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## THE CARP ANGLERS LAKE!

Don't fancy going abroad? We've got the perfect answer...

**P**eaceful", "a carp angler's haven", "a real carp looking lake", and "we still don't know what's in there" are certain words and expressions that guarantee to get CARPology into a spin of excitement. Even the name, Little Horseshoe gets you giddy.

"We still don't fully know what the stock of the lake is currently, because every other weekend it throws up a new high twenty or thirty!" Adrian Davey, this month's The Job's star (P44), told us.

Until Adrian took over at Watermark Fisheries – the company that controls Little Horseshoe – the lake had been left. You know the type of thing: overgrown, low stocking levels – basically it had died. Now, some two years on, Little Horseshoe can only be described at the "ultimate stalkers water". At a tad over 4½-acres, the pond is rich with gravel bars, gullies, bars, lilies, varied depths and an island.

"It has now produced nine

different thirties, along with numerous twenties and high doubles. Adrian continued: "Not only is it producing such a high stamp of fish, but the quality is there too. There's mirrors, fully scaled, leathers, commons – there's even a few ghost carp and a catfish!"

And as you'd expect for a lake that is situated in the Cotswolds and being so beautiful, it has caught the eye of some of the big players. Keith and Dave Sykes are big fans, so is our best buddy, Li'l Nige Sharp. Jim Foster has dangled down here, and recently Hardy Greys (Chub and Greys) wanted to hold their "corporate break" here.

"We predict there to be over 400 carp in Little Horseshoe at present – and the fish are growing all the time. The numbers of high doubles, twenties and thirties coming out is causing quite a stir around the area at the moment," Adrian concluded.

So has this little piece of

paradise tickled you? We guessed as much, so here are the details of how you can get on the pond...

The season runs from April to November (now basically!) and you can fish it on either a three-day or six-day break. Three day breaks run from Saturday, Sunday and Monday, or Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is a rest day. You arrive at 11a.m. and then leave 9a.m. Winter dates are available at half this rate and the season runs from December to February.

This place is heaven and places will fill up fast, so chat to your mates, discuss it, tap onto their website: [www.watermarkfisheries.com](http://www.watermarkfisheries.com) for some more details and then make the call. You know you want to...

**For bookings:** 01285 862680.

**Based:** Little Horseshoe is based in South Cerney, Glos. For SatNav boffins, the postcode is: GL7 5UZ.



This is the average quality of the fish!



Pat with his recently caught big common (known as Fosters Common – named after Jim Foster) that went uncaught for two years.

As well as bays, the lake has some open water.



### PRICES

We'd expect it to be outrageously expensive – luckily it isn't

- Three-day breaks: £550 for up to six anglers. That's just over £90 each or £30 a day.
- Six-day breaks: £950 for up to six anglers. That works out at just over £158 each or £26 a day.