

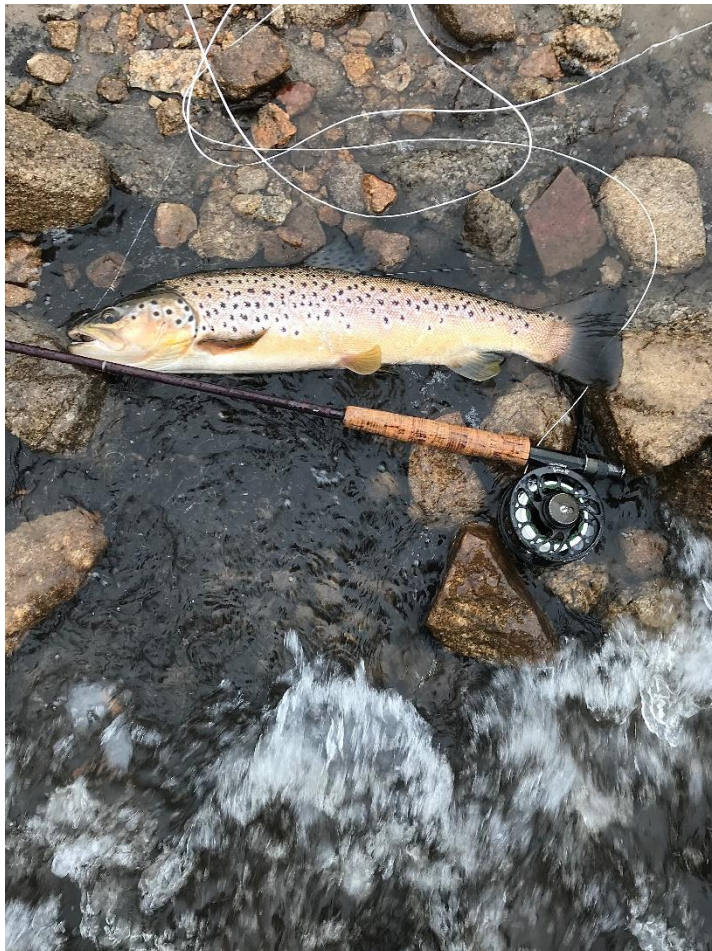
## COLLIFORD WEEKLY CATCH REPORT SEASON ENDING 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

COLLIFORD ENDS WITH A BANG.....

The season has come to a close at Colliford. Here is how the last 8 days of the season went.

Ironically the largest fish of the season at Colliford was caught yesterday 11<sup>th</sup> October at around 3lbs by Dean Boucher. What a cracking fish to end the season and it was returned to fight again in 2021! Here is Dean's report from closing day when he managed 6 fish.

*'Started on the Lower East Bank. Nice southerly breeze blowing. Began with pulled wets on a floating line. I soon moved a fish, turning at, but not touching the top dropper Soldier Palmer. Shortly after that I saw a fish move, felt I covered it well but it didn't seem interested. Quickly made a decision to change tactic. Put a couple of Black Spiders on the droppers and a Claret PTN on the point and fished a slow figure of 8 retrieve. I walked back to recover the bank I'd put the pulled wets through and caught my first fish of the day, a fish about 12ozs. Stayed on the move, moving and missing a couple more fish. As I entered Brown Gelly Bay had a good solid take and I hooked and landed a really nice fish 17 inches estimate just shy of 2lbs. Moved up to The Narrows, felt a slight tap as I started to a retrieve, I carried on retrieving and the line slowly pulled tight, lifted and hooked what was obviously a really good fish. Terrific fight but a few minutes later I had the fish beaten in the shallows. A cracker of a fish 20 inches long, in good condition maybe just making 3lb. It was my best Colliford fish of the season, I was delighted. Then walked up to Gillhouse Bay things looked good but just one fish here about 12ozs. The wind then swung right around to NW and strengthen too. Walked back to the van and moved over to Dam Car Park to fish Redhill Flats. Had a couple more small fish here before deciding to call time on the season. All of today's fish took the Black Spiders. Colliford had saved my best fish of the year until closing day and it was a great way to finish the season'.*



Picture....Dean's 3lb closing day fish

The last 8 days produced 28 brownies for 8 returns made which was a really good end to the season.

Well done to Chris Tilyard who caught 9 fish in two visits last week up to just under 1lb in size.

I'm certainly looking forward to seeing how Colliford does in 2021 as we have now stocked 4000 fish for the last two years and we know from catch reports there are more fish being caught.

I hope you have a very safe and healthy winter and we will re-open Colliford on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

For season permit prices and day ticket prices please keep an eye on our website

[www.swlakesfishing.co.uk](http://www.swlakesfishing.co.uk)

#### **GENERAL COLLIFORD INFORMATION**

Check out the anglers guide to fishing the lake to help you with your visit and to catch more fish.

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/>

If you didn't already know about our online services and your thinking about 2021 already I have kept these links on here for you.

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/>

Ben Smeeth  
Head of Angling

<b>CATCH REPORT</b>			
<b>SOUTH WEST LAKES LTD - FISHERIES WEEKLY REPORT</b>			
<b>FISHERY: Colliford</b>	<b>SEASON ENDING: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>		
Number of Returns Made	<b>8</b>	Number of Full Bags	<b>3</b>
Rainbow Trout Caught	<b>N/A</b>	Brown Trout Caught	<b>28</b>
Carp Caught	<b>0</b>	Total Trout Caught	<b>28</b>
<b>Fish caught of note / Best bags of the week:-</b>			

DEAN BOUCHER CAUGHT 18 FISH ION THREE VISITS LAST WEEK TO 3LBS IN SIZE  
CHRIS TILYARD 9 FISH IN TWO VISITS

**Other Fish @ 3lbs+**

**EXPRESS POPULARTY USING SCALE**

	A/B or C	Notes / Comments
Bank	A	Inlet Bays, Lords waste, East bank, Narrows, Browngelly Bay
Boat	-	
At Anchor	-	
Drifting	-	
Dry Fly	B	Wickhams Fancy
Wet Fly or Nymph	A	Black spiders, Claret PTN
Lure	B	Zonker
Team of Flies	A	
Single Fly	B	
Fly Line choice	floating	
Best Time of Day	All day nothing particular	
Notable Hatches of Flies		
Surface Feeding Fish	Yes odd fish	
Rod Average (fish caught divided by no of returns)	3.85 fish per person	
Weather Conditions	Sun, rain and wind!	
Notes & Wildlife observed		

**SEASON TO DATE**

Total Trout Caught to Previous Week:	<b>326</b>
Total Trout Caught last week:	<b>28</b>
Total Trout Caught To Date:	<b>354</b>
Catch & Release This Week: <i>(Season to date)</i>	<b>27 (317)</b>
Trout Taken From Reservoir This Week:	<b>1</b>
Trout Taken From Reservoir To Date:	<b>37</b>
Trout Stocked	<b>4000</b>
Best fish of season:	<b>D Boucher 3lb on closing day 12<sup>th</sup> october</b>