

Day Ticket Prices. (As of March 2023)

	Brick Farm	Duncton	Chalybeate	Chalk Springs	Moorhen	Lakedown	Coltsford Mill	Spring Hill	Meon Springs	Frensham	Ashdown	Powdermill	Hazel Copse
1 fish					20								25
2 fish	35		30	50	30	37	31	33(half day)	40	55	32		30
3 fish	42	*55	35	60	40	45	41			60	38		35
4 fish	48		40	70	48	53	48	45			44		40
5 fish	54	*80				60							
6 fish	60					67					56	55 *	
Added fish	12				12								
		*10 fish £155. These prices are on a "quota" basis so can be used up on more than one visit if you wish. Only Birch Lake is open to day tickets.			Uncaught fish can be credited for next visit			Also take 2 release 2 =£35 half day & take 4 release 4 = £50	Each extra fish is £12.50 . C&R option available at £23.50 There are several other options which seem rather complicated so best go to the website.	Allowed up to 6 fish on C&R after taking your limit	Adult and junior shared 4 fish ticket is £44. Flat bottomed boat hire is £5. Cash only payments	*Afternoon from 2 pm £45 Boats £15 but no engines apart from Wheely Boat.	NB These were 2022 prices but C&R after limit caught is still an attraction.

The big cost increases in feed and energy have created some quite dramatic changes in prices at some fisheries. If you can afford the initial outlay and put in the time, then club memberships are generally more economic but I have focussed here on day ticket prices.

It will be interesting to see how the changes at Duncton impact on uptake of both membership and day/club events. With the latter there is only a minor saving on the 3 fish price if a club takes up say a 30 fish quota & the new management seemed reluctant to offer any other inducements, which I think is short sighted policy. Chalk Springs remains expensive but at least you can see there is a chance of a trophy fish here, which may justify the outlay and you do have access to all of the lakes.

On a value for money basis Chalybeate and Coltsford Mill come out very well and the latter seems very consistent in the catch rate, with the chance of a big fish. There are other factors such as lodge/catering quality & Brick Farm & Lakedown come out well here. The other factor these days is also travel costs , which make Moorhen and Frensham less attractive . However, Moorhen on a club day is unrivalled in hospitality and its prices compare very well now. Frensham is not somewhere I have fished but OVSF say it is a pleasant fishery & the C & R aspect is attractive.

A shared boat on Bewl at around £52 for an 8 fish ticket is good value if you can find your fish! Personally, I love reservoir fishing but understand the reticence of some on this massive body of water- best to check out the variety of tickets online. Powdermill is slightly less daunting in scale and John Plowman suggests it is fishing well this year so far. However, both of these are also fairly distant for those in the west of our club area. Hazel Copse is also still going and offers the benefit of low prices and C & R but again is quite a trip.

So not an exhaustive comparison but I hope it is a useful one. Once we have sorted our “balance of payments” at the club, I hope there will be some leeway to subsidise fishing costs but with most commercial fisheries the only way to get discounts, prizes or other extras is to have sufficient numbers taking part. So please try to support our fishing events.

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