

An uncommon Common to Warren Fenn

The bank holiday arrived so I could finally fish after working 8 days straight, well that's what I thought after shooting down to my water to Crayfish Pool on Friday night.

Baiting up two spots in the reed peg with 3kg of the mighty N-Gage I was now at peace when the bombshell hit!! Work phoned, needing me to work through the bank holiday, which shortened my session from 36hrs to just a single night. Waking up on Saturday morning with no action through the night on the lake, I started to pack up my kit. Just as I was just about to leave my peg, three lumps caught my eye; it was three commons. With the lake only containing four commons, and none of them coming out this year, I was eager to bag one. So before I left I decided to put out another 2kg of N-Gage boilies on my baited spots just for luck.

Sunday came round and with hearing that no fish had hit the bank I hoped one would be up for grabs and made the decision to do Sunday night to leave early on Monday for work. Getting down to Crayfish pool on Sunday night I spoke to an angler in the snag tree peg and was told a load of fish had been topping in the reeds peg. Shooting straight round to the reed peg, a large chunk topped right out over my baited spot on the reeds. You could see straight away that it was one of the commons with its scaly body clearly showing as it surfaced. Rushing to get my kit sorted and my rods out before it got dark I placed both rods on the baited spots and turned in for bed. At around 4:30am I was awoken by a screaming one-toner take which made me jump straight into life. As soon as I picked up the rod I knew it was one of the commons by the way it was firing down the lake like a torpedo. After a 20 minute battle one extremely angry common lay in my net and looked well over 20lb. I was well chuffed!



She went 27lb 8oz with the best bit being that it was the Thorpe Park Common, the common that hadn't been out for around 2 years and one which is on many anglers' target list ever since.

The fish was caught on a snow man rig using a 10mm Northern special and a 14mm N-Gage XP boilies with a bag of crashed N-Gage XP boilies soaked in the superb Feedstim XP.

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