

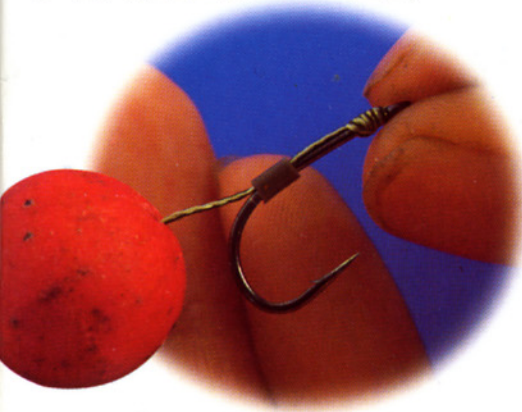
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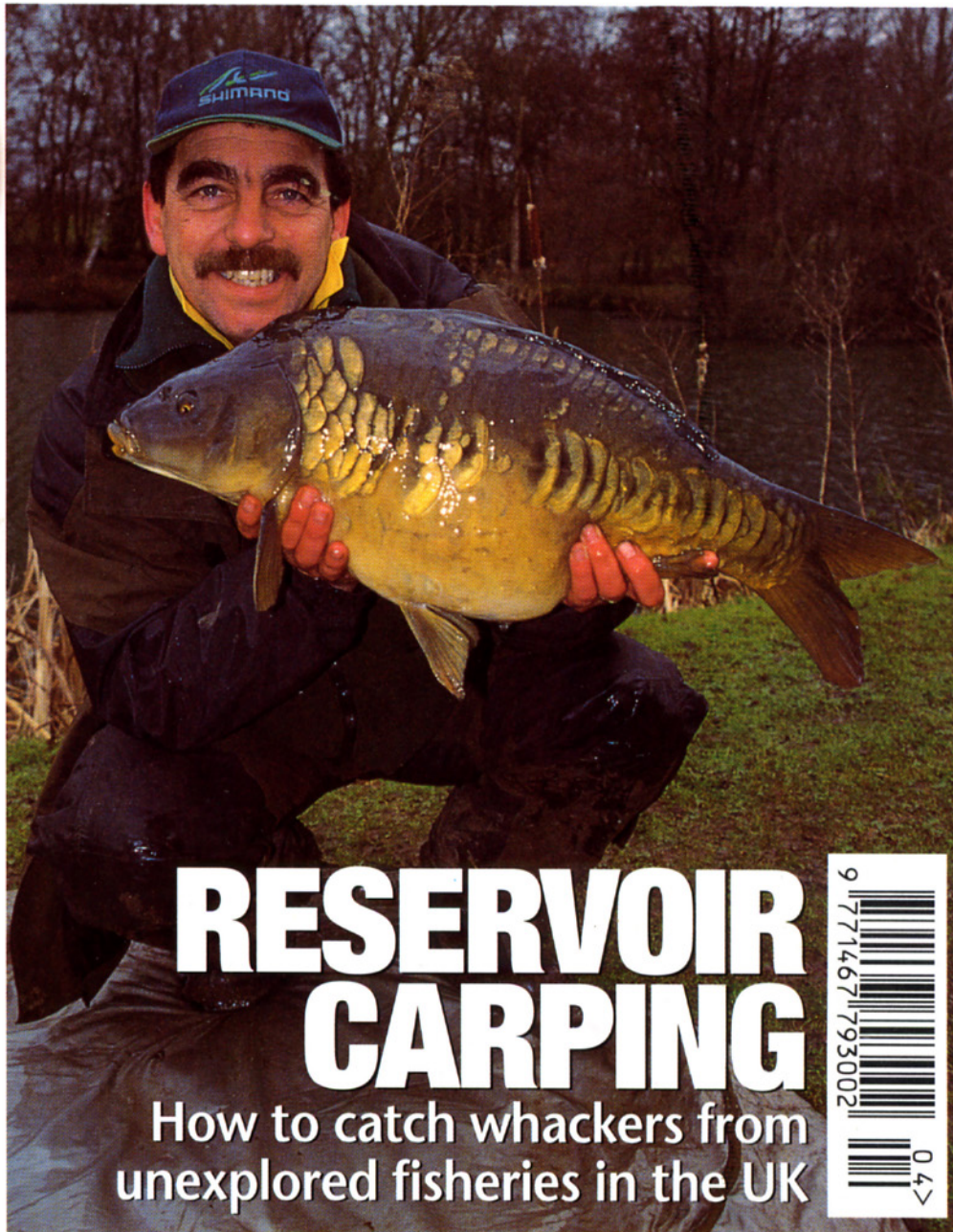


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Welcome to Venue Files - the most comprehensive guide to day ticket waters around. Top fisheries will be selected every month, so choose one and give it a go.

Fishery One - The South

Old Bury Hill

Old Bury Hill is a prolific carp water

Total Facts

Day tickets: £9 for one rod, £13 for two

Contact: 01306 883621

Beware: Barbless hooks only

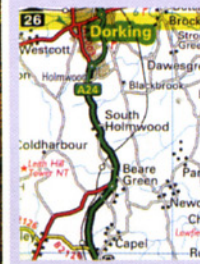
Other rules: No particles except for sweetcorn and hemp, no fish sacking, no fixed rigs

Carp stock: Very heavy! This is a very over-stocked water that's well suited to the novice carp angler. At a guess it holds between 30-40 twenties, though the average carp will weigh between 12lb and 16lb

Other species: Everything, plus big pike and zander

Facilities: First class. There's a lodge and a cafe that serves hot food. Basic tackle and bait can be brought, and a toilet is available for those who may need it

Directions



Off A25 between Dorking and Westcott - signposted Bury Hill Fisheries



Old Bury Hill

Description of Water

There's one lake here that will interest the carp angler. At around 12 acres in size, it's crammed with virtually every species of coarse fish you can think of, with the notable exception of catfish. There are carp, bream, tench, roach and rudd - plus the lake is noted for its excellent predator fishing. Every year big pike are taken, plus this is possibly the best day ticket water for zander, if that's what takes your fancy.

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Let's concentrate on the carp though. Old Bury Hill, which is day only, contains literally thousands of carp. They range in weight from little babies right up to the mid twenty mark, with everything else in between. Average size is around the low to mid-double mark, with multiple catches more than possible to those who know the fishery.

There are plenty of pegs to choose from, with numbers 1-6 producing well. The island pegs are also excellent, with the far end of the lake well worth a shot fishing up to the snags on the far bank.

The lake is very silty, so your choice of rig should be set accordingly. There is little weed so a helicopter presentation is perfect for open water fishing, with a

running lead better for the snaggy areas. Top baits to use include Carp Company's Icelandic Red boilies and Mainline's Activ-8, though the carp do respond well to readymades and the PVA bag approach. Spodding to areas in open water where you've seen action also works well.

The facilities at Old Bury Hill are outstanding. Toilets are available and there's a cafe open most of the day serving hot food (bacon sandwiches and full English breakfasts) and a range of snacks, tackle and bait. If you wish you can also fish from a punt, which gives access to areas bank anglers can't reach. In the summer, people fly fish for the carp off the top from these punts. The surface fishing can, at times, be hectic.