

# BARTON COURT ESTATE

## Pike on a Fly

### On the River Kennet, Kintbury

Following the success of our pike fly fishing dates last autumn and winter, we are making the river at Barton Court available for an extended number of dates from October to early next March.

Trout fishing visitors will have seen the potential of our water for magnificent river pike. The best bait-caught fish here is reputed to have been a monstrous 32 pounder, and the Kennet is well known for its exceptional green monsters.

Prior to 2020 the water had seen very little pike fishing pressure in the previous 3 winters. Last winter was also lightly fly fished due to Covid 19 restrictions.

There have been a few fly-caught fish, the best of which was weighed at 22lbs and another measured at 43 inches.



**The following Saturdays are available to book, each limited to a maximum of 5 anglers:**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**The individual rod price is £60 per day or the whole fishery may be booked exclusively for £260 as a group outing.**

October and November will probably see the river still fairly weedy but the fish will be very active. Floating and intermediate lines should suffice because the river is likely to still be flowing at relatively low velocity. Big fish will be found in surprisingly 'trouty' water.

December to March tactics will be dictated by the weather to a greater degree but high flows may call for Hi-D lines and very short leaders with slow and sneaky retrieves in areas of slack water. Always hunt for cover. The pike will be doing exactly that.

There have been excellent numbers of chub, roach and dace visible throughout the summer so I anticipate some well-fed pike for you to target.

Guiding is available on request.

All anglers will be required to carry pike friendly landing nets, unhooking mats and appropriate forceps.

The fishing hut will be open (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) and there will be tea and coffee making facilities.

**Bookings can be made through the Estate office**

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