

Chronicle Fishing

Bentley Fishery

BENTLEY *Fishery*
PRIVATE CARP WATER

With all the lakes Chronicle Fishing have visited and reviewed over the past 18 months for Big Carp magazine, there have not been many lakes as beautiful or visually stunning as the lake we had the pleasure of revisiting for our review this month. As well as some of the best surroundings on offer from a carp lake, it also has some of the best looking carp you're likely to find, from pristine commons to gorgeous sliver starburst mirrors. If you're lucky enough to find a carp from here you won't be disappointed at all. The owner of the lake has given us the opportunity to come back and give the readers of Big Carp magazine another look at his fantastic carp lake. Bentley Fishery, in Brentwood Essex (www.bentleyfishery.co.uk) is the August review venue and it's been a privilege to return here.

The fishery is privately owned and on private land with secure gates, closed at all times, thus making your long or short sessions feel more relaxed, knowing everything is safe and secure while you're bankside. The car park is situated only a few hundred metres from the front of the lake, so a barrow would be recommended to get all your tackle to your chosen swim in one trip. But it's only a very



short walk, so without a barrow it's still not too far to go if carrying it. The sessions on the lake are by exclusive bookings only, with all arrangements about sessions, dates and costs all confirmed over the phone (07939074089). With a small deposit you can secure your session on Bentley Fishery, as it's not always easy to get a swim, so book up early to avoid disappointment.

Now for the lake... With it being around 3.5 acres in size, situated in the beautiful Essex countryside, Bent-

ley Fishery is one of the most stunning carp lakes you are going to come across. With overhanging trees and willows surrounding the whole lake and dense foliage all around, lily pads dotted across the lake and a couple of islands in the centre to give this lake everything it needs visually, it's all you could ever want from a carp water. As well as the surroundings being perfect the carp which live in the lake are of equal quality, with around 70 stunning, hand picked carp to just under 30lb, with a good few of



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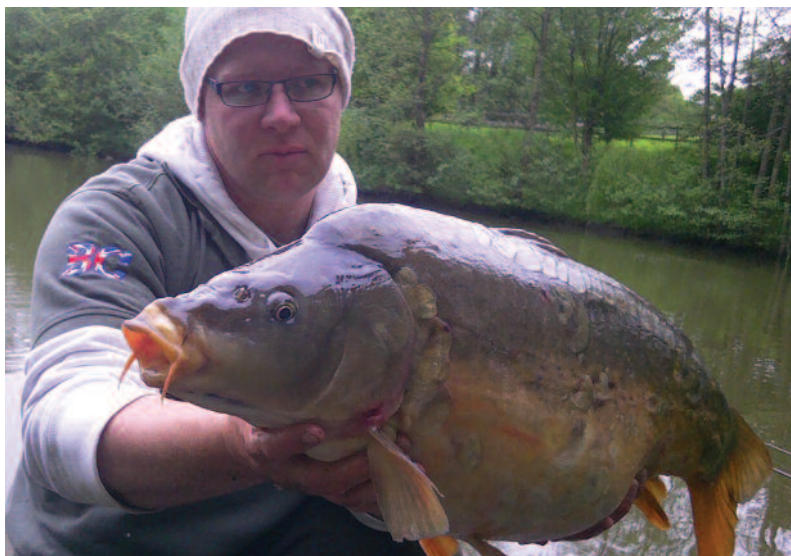
these carp in the 20lb bracket to find when fishing at Bentleys. It's a silt lined bottom with much of the lake averaging around 5ft in depth, but it's worth getting the marker out to maybe find something others haven't to give you that edge.

There are seven immaculate purpose build swims, lightly gravelled and finished off with railway sleepers to be in keeping with the quality you are enclosed by when at Bentley Fishery. Each swim can fit any manner of modern day bivvy you might have, so no drama if it's BIG! Also the way each swim is situated and facing, gives the angler almost complete seclusion from the other fishermen on the lake, only reminding you they are there by the light splash of the odd lead hitting the water or the sound of a bite alarm going off. Saying this, if you have a bait boat, which I know is not for everyone, it can really make a difference on this lake with a few areas that can only be reached by bait boat and can often help produce these sometimes elusive carp that find a way of staying well clear of the action around the lake.

Bentley also has its own top quality fresh freezer baits for sale, which have been going into the water for a good number of years and something the fish are caught on frequently, so please ask the owner for details. While fishing on the lake we were lucky enough to witness a very good session by two anglers: Billy Bignall and Tom Watkins, catching five carp each in their respective sessions. This was great work all round and something of a rarity on the lake and all caught on the Bentley's baits. There are also male and female toilets onsite, which



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are situated right next to the car park with the fishery also having power facilities to charge any electrical equipment you might have, if you're there for a few nights.

In conclusion this lake is not for the angler that likes runs waters. The carp here are not always easy to catch, and it can be a bit of a challenge to find them at times, but with a bit of perseverance on your session you can nearly always find a carp. This lake has got to be one to tick off the list of places to fish and has everything you

could need. If a relaxing, secluded environment is what you're looking for then give it a try – you won't be disappointed. For more details go to www.bentleyfishery.co.uk. The syndicate experience but without the upfront yearly costs is how it could be described. For all up to date goings on at the lake, you can visit Bentley Fishery on Facebook or Twitter, so please go online and say hello. There will also be a monthly lake diary on Bentley Fishery each month in Big Carp, so please send in any catch report

pictures to Bentleyfishery@outlook.com for a chance to be in the magazine. If you would like your lake seen and promoted in Big Carp magazine by Chronicle Fishing please contact us at www.chroniclefishing.co.uk ■

Bentley Fishery Rules

- Age limit strictly 18 years plus.
- Fishing from designated swims only.
- Strictly no stalking.
- Rods not to be left unattended.
- Strictly, no damage to foliage.
- No spodding.
- Barbless or micro barbed hooks only.
- All bivvies must be a recognised style in green or camo only.
- Landing net size, minimum 42 inch.
- Full size, carp unhooking mat.
- No fish to be held above knee height.
- No keepnets or sacks.
- Mainline 12lb minimum.
- No braided mainline.
- No fixed leads.
- No lead core.
- No nut baits.
- No trout pellets.
- Particles in moderation.
- Please dip landing nets before fishing.
- EA rod licences required.
- PLEASE USE PROVIDED TOILET FACILITIES
- NO LITTER OR ROWDY BEHAVIOUR

