

# Pads Lake FAQ's

**Q - Why is Pads lake now a membership water rather than a day ticket?**

A - When we bought Wharf Pool Fishery it was very obvious that Pads Lake needed some major work as it had been unloved for many years. The Bailiffs also advised us that some of the anglers who were fishing it as a day ticket were mistreating or even stealing the fish, leaving litter everywhere and generally being a nuisance. This is not the sort of fishery that we wish to run. So we closed it as a day ticket on the very day that we bought it. We could see that with some investment and maintenance the lake could be brought back to its former glory. Whilst the sale of Pads Lake tickets provided the majority of the income for the whole fishery in the past we decided to take a long term view and close it for 18 months to start the refurbishment before reopening as a members only water.

**Q - Most fisheries these days seem to put profit ahead of everything else. What's different about this one?**

A - We are 2 friends who love fishing and have bought a fishery purely because we want to own and develop a couple of lakes that will be up there with the best. Every penny of income is being put back into the lakes while we constantly improve them and add stocks. This will continue for as long as necessary. We do not have any interest in running a commercial or day ticket fishery. Our dream is to run a fishery where it's a pleasure to be a member and people want to help out with improving the venue as it is in their interest to do so.

**Q - I see you have done quite a bit of work on Pads Lake. Are you finished?**

A - No. Pads Lake has seen no real investment for years. There has been a lot of improvement in a short space of time but to get the lake looking exactly how we want will take many years so work will continue.

**Q - Will you sell an unlimited amount of memberships for Pads Lake to get the income as high as possible?**

A - No.... We want our members to be able to fish every time they arrive at the lakes. We will therefore limit the number of memberships offered for Pads Lake to ensure that this is the case. Once we have reached a desired number of members we will open a waiting list. This is why we want members who are willing to help us to improve the venue. We could just sell unlimited tickets and pay people to do the work but who wants to turn up to fish on their new water only to find that they have to go home as every swim is taken?

**Q - Pads Lake (or Stanford as it was then known) was always full of litter ....how are you going to stop this from happening again?**

A - As an independently owned fishery we will enforce the rules 100%. If members are being inconsiderate with regards to the fishery, its stocks or other members they will be asked to leave and will not be allowed back. We want it to be a pleasure to be a member of this lake and as our Bailiffs put in a considerable amount of time and effort (way over and above what is called for) to look after it we absolutely will not tolerate anyone spoiling the experience for others.

**Q - In the past Pads Lake was stuffed full of small carp but I want to fish for the quality Tench and other species in there. What are you doing about this?**

A - So far we have removed 150 Carp of between 5lb and 10lb each. We aim to remove another 50-100 initially and then put in a few better fish to give the Carp anglers some target fish. Getting the stock levels of Carp right will take time as none of us know exactly what is in there but we have a long term plan for the water and it will get the investment in new stocks when the time is right. We are already growing on some fish in our stock ponds for Pads Lake.

**Q - How much is a ticket for Pads Lake?**

A - For the 2014/15 season membership of Pads Lake costs £185 plus a one off and fully refundable £25 key deposit. We also offer a junior ticket (must be accompanied by an adult that is a full member) for under 16's at £50. The membership does allow night fishing.

**Q - How do I join Pads Lake?**

A - Please send an e-mail to [fish@wharfpool.co.uk](mailto:fish@wharfpool.co.uk) with your contact details, some information about yourself and your angling experience.

**Q - If I join Pads Lake can I also fish Wharf Pool?**

A - No. The memberships are separate. Wharf Pool members can buy a dual ticket but Pads Lake members can only fish Pads Lake.

**Q - Pads lake is being marketed as a mixed specimen lake.... What are the stocks?**

A - Pads lake contains Pike to mid 20's, Carp to around 20lb, Bream to 14lb, Tench over 10lb, Rudd to 3lb, Roach to 3lb and good sized Perch and Eels.