

Chalybeate Springs Fishery – What to bring

Chalybeate Springs is what is more generally referred to as a small still-water in terms of tactics.

As a basic kit list you should include:

Safety first!

We strongly advise that you wear Polaroid, regular or safety glasses to protect your eyes and a Lifejacket, particularly if you cannot swim. We can lend you these on the day if you have not brought your own.

Tackle

Fly Rod of between 8 and 9ft 6ins

Floating Lines only – rated between 4 and 7 to match the rod.

Leader material suggest knotted or knotless leader of 9 – 12ft tapering to between 3lbs and 6lbs depending upon water clarity.

If you do not have your own tackle we can hire you anything you need for a small charge and we do have some of the more basic items for sale at the hut.

Flies :

Chalybeate gets a good hatch of Buzzer, Mayfly, Pond Olives, Damsels, Sedge and Hawthorn in the spring and Daddy Longlegs in September and October all of which fish successfully as dry flies as well nymphs. Please remember maximum hook size is 8 and we ask that you squash the barb down if fishing catch and release.

Sundries

Net – knotless mesh please

Scissors pliers

Disgorger

Floatant/sinkant

Clothing

Boots or shoes – waders are not required

Waterproof coat and over-trousers

Hat – and not just to keep the weather off!

Sun tan lotion

Midge repellent – August only