



Brick Farm Lakes

Herstmonceux, East Sussex



Bad habits! We all have them, even me! Fishing in this heat is always going to be tricky to say the very least so, while we are waiting patiently for that sudden tug deep down, why not use the time productively and really study our fishing habits in detail and try to learn from perpetual, constant mistakes we all are guilty of making.

Firstly we need to properly cover all the water in front of our chosen position on the lake. Too often we cast across the same section of water again and again. This can potentially spook any fish in the area and minimise our chance of hooking up. There is a large area of water in front of us to utilise long before we change a fly. If the wind allows, we must cast around from margin to margin in a full arch and back again, first retrieving across the top, then counting to five, then ten and so on and so on. Retrieving completely back to just under the bank each time and slowly lifting the fly clear of the water very often of late has proved successful. Trout are as often as not under our very feet, seeking shade, food or shelter from the bright skies. Many and angler has spent an entire day casting out too far and lifting the line off the surface too soon.

Secondly we must vary our retrieve. Changing from the normal figure of eight method can be a hard habit to break for many of us. We must adopt a much more varied repertoire. Short sharp pulls or tugs on the line can attract a stationary trout's attention sometimes. Stripping a fry pattern or even a buzzer back as soon as it hits the water can work wonders for a predatory species, as indeed trout are. Casting a fly and letting it drop naturally as a dead insect would do can do the trick but makes you jump I must admit! Don't forget, trout have a bad habit themselves, i.e. looking up above them through the water, so why not use that to our advantage... give the little devils something to chase now and again, much like taking a Jack Russell to a terrier race and pulling a fox tail in front of them! Try to show a little patience and let your fly drift naturally across the surface and fight the urge to constantly tweak or straighten the line. Try everything with the fly you have chosen and fight the urge to keep changing it! Many anglers fiddle around dreadfully with snipping off and re-tying of flies, droppers, leaders, indicators, etc. Don't waste time it is sooooo easy to do!

Thirdly we must remember to MOVE! WE all have our favourite spots of course, including me, but if nothing has happened when you have tried everything mentioned above, then force yourself to make a move and remember, the fish can sometimes shoal together where there is food, where the temperature is right or the depth suites them on that particular day. This can obviously vary day to day or sometimes hour by hour! What was a hot spot on your last visit may be "empty" next time. That swim that was fruitless in the morning may be coming alive in the evening twilight. Fly fishing is "hunter gathering" in its truest form. It is a blood sport, we are hunting for our dinner and it doesn't come easy every time. Don't beat yourself up from a blank day... learn from it and you will triumph! At least at Brick Farm Lakes we have three options open to our anglers in the lake department, they are all stocked the same so visit them all and try not to have a "favourite", (I know it is hard!)

Tight lines for August and let's hope that soon we have had some much needed rainfall to replenish and refresh the lakes.

Caroline and Annie

Tenterden Trout Waters

Tenterden, Kent

Our new Fishing Lodge and Car Park will be ready for use when we re-open on the 25th August after our Summer break. Having completed our developments on the Fishery and Farm, we would like to thank our Anglers for their support throughout this very busy time.

We hope everyone will enjoy this new social/recreational hub with good kitchen and wc facilities, overlooking Lake 1. It will add a positive experience to your fishing visit and encourage friends and family to come along too.

We will be closed, as usual, for the Summer from the 23 July and will re-open on the 25 August at 8.20am when all 3 Lakes will be re-stocked for Autumn Fishing.

Please check the Home Page on our website and click on the current month under Latest News for an up-to-date fishing report. We also have an Instagram Gallery – so please follow us.

www.tenterden-trout-waters.co.uk

If you are looking to learn the skill of fly fishing this Summer please see the Tuition Page on our website and book a lesson with Richard Stokes. We also offer Gift Vouchers for that special present. We would like to wish all our Anglers a very happy Summer and look forward to welcoming you back for some good Late Summer fishing from the 25 August onwards.

Tight Lines, Gaynor, Audrey & Richard.



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