

Dates for your Diary

From **9th to 13th May 2011** inclusive the coarse lake is booked for exclusive use.

On **Sunday 27th February 2011** the Fly Lake is booked for exclusive use.

Thanks

We have a few words of thanks to mention here, as we always appreciate people who support us.

Firstly, *we are very grateful to those of you who have offered to help us with labour, equipment etc. when we start on the redevelopment work. Your offers are very kind and may well be called upon!*

Secondly, *we wish to say how very much we appreciate the support shown to us by Nick Hart of fly fishing fame. Nick continues to sing our praises and send custom our way. Thank you Nick, it would be great to see you down here!*

Smile Corner

This one is for fishermen everywhere:
When is the best time to go fishing?

Whenever you can get away!

And one for the wives and partners:

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.

Teach a man to fish and you can get rid of him for the weekend



Development Plans

Now that we have been at Burton Springs a year (on 9th February) we have settled in nicely and become used to how everything works and what our customers would like to see here at Burton Springs. Many of you will be aware that we have been toying with ideas for some changes as we have been throwing our ideas around with you.

We have come up with some positive changes which need to be made to improve conditions for anglers and guests and to maximise bookings during our busiest times. Our plans have been thrashed out with West Somerset Council (who we thank for their assistance) and the Environment Agency and have now received the thumbs up to go ahead. We feel it is only fair to share the basics of those plans with you now, since we will depend upon your understanding and support during the changes.

Changes to the Fishing Hut, Lodge and Car Park:

We will be removing the fishing hut and replacing it with two new buildings alongside the current lodge. This will create a new payment/office area, a kitchen/catering area, toilet and shower facilities and a small classroom area for group tuition. We will also be creating an additional three parking spaces for disabled use.

Creation of a Stock Pond:

In the far bottom corner of the trout lake site we will be creating a small triangular shaped stock pond for coarse fish (already marked out). This will enable us to net the coarse lake and hold stock for other purposes. This pond will not be open to anglers.

Changes to the Coarse Lake:

We will be enlarging the lake to extend out to the left (unloading bay) side. Some of the existing spits will be altered to create small island features. We will be changing some of the swims so that there are fewer double swims and more singles, thus enabling us to comfortably allow more anglers on the lake at our busiest times.

As mentioned above, it is also our intention to net the lake and transfer small stock to the stock pond. The intention is to create a specimen lake full of the finest fish, which will include not only large Mirror, Common, Leather and Grass carp but also specimen tench and perch.

We are currently looking at the purchase of new stock and many carp anglers will be pleased to hear that we will be ordering more large carp as soon as conditions allow.

Changes to the Fly Lake

We are aware that this change may cause some concern among fly anglers but would ask that you please understand our reasons and bear with us. During the Spring and Summer we found ourselves turning away customers who were not particularly interested in/equipped for fishing for large carp but who just wanted to pleasure fish. This mostly happened during our quietest times on the Fly Lake.

We, therefore, intend to section off the bay at the far end of the Fly Lake creating a bridge to cross from one side of the lake to the other. This end bay will also be enlarged to create a new Pleasure lake for day tickets. The rest of the fly lake will then be enlarged to provide the same fishing area as currently but with a slightly different shape.

Creation of a new Pleasure Lake

As mentioned above, a new Pleasure Lake will be created and stocked with assorted carp, including Crucians and a selection of quality Rudd, Roach, Tench, and possibly Chub. This lake will suit pleasure anglers all year round and will enable beginners to learn techniques and also about the care of fish before tackling the monsters in the specimen lake. It will also enable us to bring on our own young carp over time for transfer to the larger lake.

And So, To Close

We hope you enjoyed reading all the latest news and developments. Please be assured that we will be landscaping following earthworks and will ensure that the Fishery stays just as lovely as it is now while appealing to a wider customer base, but of course this will take us some time to complete. While every effort will be made to ensure the safety of customers and visitors during the redevelopment please be aware of personal safety during this time. Anyone with any questions or concerns can speak to Adam, Dave or Sue anytime. We're always happy to see or speak to you.