

GREAT NEWS FOR TROUT ANGLERS!

The season for bank anglers at Kennick, Siblyback, Wimbleball, and Stithians trout fisheries will be extended to the end of November 2011. Angling boats will not be available during this period.

Please note that during November there will be a special full day ticket price (2 fish limit) available for £8.00 (£7.00 for Stithians).

Further tickets may be purchased if a limit is reached.

Season ticket holders will have a weekly bag limit of 4 fish.

All brown trout caught during this period **MUST** be returned to the water unharmed.

The fisheries will not be stocked during November, and this is reflected in the prices.

South West Lakes Trout Fisheries Report (September 2011)

General:

Cooler air temperatures continued through September, keeping water temperatures between 16°C and 17°C. There was also some welcome rainfall, and even though this did not affect levels (which are still quite low) too much, it helped to freshen up the water.

Daddy Longlegs and sedges were very much in evidence, which made for good dry fly action. Fry in the margins at some fisheries also provided good sport, particularly with resident browns.

Fishing:

Kennick – The fishing remained fairly constant throughout September, with anglers averaging 3.6 fish per rod. A lot of fish stayed tight into the margins, giving bank anglers the advantage (boat anglers often resorted to fishing into the shoreline (many fish being taken within a metre of the bank). A trend of fish rising eagerly during the mornings, and then dropping down until the evenings developed during the month (the most popular dry patterns including Daddies an Hoppers, Sedges, and Black Gnats. Most fish tended to be caught on small nymph patterns fished just below the surface (Red Diawl Bachs being a favourite, along with Pheasant Tails, Buzzers, and Hares Ear nymphs). Boobies fished on a long leader (so near the surface) attracted fish, as did deeper tadpoles and Vivas. The best fish of the month was a 4lb 12oz rainbow caught by local angler Bill Wooton (from Newton Abbot), fishing from the bank. Richard Quick (from Exeter) caught a rainbow of 4lb 7oz, also fishing from the bank at the north end.

Siblyback - Rod averages improved greatly during September, with weekly averages varying between 3.5 and 6 fish per angler. While not many fish were taken on dry patterns, nymphs such as Diawl Bachs and Montanas caught well, as did deeper fished lure patterns (such as Orange Fritzes and Tadpoles, as well as boobie patterns). The area around the Marshes continues to be the most productive for boat and bank anglers, although this area is still much reduced due to low water levels. Stocky Bay, Two Meadows, and Crylla also produced fish as well as the bank between Digger's Bench and the Bird Hide. Sticklebacks and fry should produce exciting lure sport in the margins.

Wimbleball – the fishing improved as the month progressed, with anglers averaging over 3.8 fish per rod toward the end of the month. Continued low water levels meant

that boat anglers enjoyed slightly better sport, with access to more areas (some of the banks being almost unfishable because of soft mud). Bessoms and Ruggs produced good results, while boat anglers also caught fish in the Upton Arm and Cow Moor. Subsurface traditional nymph patterns consistently produced results (in particular Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, Diawl Bach, Buzzers, and Damsel Nymphs), with pulled Cats Whiskers and Fritz patterns catching fish as did deeper fished Boobies. More fish rose to dry patterns in the month, with Hoppers, Daddies, and Bibios all proving successful. While no particularly big fish were caught during the month, a number of fish of over 3 and up to 4lb were caught.

Stithians – Dry Patterns continued to produce the best sport, particularly in the evenings, with Hoppers, Sedges, Spider patterns, and Daddylonglegs all catching well. The most productive areas included Goonlaze Point, Dam Bank, and Mossops Bank. Prospects are good for fry and stickleback in the margins, as well as sedge hatches in the evenings.

Fernworthy – This brown trout fishery near Chagford on Dartmoor continued to fish well throughout the month, with many fish still rising to dry flies, resulting in great sport (successful patterns included Black Gnats, Black Klinkhammers, Hoppers, Beetles, and Sedges), particularly in the evenings. A Muddler pulled through the surface film in the margins also produced exiting results. Dark subsurface nymph imitations (small Buzzers, Diawl Bach, Black Pennells, and Invictas) also proved successful. The best fish of the month was a beautiful 18” brownie caught by local angler, Tom Hill. The water levels are down, which gives improved access for bank fishing, although anglers are advised to be cautious when crossing soft mud. Dry fly prospects are good for continued sedge sport, as well as daddy longlegs and lots of dark midges (evening anglers are advised to wear bug spray!).

Colliford – the brownies are feeding well, with a variety of different patterns catching fish. Sedges, Bibios, and Daddies caught well on the surface, with darker patterns (such as Montanas, Black Pennells, buzzers, and small Vivas) catching fish just below the surface. Fish will be tight into the margins, so a stealthy approach and keeping on the move will yield results at the end of the season.

Roadford – This fishery continued to show improvement, with browns taking dry patterns, particularly in the evenings. Water levels are down and some banks are muddy (anglers are advised to proceed with care). Boat fishing will provide access to the best fishing, with good prospects for Sedge and Hopper patterns fished in the bays, as well as fry patterns in the margins.

Chris Hall (September 2011)