

BONJOUR FROM THE CARP GIRLS

Debbie and I (Elaine) recently enjoyed a week in France at one of our favourite lakes, Lac de Lumiere.



We took a slight detour on our journey down to the lake which doubled our driving hours, but arriving early in the afternoon, the lake looked as beautiful as ever. From the high advantage point near the owners' house (Steve) we could see the weed had come up and that didn't worry us having fished many weedy venues previously.

We had fished the lake once before but only for a long weekend last Easter, and the lake, being an old lime quarry, the depth was fairly consistent at approximately 16ft in most parts which had not warmed up and made fishing slightly slow last year. But, nonetheless, we caught some stunners with the biggest being a 46lb grassie.

This season we wanted to return and do a full week but later in the year once the water had warmed and to see if we could get amongst some of the larger resident carp which we had seen cruising the margins the year before.

The stock is slightly unknown on the lake which is an added attraction to us, and with the water crystal clear, we knew we had seen some big fish soaking up some early sun last year.

We love the challenge of a natural venue, weedbeds, deep water, sheer margins and hand placing your baits with a bit of boat work. You can build up a great mental picture of the lake having the ability to use a boat and prodding stick to feel the bottom and find depth. It's one of my favourite ways to get to know the lake!



Using Ridge Monkey terminal tackle and line, we had every faith that it wouldn't let us down and we had never had any problem beating the weed using it. We used Hooked on Baits Hemp and Blitz mixed with Duster Fruit Fix boilies that we had put through the Ridge Monkey Boilie Crusher. It looked and smelt great and clouded up the water a treat leaving

our baited spots sending food signals across the lake.

We had a fantastic week's fishing, making a holiday of it as well. The weather was in the 30's for a few days but we still managed 13 fish landing a couple from the boat in the dark.

One unexpected catch, Debbie had a fantastic hook hold from a RM size 4 curved Ronnie which nailed her in the little finger! Mega sharp hooks and it wasn't coming out. So after calming her down we teamed up with Steve and pushed the hook through, cut the barb off and out it popped!!!



Lac de Lumiere, is a lovely four acre lake, four swims, beautiful surroundings and also for a family or partner, or those that may not want to night fish, there is a lovely wooden lodge with two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. Steve will also be starting a food package as well. We can highly recommend Lac de Lumiere.



Best fishes, Elaine & Debbie

