

Andy's Mirror Pool magic

Andy McHale has just reported a great result from the challenging Mirror Pool in France. Using a combination of our high quality baits Andy went literally 'against the grain' to register a superb result when others around him had been struggling.

Andy told us:

"I have just returned from a weeks fishing at the notoriously tricky Mirror Pool fishery in France.

I knew I was in for a hard week, when the bailiff mentioned on arrival that the fishing had been slow of late, and a browse through the catch report book also confirmed this. The weather conditions were against us from the beginning of the session, with the air pressure being all over the place! At the start of the week it was boiling hot during the day with thunderstorms at night and although it did cool off towards the end of the week - the storms didn't stop!!

We decided to set up in a swim that had recently been doing fish, and put out 3 rods; 2 with 12 x 16 Odyssey XXX dumbbells tipped with fake corn, and one on a zig rig. On Sunday morning at 9.30am I received my first pick up and even though I fish locked up, the fish found the sanctuary of a snag and sadly the hook pulled. It was not a great start particularly when thinking that action had been so slow in general.

However, on Monday morning at 9.35am the same rod got a take and this time I steered the fish clear of the snags. I could not believe it when 5 minutes into the fight I had another hook pull!! (Mirror Pool is a barbless hooks only fishery).

From the start of the session we had been baiting another swim, with a view to a possible move if things didn't turn out well. We decided to take the plunge and move on Tuesday, but the first night in the new swim came and went with no action, so we decided on a change of tactics.

The Mirror Pool carp love sweetcorn but we made a bold decision to stop feeding corn and just continue with Odyssey XXX pellets and chopped Odyssey XXX boilies, and switch to a snowman presentation. This quick change of tactics seemed to really do the business as within an hour of doing this a beautiful 34lb 7oz common graced our net.





We decided to then change to the same tactics on the second rod; fishing 12 x 16 Odyssey XXX barrels (like the Glugged Hookbaits) tipped with a white 12mm Northern Special pop up and again were rewarded with a chunky 42lb 12lb mirror during the night.....

The new tactics were really starting to pay off!

On the Thursday morning at 7.35am the rod I had the common on again pulled round and eventually resulted in this stunning 54lb 4oz mirror.



All fish came to the snowman set up using Odyssey XXX and feeding the matching Odyssey XXX pellet. We eventually received a take on the zig rig, which was baited with yellow foam soaked in Feedstim XP. This was a very big fish which was played for 55 minutes in the pouring rain only to have another hook pull..... Guttled isn't the word!"

Congratulations on your great result Andy – CC Moore

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