

Barford Lakes - Fish-O-Mania 2008

With the weather that we have been experiencing in recent weeks it is going to be difficult to predict what methods/lake will win the match, all methods will come into play from cat meat to maggot they will all have their place on the day. As most of the lakes are quite deep 8 – 12ft (Apart from Railway) it is quite likely that there will be a few fish to be caught in the upper levels of the water. My prediction would be that either long pole up in the water or the pellet waggler will be the winning method on the day and probably Colton or The Pleasure lake to produce the winning bag.

Match lake/Top Lake/Pleasure Lake

Quite similar approaches on all of these lake and I would probably have three or four lines of attack;

Pellet waggler ; Depending on conditions a 4g -12g float fished anywhere from 8ft to 2ft deep depending on how the fish are feeding using Barford 6mm pellets both for feed and on the hook (Pleasure lake would be 8mm).

Long pole; either a bed of 4mm pellets with corn/catmeat or soft expandas on the hook or up in the water with 6mm Barford pellets and banded pellet on the hook.

Edge; only on certain pegs but has been producing a few fish recently both pellet and corn or chop worm and casters.

5-6m pole; Again recently pellets and paste have scored but corn is a good alternative.

Colton

Caster and Maggots are king, although pellets and corn and catmeat will work its more likely that you will catch on the humble maggots a lot better. Mainly on the pole either up in the water or on the deck a little and often policy with feeding is best.

Edge; only on certain pegs but has been producing a few fish recently both pellet and corn or chop worm and casters.

Willow

Similar to Colton as maggots and caster will work, however pellet and expanda on the hook will also work either up or on the deck. Middle of the lake is the best area.

Railway

Different to all the other as you are targeting smaller fish to win on her it will be on the feeder or pole and up in the water

Feeder: maggot feeder is king at the moment getting through around 2-3pints of maggots and regularly casting even when you're struggling, waggler over the top of this line also works.

On the pole fish long and either up in the water or on the deck pellet is best.