

Crayfish Pool success- By Warren Fenn

After catching the Thorpe Park Carp, and having a week at work, the next weekend soon came along. Friday came and, after loading up on the mighty N-gage from CC Moore, I was back down on Crayfish Pool. After having a good look around the lake I managed to find a group of fish in the Reed Peg again and jumped straight into the peg. Now that the crayfish activity is picking up due to the weather my chosen course of action was to use twice as much bait as before whilst using N-Gage hard hookers as hookbaits.

So after baiting up two spots I found the previous week with 3kg of the superb N-gage on each I sat back and relaxed.

Saturday morning came and no action for me, but a text from the bailiff saying that Cliff on the point peg had managed a brace in the night (Shanklin at 30lb and The Fully Scaled at 13lb; top angling Cliff), meant the fish had moved down the far side of the lake. After walking round the lake Saturday morning I realised that a big group of fish had moved into a peg called the Greenbank. I spotted 12 different fish which is a good number for a lake that only has 35 fish in, so I had to move into the peg.



After setting all my gear up again I decided to keep my rods out for the day, due to how hot it was, but trickle bait out every 3 hours to keep the fish in the area.

The evening came and around 8:30pm I decided to stick my rods back out, baiting with 2kg of N-Gage on each spot. The fish were still in the area topping more than once on the areas I had only just baited. Feeling very confident I turned in for bed.

5:30am came and a slow take on my right rod got me straight to my feet. Striking into my rod the fish was moving at a slow pace but felt very heavy. After a 10 minute fight a fish called Ventnor was in my net at a very healthy weight of 32lb 4oz; Well Chuffed!

After taking some quick shots I put her back, but not without getting soaked as a goodbye present. As I was just sorting myself out and about to rebait the rod I caught on, my left rod ripped into life. After another tussle of around 15 minutes a 26lb 6oz carp called Upy graced my mat.

What a result and a brace. 30 minutes of mayhem on the mighty N-Gage!!! Both fish were caught on single 14mm N-Gage hard hookers, with mixed freebies of 14mm and 16mm N-Gage boilies

