

Wild brown trout



A jewel in the crown of Northumbrian Water, Cow Green offers the angler the opportunity to catch lightning quick wild and hard fighting brown trout in stunning surroundings, no finer place to be with a fly rod.

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How to catch them!

Although using small hook baits, such as a brantling under a stick float often gives good results,

by far the best approach is to travel light with a fly rod. The golden rule for any of these methods is to keep on the move as these are wily little fellows and will quickly be spooked by repeat casting in one area.

When fly fishing, an intermediate line may be needed on the colder days in March and April, when a small Black Tadpole on the point and drab Palmers on the droppers should get plenty of action. From May onwards, use a floating line

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(based at Grassholme)

In **Balderhead**, **Cow Green**, and **Selset** we are fortunate to have three of the very best wild brown trout fisheries in the country. All based in Teesdale, they are full of fighting fit trout, providing excellent sport.

Surrounded by the fantastic scenery of the North Pennine grouse moors, there are few more tranquil and relaxing ways to spend a day's fishing than roaming the banks of these waters, and even fewer places where you can catch truly wild browns. The trout in these reservoirs are 100% native, having descended from the original upland brownies which lived in the streams before the dams were built. Lightning quick and very hard fighting with unique colours and markings, these fish are a joy to catch.

as the trout are usually at the surface, often free rising to all manner of terrestrial insects and the prolific hatches of small Black or Olive Buzzers which are evident throughout late spring and summer.

At this time, small traditional patterns such as Black Pennells, Invictas and Spiders are consistent fish catchers with dries including Hoppers, Sedgehogs and Cul-de-Canards doing very well when fish are rising.

Prices

Full £10
Concessionary £8
(12 fish catch limit)

Permits for Cow Green are available on site through the honesty box or from Grassholme Visitor Centre.

Permits for Balderhead and Selset are only available from Grassholme Visitor Centre.

Open

The season opens on our wild brown trout waters at Balderhead, Selset and Cow Green on Thursday March 22 until Sunday 30 September 2012.