish was a little slim but overwhelmingly they were in nice condition. The first 5 fish were caught on pulled wets on a floating line, Soldier Palmer, Bibio and Black Zonker all caught on size 12`s and 10`s. Around mid-day the rain cleared a little and I came across a fish rising occasionally in some flat water close to the bank. Switched to dries (Black Bits size 14) and managed to catch him. Had another one on dries again in some bank side flat water. Today I seemed to need to find a rising fish for the dries to work, often fishing blind works well at Colliford but not today. Interesting and varied fishing. Good to be back on the water'.

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>

Good luck for the season ahead!

Ben Smeeth

Head of Angling

| CATCH REPORT | | | |
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| SOUTH WEST LAKES LTD - FISHERIES WEEKLY REPORT | | | |
| FISHERY: Colliford | | WEEK ENDING: 15th March 2020 | |
| Number of Returns Made | 1 | Number of Full Bags | 1 |
| Rainbow Trout Caught | 0 | Brown Trout Caught | 7 |
| Blue Trout Caught | 0 | Total Trout Caught | 7 |
| Fish caught over 3lb / Best bag of the week:- | | | |
| Dean Boucher 7 fish to 1lb 10oz | | | |
| Other Fish @ 3lbs+ | | | |
| EXPRESS POPULARTY USING SCALE | | | |
| | A/B or C | Notes / Comments | |
| Bank | A | | |
| Boat | - | | |
| At Anchor | - | | |
| Drifting | - | | |
| Dry Fly | A | Black bits size 14 | |
| Wet Fly or Nymph | A | Soldier palmer, bibio, black zonker | |
| Lure | C | | |
| Team of Flies | B | | |
| Single Fly | B | | |
| Fly Line choice | floating | | |
| Best Time of Day | Any time, no preference yet | | |
| Notable Hatches of Flies | None noted | | |
| Surface Feeding Fish | Yes occasional fish and taking dry flies | | |
| Rod Average (fish caught divided by no of returns) | 7 | | |
| Weather Conditions | Cold wind sunny spells | | |
| Notes & Wildlife observed | | | |
| SEASON TO DATE | | | |
| Total Trout Caught to Previous Week: | 0 | | |

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| Total Trout Caught This Period: | 7 |
| Total Trout Caught To Date: | 7 |
| Catch & Release This Week: (<i>Season to date</i>) | 7 (7) |
| Trout Taken From Reservoir This Week: | 0 |
| Trout Taken From Reservoir To Date: | 0 |
| Trout Stocked | 4000 |
| Best fish of season: | D Boucher 1lb 10oz opening day 15th March |