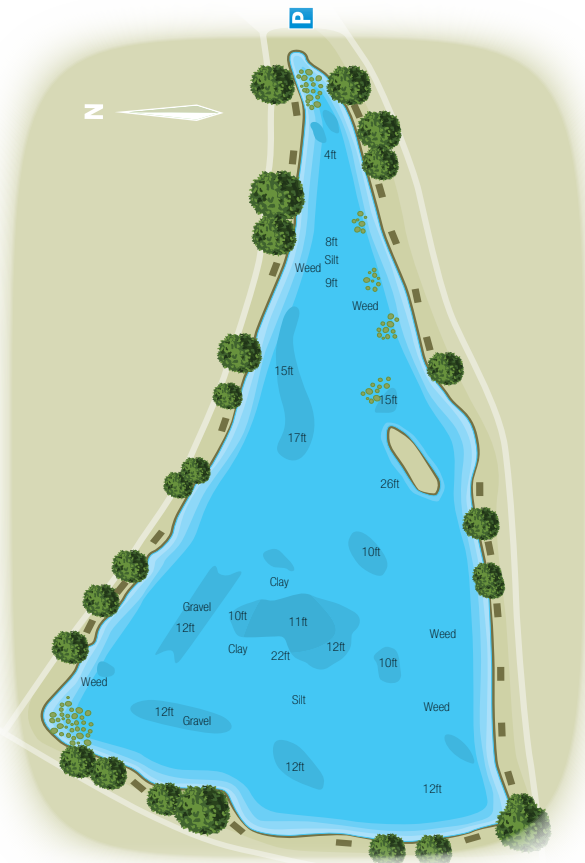


Little Horseshoe Gloucestershire



Little Horseshoe is a real jewel in the Gloucestershire crown. It is a stunning and intimate lake holding 20 pegs for up to 12 people to fish at any one time. To say it is densely stocked is an understatement because there are around 450 carp in its depths. The average stamp of these fish is a very credible 25lb+ with ten carp over the magical 30lb barrier, up to a lake record of 34lb 12oz. There are an abundance of features to fish to, including silt beds, gravel bars, and plenty of bankside vegetation, as well as a cluster of small islands. Cast out your marker float and you will find the shallows average 4-5ft out to 12-14ft, with plenty of deeper holes that go all the way up to 22ft. The carp in Little Horseshoe love patrolling the margins and stealthy anglers catch the most carp. Nigel Sharp has been very successful with the Chod, so this is definitely a rig worth taking as part of your armoury. A successful way to approach the lake in winter is to use PVA bags with small baits or maggots. Particles work well in the silt spots through the summer, and tiger nuts have also produced plenty of bites. The carp avoid the clear gravel spots so it is advisable to find the edge of the weed or fish the silt beds, which are rich in bloodworm at the right time of year. Overall, this mature four-acre gravel pit is very intimate in every sense of the word, and if you treat the residents (both aquatic and terrestrial) with deserved respect, you will enjoy some wonderful moments and some incredible experiences. The abundance of wildlife present will make you feel very close to nature and you can enjoy excellent facilities that make winter fishing a very pleasurable experience.

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Tickets

Day and 24-hour tickets available. All swims must be pre-booked.

Prices

£15 for three rods down until dusk; £25 for three rods for 24 hours (running from noon until noon).

Main rules

Unhooking mats must be used; no bent hooks; no litter – all litter must be taken home, including cigarette butts; no keepnets for carp or pike; no dogs; no climbing trees; strictly no damage/pruning of trees or bankside vegetation; no live baits; no tents – one green bivvy or umbrella per angler; no radios or TVs unless using headphones; all cars must be parked in car parks – please do not drive on the grass; all anglers must hold an EA licence; anglers and visitors entering all Watermark Fisheries do so at their own risk; the Watermark will not be liable for any loss or injury to any member or guest; payment for any ticket is to be considered acknowledgement of these rules; the Watermark reserves the right to refuse entry.

Facilities

Ladies/gents showers and loos; heated anglers' rest with a microwave, fridge, free tea/coffee, and photo gallery.

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BAILIFF'S TIP

Never, ever, bang in your bivvy pegs. The carp will avoid noisy anglers like the plague. As a rule, they don't like tight lines, so slack lines work well.