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I can't believe this is now the third year of the Winter Carp Show. As some of you are probably aware, I have a long history in the tackle trade, having owned and run 'Davies Angling' for 26 years, along with launching and establishing 'The Big One'.

I am a passionate angler, and my background is actually in match fishing. That aside, I believe and hope that I can make the Winter Carp Show a big success. That doesn't mean just for me - I want the show to be known as a great place for you to find and purchase all the latest carp gear, learn and gain knowledge, meet up with old friends, have a pint in the bar and enjoy the seminars.

I love and understand fishing; I promise you that all feedback is welcome and taken on board with the intention of bettering the show together each year.







I have already received lots of feedback and the biggest single comment is why some of the big brands are not attending. You will see from this year's show we have already have 30% more exhibitors and as I have previously pointed out it will take about five years to really establish the event. I can categorically state that there are other large brands looking to attend next year.

So for me it's a big thank you for all the brands supporting us and a massive thank you to you, the consumer for your continued support.

Regards, Vince

CONTAINED WITHIN

The Winter Carp Show Magazine along with the show brings together a huge range of businesses offering their services and products from all over the country and the world in some cases. On the stage we have a diversity of subjects and topics all tailored to the carp angler. In the centre pages you will find the exhibitors listing to the event, with signage and maps around the show to help guide you to the exceptional organisations here at the show.

The Winter Carp Show Magazine is a great magazine should you require accommodation, or want to fish some of the best lakes in the UK or further afield you will find these within the following pages along with showcasing some of the best tackle and bait on the market today.

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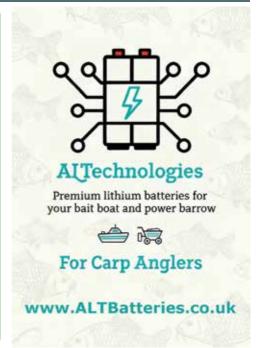
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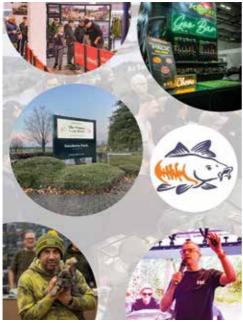








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Attending a fishing exhibition to buy tackle and bait is an exciting experience for any angler, from beginners to seasoned pros. These events bring together top brands, expert anglers, and passionate fishing enthusiasts under one roof, creating the perfect opportunity to explore the latest gear and innovations. Walking through the aisles, you'll find everything from high-performance rods and reels to precision-engineered bite alarms, bivvies, and bait boats. It's the ideal place to compare products firsthand, test equipment, and pick up valuable tips directly from manufacturers and professional anglers.

Bait stands are always a highlight, showcasing fresh boilies, pellets, groundbaits, and liquids in every flavour imaginable. Many exhibitors offer exclusive deals or discounts, making it a great chance to stock up at lower prices. You can also attend live demonstrations and workshops, learning about new techniques or rigs that might give you an edge on the bank.

Beyond the shopping, fishing exhibitions are a social event—a chance to meet like-minded anglers, share stories, and get inspired for the next season. Whether you're upgrading your setup or simply soaking in the atmosphere, visiting a fishing exhibition is a rewarding day out that fuels your passion for the sport.







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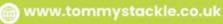
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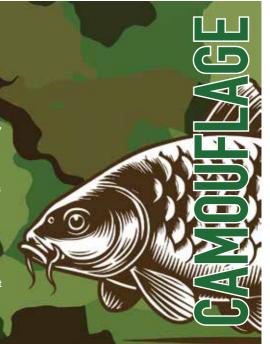




It's All About Your Clothes

Camouflage plays a vital role in successful carp angling, helping anglers blend into their surroundings and avoid spooking wary fish. Carp are naturally cautious, especially in pressured waters, and can detect unnatural movement, shadows, or bright colours both above and below the surface. Wearing muted clothing, using low-profile shelters, and choosing tackle in natural tones, such as green, brown, or silt can make a significant difference. Line colour and rig components should match the lakebed, whether it's gravel, clay, or weed, to maintain stealth. Even bait presentation benefits from subtlety, with washed-out colours or matching freebies often proving more effective.

Camouflage isn't just about gear, it's about behaviour too. Moving slowly, keeping noise to a minimum, and avoiding casting shadows over the swim all contribute to a more natural presence. By respecting the carp's environment and reducing visual intrusion, anglers increase their chances of a confident take and a successful session.





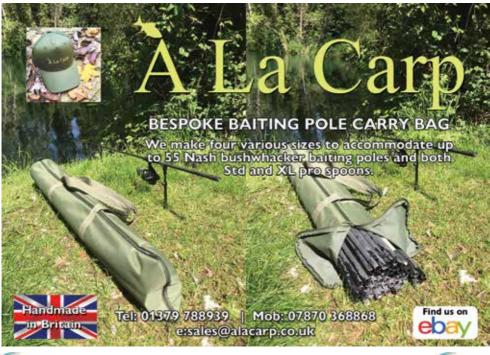


F1 CARP

Targeting F1 carp requires a blend of finesse and adaptability, especially when fishing in deeper waters. Known for their fast growth and spirited fights, F1s are a hybrid of common and crucian carp, often found in commercial fisheries across the UK. They respond well to consistent feeding and accurate presentation, making them ideal for match-style tactics. In deeper venues, success hinges on understanding water temperature layers and fish behaviour. During cooler months or early mornings, F1s often hold in deeper margins or central areas, where stability and cover offer comfort. Using a method feeder or bomb rig with micro pellets or sweetcorn can be highly effective, especially when paired with short hooklengths for quick bites. Pole fishing with a heavier rig and sensitive float also works well, allowing precise depth control. Regular feeding with small amounts keeps fish interested without



overfeeding. Adjusting shotting patterns and switching between depths can trigger bites when fish are finicky. Patience and observation are key, watching for subtle signs like liners or bubbling helps refine your approach. Whether in summer heat or winter chill, mastering deep-water tactics for F1s offers rewarding sport and sharpens your angling precision across all conditions.







THE SOUTH

Devon

Devon's rolling hills and peaceful lakes make it a prime spot for carp anglers seeking both challenge and charm. Well-stocked venues like Anglers Paradise and Stafford Moor offer mirror and common carp over 30lb, with scenic swims and friendly local advice. Whether you're bivvying beside a misty lake or enjoying a day ticket with family, Devon's carp scene blends rural tranquillity with rewarding sport. It's angling with a West country soul, slow mornings, strong runs and stories by the water's edge.

Dorset & Hampshire

The southern counties of Dorset and Hampshire offer a rich mix of carp fishing spots, from peaceful farm ponds to well-stocked commercial lakes. Venues like Bowsaw & Billhook Lakes and Broadlands Lake near Romsey are favourites among anglers chasing 20lb+ mirror and common carp. With scenic surroundings, accessible swims, and a friendly angling community, both counties blend countryside calm with exciting sport. Whether you're bivvying beside a misty lake or enjoying a day ticket with family, carp fishing here is about patience, pride and the thrill of the take.

Kent

Kent offers some of the finest carp fishing in the UK, with tranquil lakes and well-stocked fisheries set against the county's lush countryside. From day-ticket waters like Elphicks Fisheries in Horsmonden and in Headlands Farm Fishery in Romsey you can target carp exceeding 30lb. Whether you're a seasoned carper or just starting out, Kent's mix of accessible venues and scenic charm makes it a rewarding destination for a cast and a catch.

Berkshire

Berkshire boasts a rich tapestry of carp fishing spots, from peaceful estate lakes to purpose built fisheries. Venues like Farlows Lake and Pingewood Lagoon offer impressive catches, with mirror and common carp often topping 30lb. Whether tucked into the Thames Valley or nestled near Reading, Berkshire's waters combine accessibility with natural beauty, ideal for both weekend anglers and seasoned carpers seeking a rewarding session.

Cambridge

Cambridge offers a peaceful blend of historic charm and rewarding carp fishing. Rookery Waters offers both holiday accommodation and the ultimate catch, the county also had syndicate venues around the Fens provide excellent sport, with mirror and common carp often reaching 20–30lb. Whether casting beneath willow-lined banks or exploring quiet gravel pits, anglers can enjoy a relaxing session just a stone's throw from the city's iconic spires.

Surrey

Surrey's scenic lakes and well-managed fisheries make it a prime spot for carp anglers. From the legendary Effingham Carp Fishery to hidden gems like Bury Hill and Twynersh, the county offers mirror and common carp often exceeding 30lb. With easy access from London and a mix of dayticket and syndicate waters, Surrey caters to both casual and committed carpers seeking a peaceful yet productive session.

Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire blends rural charm with top-tier carp fishing. From the historic waters of Linear Fisheries to secluded estate lakes dotted across the county, anglers can target mirror and common carp well over 30lb. With venues near Bicester, Witney, and Abingdon, Oxfordshire offers a mix of accessibility, natural beauty, and serious angling potential, perfect for a peaceful cast or a weekend challenge.



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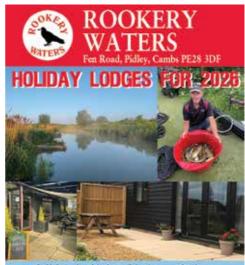
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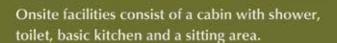




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The Midlands

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Whether you're casting from a secluded peg or joining a local match, the region blends peaceful surroundings with a strong angling community. Early mornings, misty banks, and the thrill of a hard-fighting carp—this is Midlands fishing at its best.

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Wearable tech is also making waves. Smart glasses and wristbands sync with mobile apps to provide live updates, environmental alerts, and even fish identification. For those fishing in urban or pressured waters, Al-powered fish finders offer a crucial edge, scanning for

carp signatures and learning from previous sessions to improve accuracy. Sustainability remains a key focus. Biodegradable bait containers, solar-powered tackle boxes, and eco-friendly line materials are now standard among conscientious anglers. Even clothing has adapted, with breathable, all-weather fabrics designed for comfort and performance across seasons.

Perhaps most striking is the rise of communitydriven platforms. Anglers can now share data, compare catch rates, and receive gear recommendations based on local conditions. These networks foster collaboration while preserving the spirit of competition.

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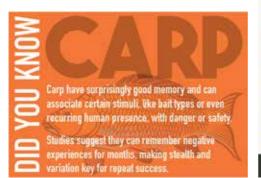
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Lincolnshire



Many lakes offer well-maintained pegs, night fishing options, and modern facilities, making them ideal for both leisure and competitive anglers. The carp in Lincolnshire waters are known for their size and strength, often exceeding 30 pounds, providing an exciting challenge. With beautiful countryside surroundings and a welcoming local angling community Lincolnshire delivers an unbeatable mix of relaxation and sport. Whether targeting specimen fish or enjoying a quiet weekend session, carp fishing in the county is a truly rewarding experience.

LINCOLNSHIRE

A Quiet Passion

Lincolnshire's tranquil waters offer some of the UK's most rewarding carp fishing. From the reed-fringed lakes of Woodhall Spa to the well-stocked fisheries near Gainsborough and Boston, anglers of all levels can find their rhythm here. Local favourites like Elmbridge Farm and Lakeside Residential Park combine peaceful surroundings with healthy stocks of mirror and common carp, often topping 20lb.

Whether you're casting from a bivvy at dawn or enjoying a day ticket with family, Lincolnshire's carp scene is as much about connection, nature, patience and community, as it is about the catch. Bring your best bait, check local rules, and don't forget the kettle. Carp fishing here is a slow joy, steeped in countryside charm.

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COLOUR AND SCENT BY SEASON



Carp angling is a pursuit shaped by observation, adaptation, and sensory understanding. Among the most influential factors in bait success are colour and scent, two elements that interact with seasonal changes in water temperature, light, and carp behaviour. Across the year, carp respond differently to visual and olfactory cues, making it essential for anglers to tailor their bait strategy not only to the environment but to the carp's shifting preferences and physiology.

In spring, as water temperatures rise and carp emerge from winter lethargy, their metabolism accelerates and curiosity returns. Subtle, natural colours, such as pale yellows, soft browns, and muted greens, mimic early aquatic life and blend with the lakebed, offering familiarity without alarm. Scent becomes a gentle invitation rather than a bold declaration. Sweet, creamy notes and mild fish-based attractors mirror the protein-rich emergence of spring insects and crustaceans, encouraging cautious feeding.

Summer brings confidence and competition. Carp feed more aggressively, and visibility improves in warmer, clearer water. Bright colours like fluorescent pinks, oranges, and chartreuse, stand out against weed and silt, triggering opportunistic takes. Scent profiles intensify, with spicy, fruity, and savoury blends cutting through the biological noise. Garlic, krill, and pineapple are popular choices, each offering a distinct signal that carp associate with high reward.

Autumn is a time of preparation. Carp feed heavily to build reserves, and bait strategy must reflect this urgency. Earthy tone, deep reds and nut browns, echoing the seasonal decay of leaves and seeds, while rich, layered scents like tiger nut, butterscotch, and fermented fishmeal stimulate prolonged feeding. Bait presentation becomes more deliberate, with scent trails designed to linger and draw carp from distance. Winter demands subtlety and precision.

Carp feed sparingly, conserving energy. Pale, neutral colours—creams, greys, and washedout pinks, blend with the cold, clear substrate, reducing suspicion. Scent must be digestible and efficient.

Concentrated hydrolysates, amino acids, and light sweeteners offer nutritional value without overwhelming the carp's reduced appetite. Microdosing scent and avoiding excessive loose feed helps maintain realism and appeal.

Throughout the seasons, water clarity, depth, and light penetration influence how colour and scent are perceived. In murky or deep water, high-contrast colours and slow-dispersing scents perform best. In clear, shallow venues, natural tones and subtle aromas dominate. Carp also learn and adapt; in pressured waters, overused colours and scents may trigger avoidance, making rotation and experimentation vital.

Matching bait to local ecology, mimicking natural food sources like mussels, maggots, or maize enhances credibility. Observing insect hatches, weed cycles, and seasonal seed fall provides clues to what carp expect and trust. Presentation matters too. A well-balanced hookbait with realistic buoyancy and a scent profile that complements rather than overwhelms the environment increases acceptance.





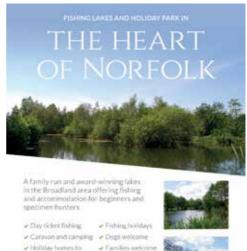
Norfolk

NORFOLK

A Quiet Passion

Norfolk's winding broads and peaceful lakes offer a haven for carp anglers seeking both challenge and charm. From the swims at Cobbleacre Park to the well-maintained pegs at Taswood Fisheries, the county caters to all from weekend hobbyists to seasoned carpers chasing 30lb specimens.

The region's mix of natural beauty and stocked waters makes every cast a quiet adventure. Early mornings bring mist over the reeds, and local bait shops brim with advice and stories. Whether you're ledgering in the Fens or stalking margins near Norwich, Norfolk's carp scene is steeped in patience, pride, and countryside magic.



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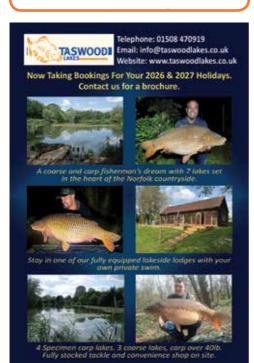


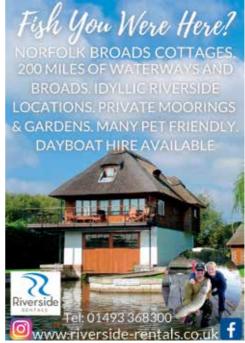
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Angling is one of the UK's most inclusive outdoor pursuits, offering a unique blend of tranquillity, skill, and community that appeals to people of all ages and abilities. As awareness grows around the importance of accessibility and mental wellbeing, the angling community has responded with thoughtful adaptations and initiatives that ensure everyone can enjoy the benefits of fishing, regardless of physical or mental health challenges.

Across the country, fisheries and angling clubs are investing in facilities that cater to less able and disabled anglers. Wheelchair-accessible platforms, level paths with hard standing surfaces and safety rails are now common features at many venues. These modifications allow anglers with mobility issues to fish independently and safely. Accessible toilets and designated parking bays further enhance the experience, removing barriers that might otherwise prevent participation. Some clubs go even further, offering adaptive equipment such as rod supports, bite alarms, and ergonomic gear designed for those with limited dexterity or strength. These innovations empower individuals to engage fully with the sport, restoring confidence and dignity.

Inclusion in angling also extends to the social and emotional aspects of the experience. Many clubs and organisations run buddy systems, coaching days, and volunteer-led sessions that provide support and companionship. These initiatives are especially valuable for those who may feel isolated or anxious about joining in. The Angling Trust's "Get Fishing for Wellbeing" programme and the work of groups like Tackling Minds highlight how fishing can be a powerful tool for mental health.

Studies have shown that angling helps reduce stress, anxiety and depression by encouraging mindfulness and offering a peaceful connection to nature. The simple act of casting a line, watching the water, and waiting in stillness can be deeply therapeutic, offering moments of calm and clarity in an otherwise busy world.

Inclusive angling is not limited to any one level of experience. Beginners are welcomed with open arms, often through structured learning days and community outreach events. These sessions are designed to be accessible and engaging, with extra support for those who need it. More experienced anglers with disabilities are also supported through tailored competitions and match events, ensuring that skill and passion can be pursued without restriction. Intergenerational programmes bring together young and older anglers, fostering mutual respect and shared learning, while sensory-friendly zones cater to neurodivergent individuals seeking a quieter, more controlled environment.

Ultimately, angling's strength lies in its adaptability and its community spirit. It is a sport that values patience, respect, and connection, qualities that naturally lend themselves to inclusion. By continuing to invest in accessible facilities, adaptive equipment, and mental health support, the angling world is creating a culture where everyone can participate, thrive, and find joy by the water's edge. Whether fishing for the first time or returning after years away, every angler deserves a space that welcomes them fully. In doing so, we not only enrich individual lives but strengthen the fabric of our communities through shared experience and understanding.



The North

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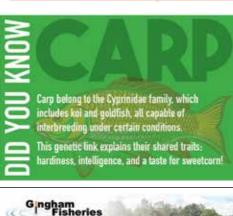
A Connection with nature.

Carp fishing in the North of England offers a rich blend of tradition, challenge and scenic beauty, particularly across Yorkshire and Lancashire. These counties boast a diverse array of waters, from historic estate lakes and secluded farm ponds to well-stocked commercial fisheries, each with its own characteristics and quirks. In Yorkshire, venues like Blackthorn Gate offers noth holiday lodges and on site fishing exlusive to the residents and is open allyear round.

While in Greater Manchester Gingham Fishery in Bolton boasts well stocked lakes, carp, bream, and much more. The region's cooler climate and varied terrain mean tactics often need adjusting, with local anglers favouring solid bags, method feeders, and natural baits like sweetcorn



and tiger nuts. Autumn and spring are particularly productive seasons, with carp feeding heavily before and after winter. Community spirit runs deep here, with clubs and syndicates fostering a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers and seasoned anglers alike. Whether nestled in the Pennine foothills or casting out across a misty dawn in the Vale of York, carp fishing in the North is as much about connection with nature, heritage, and fellow anglers, as it is about the thrill of the catch. It's a pastime steeped in patience, pride, and northern grit.





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The North



Buying a holiday home with access to angling is a dream come true for many fishing enthusiasts. It combines the relaxation of a peaceful retreat with the thrill of having your own fishing spot just steps from the door. Whether it's a lakeside lodge, riverside cabin, or coastal cottage, owning a property that offers private or nearby fishing makes every visit special. Imagine waking up to calm waters, brewing a coffee, and casting a line before breakfast.

When choosing a holiday home, it's important to consider the quality and type of fishing available. Some properties include well-stocked private lakes with carp, tench, and perch, while others are close to renowned rivers or reservoirs offering wild fishing opportunities. Many developments cater specifically to anglers, with secure tackle storage, jetties, and even bait preparation areas.

A holiday home with fishing access can also be a smart investment, appealing to fellow anglers seeking rental breaks. It blends leisure with potential income, providing both personal enjoyment and financial reward. Above all, it offers a lifestyle built around tranquillity, nature, and the timeless joy of angling — turning every getaway into an opportunity to relax and reconnect with the water.







Richard Walker The Man Who Changed Carp Fishing Forever

Richard Walker (1918–1985) is widely regarded as the most influential figure in British carp fishing history. A visionary angler, inventive engineer, and gifted communicator, Walker didn't just catch carp, he redefined how they were pursued, understood, and respected. His legacy continues to shape the sport, inspiring generations of anglers across the UK and beyond.



Walker's most iconic moment came in 1952 at Redmire Pool in Herefordshire, where he landed a 44lb common carp, then a British record. The fish, affectionately named "Clarissa," was later transferred to London Zoo, becoming a national symbol of angling achievement. But this catch was more than a personal triumph; it marked a turning point in public perception of carp fishing. Once considered elusive and almost mythical, large carp were now seen as attainable targets for skilled anglers. Walker's success sparked a surge of interest in the species and helped elevate carp fishing from a niche pursuit to a respected discipline.

What truly set Walker apart was his scientific approach. Trained as an engineer, he applied analytical thinking to angling, believing that success came not from luck but from understanding fish behaviour, water conditions, and tackle mechanics. This mindset led to groundbreaking innovations, including the development of the electronic bite alarm and the iconic Mark IV carp rod. These tools revolutionised the way anglers approached the

sport, allowing for greater sensitivity, precision, and control. Walker's engineering background enabled him to design gear that was both functional and forward-thinking, setting new standards for tackle design that are still influential today.

Walker was also a prolific writer and educator. His book Still-water Angling (1953) remains a cornerstone of carp fishing literature, blending practical advice with philosophical reflections. Through regular columns in Angling Times and other publications, he shared his insights generously, encouraging anglers to observe, experiment, and think critically. His writing was clear, warm, and deeply knowledgeable, qualities that made his work accessible to both novices and seasoned anglers. He didn't just teach people how to fish; he taught them how to think like anglers.

Ethics were central to Walker's philosophy. He championed catch-and-release long before it became mainstream, emphasising the welfare of fish and the importance of conservation. He saw angling as a respectful dialogue with nature, where patience, curiosity, and humility were as vital as skill. This ethos helped elevate carp fishing from a pastime to a discipline, inspiring a culture of care and stewardship that continues to define the sport.

Walker's influence can be seen in the work of contemporary legends like Chris Yates and Terry Hearn, who often cite him as a guiding light. His blend of innovation, education, and reverence for the natural world continues to shape the soul of carp fishing in the UK and beyond. Even today, many of the techniques, principles, and attitudes he championed remain central to the sport.

Whether casting into a quiet estate lake or reading his timeless advice, anglers today still walk in Richard Walker's footsteps, guided by his vision, inspired by his achievements and connected by his enduring love for the sport. His legacy is not just one of record-breaking catches, but of curiosity, craftsmanship and a deep respect for the natural world. In every thoughtful cast and every quiet moment by the water, Walker's spirit lives on.





Wales

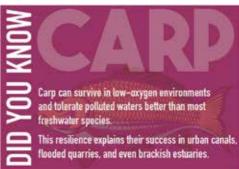
WALES

Wild Beauty, Quiet Bites

Wales offers a striking blend of rugged landscapes and serene waters, making it a dream for carp anglers. From the treelined margins of White Springs Fishery near Swansea to the peaceful pools of Llyn Cae Ty Nant in Snowdonia, the country's fisheries are as varied as its terrain.

Expect mirror and common carp in the 20–30lb range, with some venues offering night fishing and family friendly facilities. Whether tucked into a valley or casting beside a misty lake, carp fishing in Wales is a soulful escape—where patience meets poetry in the heart of the countryside.









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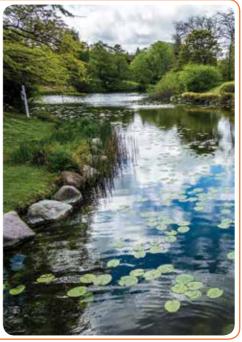
The Emerald Isle

IRELAND

Peaceful Waters, Powerful Fish

Ireland's carp fishing scene is quietly flourishing, with tranquil lakes and purpose-built fisheries offering rewarding sport across the country. Venues like Lough Gall in County Armagh and Oaklands Lake in County Wexford boast mirror and common carp reaching 30lb+, set against lush, rural backdrops. The Emerald Isle's slower pace and scenic beauty make each session feel timeless—whether you're stalking margins or settling in for a weekend bivvy. Local angling clubs and day-ticket waters welcome all levels, with growing interest in sustainable practices and community events.

Carp fishing in Ireland is more than a pastime, it's a peaceful pursuit rooted in nature, tradition, and the thrill of the unexpected.





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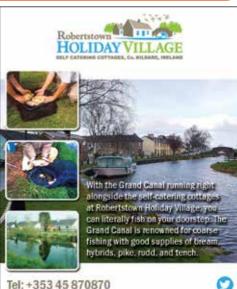
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permits all factor into the journey. But for many, the road trip itself, passing through vineyards, villages, and boulangeries is part of the magic.

Bait-wise, boilies reign supreme, though French carp are known for their wariness. Bringing a mix of flavours, sizes, and rigs can make all the difference. And don't forget the social side: lakeside camaraderie, shared stories, and the thrill of a midnight run under starlit skies.

For those seeking solitude, wild public lakes offer untamed beauty and a test of skill. For others, commercial venues provide comfort and consistency. Either way, carp fishing in France blends sport, travel, and tradition, an angling pilgrimage that continues to inspire generations.

So pack your rods, prep your rigs, and brush up on your French. Whether it's your first trip or your fifteenth, the carp, the countryside, and the culture await.

France



Before you plan your fishing tour to France or Europe, the are certain factors to take into consideration. Do you want to travel fast? Do you want an adventurous journey? Are you taking children? What kind of vehicle are you taking? Are you taking pets?

The fastest journey is by Eurotunnel, from Folkestone to Calais. You must check in 30 minutes before departure. The journey will be spent inside a car, so inside an enclosed space. If your children and pet(s) are not happy travelling in this way it may be worth considering another option.

The ferry is the cheapest option. Do shop around for deals though in advanced for value. The size of your vehicle is also a factor regarding price. There are five ports to choose from on the south coast of English. There are ferries available to a wide range of destinations and the ferry is a great option for taking children. It is more entertaining, with many ferries offering on board entertainment, not to mention the view and the option to stretch those legs. Of course there is the risk of rough seas though. Check with the ferry operators for luggage restrictions

Make sure you vehicle insurance is covered for Europe and it is also a great idea to get European breakdown cover. For motorhomes or caravans you can use both Eurotunnel and ferries. Check up on this with the operator too. Eurostar is definitely the most comfortable way to travel, yet more expensive, with many options available to lots of destinations throughout Europe. The journey lasts roughly 2 hours between St Pancras and Paris.



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shower block. There is a car park on site with ample room for multiple vehicles.







International carp fishing has blossomed into a global pursuit, uniting anglers across borders in search of powerful runs and peaceful waters. From the sprawling lakes of France to the wild rivers of Romania, each region offers its own charm, techniques, and prized specimens. The UK remains a spiritual home for carp fishing, but destinations across Europe and beyond now rival its reputation, blending natural beauty with modern facilities. Poland, for example, has emerged as a rising star, with venues like Pine Tree Lakes Fishery offering well-stocked waters and a tranquil escape for travelling anglers. Whether targeting mirror, common, or grass carp, international trips provide the thrill of unfamiliar tactics, local bait preferences, and cultural exchange. Many fisheries promote sustainable catchand-release practices, ensuring healthy stocks and memorable returns. For those seeking adventure, camaraderie, and the chance to land a personal best abroad, the world of carp fishing is more connected and exciting than ever



Pine Tree Lakes

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so you will have lots of choice to move during your stay. Set up specifically for carp anglers to concentrate on what is important, fishing, the cabins provide the ideal environment. The lake is surrounded with lots of nature and beauty and you are free to walk around and enjoy it.

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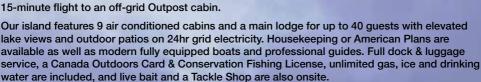






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For more info, contact us at info@youngswildernesscamp.com, check our website or Facebook page, or call us at 001 807 484 2930.

References are also available. Thanks and good luck to all!





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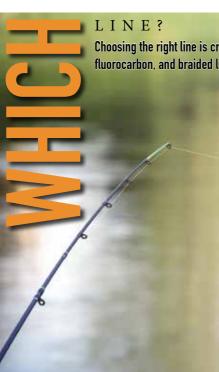


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Choosing the right line is crucial in carp angling, with monofilament, fluorocarbon, and braided lines each offering distinct advantages.

Monofilament remains a popular choice for its stretch, affordability, and ease of use, making it ideal for beginners and surface fishing. It's forgiving during fights and casts well, though it's more visible in clear water. Fluorocarbon. by contrast, sinks quickly and is nearly invisible underwater, making it perfect for pressured venues or wary carp. It's stiffer than mono, offering better abrasion resistance and sensitivity, though it can be pricier. Braided lines are known for their strength and zero stretch, allowing precise bite detection and long-distance casting. However, their high visibility and low abrasion resistance mean they're best used with a leader in snaggy conditions.

Many anglers tailor their setup to the venue and season, often combining line types to balance stealth, strength, and control. Understanding these differences helps maximise success on the bank.

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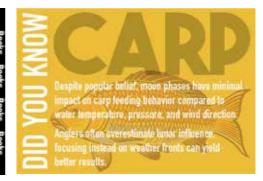


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