

Day Ticket Prices. (As of Jan 2025)

	Brick Farm	Duncton	Chalybeate	Chalk Springs	Moorhen	Lakedown	Coltsford Mill	Spring Hill	Meon Springs	Frensham	Ashdown	Powdermill	Hazel Copse
1 fish					25								25
2 fish	37		35	50	35	40	36	35(half day)	40	55	35		30
3 fish	45	*55	40	60	45	50	44		52.50	65	42		35
4 fish	52		45	70	53	58	52	50	65		48		40
5 fish		*80				65							
6 fish												60 *	
Added fish	13				12								
		These prices are on a "quota" basis so can be used up on more than one visit if you wish. Only Birch Lake is open to day tickets.			Un caught fish can be credited for next visit.	Cash and cheques only on site and closed Monday and Tuesday	There are also afternoon prices £40 for 2 fish then C & R	Also take 2 release 2 =£40 half day & take 4 release 4 = £55	Each extra fish is £12.50 . C&R option available at £23.50 There are several other options which seem rather complicated so best go to the website.	Allowed up to 8 fish on C&R after taking your limit Half fay 1 fish and C & R £44 Deals for Juniors under 15	Adult and junior shared 4 fish ticket is £48. Flat bottomed boat hire is £5. Cash only payments	*Afternoon from 2 pm £45 Boats £17 but no engines apart from Wheely Boat. Various offers for batches of day tickets	NB These were 2022 prices but C&R after limit caught is still an attraction.

See below for Bewl and Northbrook.

Since 2023 prices have remained on an upward trend as fisheries try to deal with the costs of various inputs. There seems to be something of a divide between those aiming at the wealthier clientele e.g. Chalk Springs and Duncton, to those trying to maintain a broader accessibility. Duncton's day ticket lake does offer a wide variety of fish (rainbows, blues, spartics and browns) and some trophy fish. I have not fished Chalk Springs for years so can't comment on the value here.

Coltsford Mill still comes out very well on value for money and is very consistent in the catch rate, with the chance of a big fish. Neil is also very hands on here and always willing to offer advice on locating fish and catching patterns. Both OVSF and SFDG use the fishery for club days and have rarely been disappointed. Chalybeate's performance has, however, been a little disappointing with OVSF members having some concern over water quality and catch rates, particularly in the summer.

Brick Farm continues to offer value for money and Phil and Dani offer good catering options in the lovely lodge. Lakedown is similar but the lodge can get very busy on spring and summer weekends with non-fishing customers making access/exit rather tricky. 10% discount on beers for fishing groups. The other factor these days is also travel costs, which make Moorhen and Frensham less attractive. Martyn says that Moorhen still fishes well and they are working on "dense podding" of fish after stocking by employing aerators more frequently which seems to spread fish out more quickly. Frensham is not somewhere I have fished but OVSF say it is a pleasant fishery & the C & R aspect is attractive.

A shared boat on Bewl at around £52 for an 8 fish ticket is good value, if you can find your fish! Recently, Bewl has also fished well from the bank early season with OVSF having good returns on their bank fishing competition. Personally, I love reservoir fishing but understand the reticence of some on this massive body of water- best to check out the variety of tickets online. Powdermill reservoir is slightly less daunting in scale and John Plowman can give the lowdown on how it is fishing. It is the only major fishery to have a substantial Mayfly hatch but in comparison to some is a little expensive now and far flung for those in the west of our area.

Hazel Copse is also still going and offers the benefit of low prices and C & R but again is quite a trip for some and a lot harder fishing than it used to be. It's a little tidier than in Wilf's day and Monica and family are very welcoming.

Northbrook is not somewhere I have fished but Wayne and Tony H use it frequently and enjoy the possibilities of trophy Browns here. This costs £25 plus £2 per pound of fish taken with no bag limit. The space is limited so you must book in advance.

Carp on the fly is also a good option in the dog days of summer. Falkenvil still offers good fishing with the chance of a big fish (AW had a 25 pounder in 2023). If you are willing to commit to club membership, as several SFDG members have, then Spring Barn near Lewes is good value also.

I hope this is of some value but prices may yet jump again in 2025 so don't treat it as gospel. As a club we will endeavour to continue to offer some small discounts on our club days so please try to attend where you can.

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