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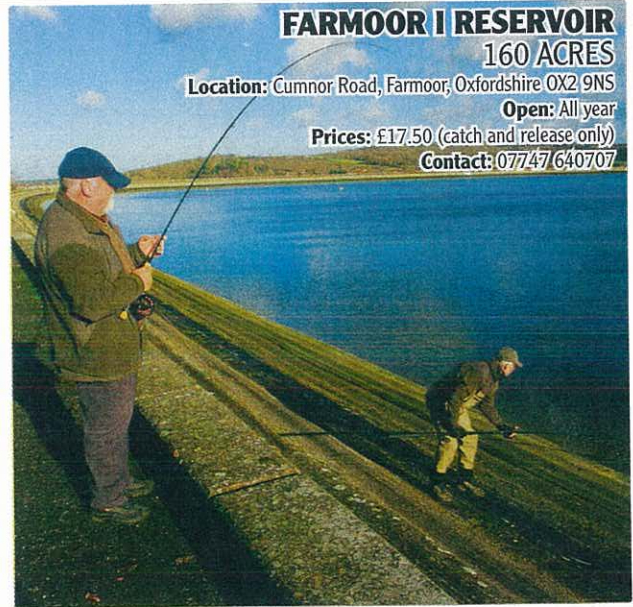
**What I liked:** The fish in Farmoor I Reservoir are some of the most spectacular rainbow trout I've ever caught. They've obviously been in the water for a very long time and have flourished in their surroundings, meaning that the natural feeding must be fantastic. The trout all have huge spade-like tails, along with silver flanks and musclebound bodies; I've never been taken out into my backing quite so many times in one day. What's more, I found that the average size of fish was about 3lb, with several pushing the 5lb mark.

The facilities are excellent, with a fishing cabin stocked with tackle, food and drinks.

**What I disliked:** The concept of fishing in a solid concrete structure with no natural embankments was completely alien to me, and I was sceptical because of this. But I soon forgot about the unusual surroundings once I'd hooked a few Farmoor I rainbows.

**Best feature:** The quality and average size of the trout that I caught blew my mind.

**Overall verdict:** It's an odd concept, but it's out of this world as far as fly fishing sport goes. Get your head around the fact that there are no natural features in the water, as such, and you'll find that the natural feeding is as rich as anywhere else.



## FARMOOR I RESERVOIR

160 ACRES

**Location:** Cumnor Road, Farmoor, Oxfordshire OX2 9NS

**Open:** All year

**Prices:** £17.50 (catch and release only)

**Contact:** 07747 640707

## ERIC ROBERTS TFF READER

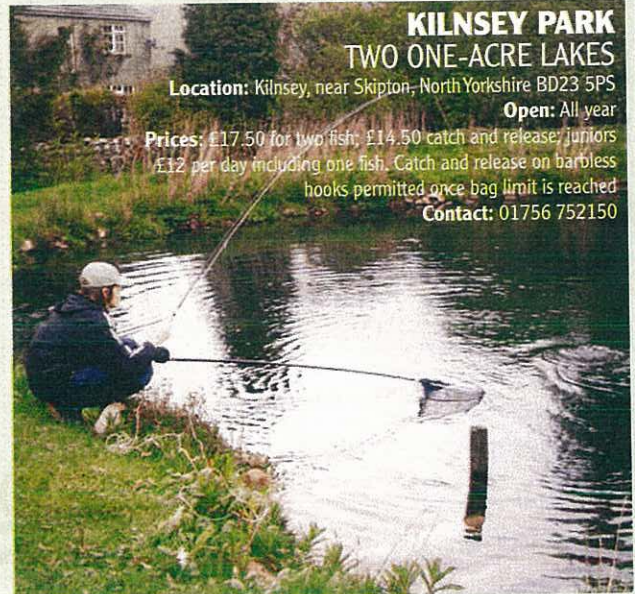
**What I liked:** Set in the Yorkshire Dales, this stunning fishery supplies breathtaking scenery and fantastic fishing. Kilnsey Park is stocked with numbers of rainbow, blue, golden and brown trout, with fish ranging from 1lb 8oz to the current record of 17lb 8oz.

I'm always able to use a floating line, no matter what the time of year, and during spring and summer I can usually stick to dry flies – although other flies are also very successful. I've never failed to catch. It's a superb venue for novice and experienced anglers alike.

**What I disliked:** I'm hard pushed to find anything wrong to be perfectly honest. My only little niggle would be that I think they should add more brown trout to the mix to spice it up!

**Best feature:** The top-of-the-water feeding habits of the trout and the tranquil settings.

**Overall verdict:** An excellent fishery set among some of the best scenery in England.



## KILNSEY PARK

TWO ONE-ACRE LAKES

**Location:** Kilnsey, near Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5PS

**Open:** All year

**Prices:** £17.50 for two fish; £14.50 catch and release; juniors

£12 per day including one fish. Catch and release on barbless

hooks permitted once bag limit is reached

**Contact:** 01756 752150

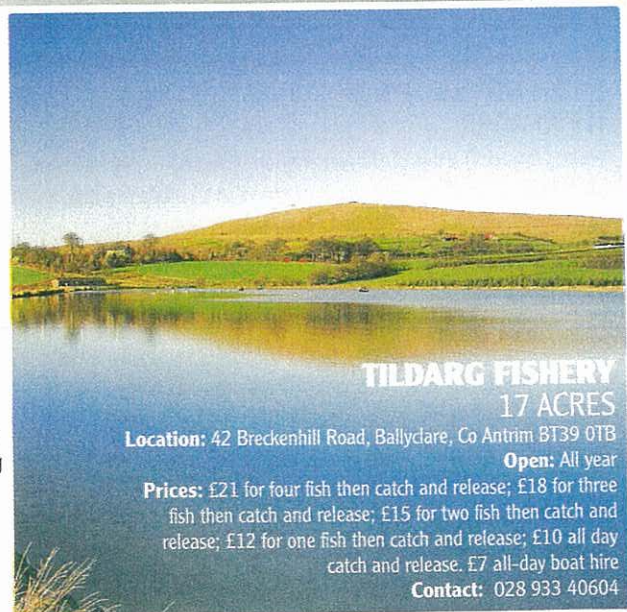
## CHRIS DICKEY TFF READER

**What I liked:** Tildarg is big with plenty of space and spots to explore from the bank. Plus, there are boats available for those who prefer a day afloat. Such is the quality of surface feeding, rainbows ranging from 2lb to 14lb can be seen rising to the surface regularly. With the fantastic, crystal-clear water, fish can be stalked from the margins. The trout are of the best quality, which is evident from the moment you hook one. There's also a purpose-built lodge containing a fishery office, kitchen, rest room and toilet block.

**What I disliked:** It can be quite exposed to the elements during the winter months due to it being high up in the Glens Of Antrim – so remember to bring warm clothes just in case the weather should turn.

**Best feature:** The quality of the hard-fighting triploid rainbow trout, the purpose-built fishing lodge and disabled facilities and the helpful, friendly staff who are always willing to offer tips and advice.

**Overall verdict:** An excellent day awaits anglers at Tildarg. It offers superb fishing for mint-conditioned rainbow trout from bank and boat in the scenic surroundings.



## TILDARG FISHERY

17 ACRES

**Location:** 42 Breckenhill Road, Ballyclare, Co Antrim BT39 0TB

**Open:** All year

**Prices:** £21 for four fish then catch and release; £18 for three

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release; £12 for one fish then catch and release; £10 all day

catch and release. £7 all-day boat hire

**Contact:** 028 933 40604