

The Wendover Arm Canal

The fishing rights on all the navigable sections of the Arm (The Wendy) are licensed by Canal and River Trust to

The Tring Anglers

This short length of mostly shallow canal contains all the regular canal fish species in varying numbers according to the season. It also provides a variety of habitats and it therefore responds to different angling styles. Some members have never fished it, to others it is a firm favourite section of canal. All accessible banks are patrolled by bailiffs who will issue day tickets. Season permits are also available.

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will also supply Season permits

The Tring Anglers offer free angling instruction sessions from
May to September

The Wendover Arm Trust

The Trust was formed in 1989 as a registered charity to promote and implement the restoration of the Wendover Arm Canal. The Trust is run by a dedicated team of volunteers and is a membership organisation. We get no government subsidy and although the Canal & River Trust owns the canal, it is only permitted to carry out routine maintenance to keep the towpath clear and to ensure the supply of water from Wendover reaches the Tring summit at Bulbourne Junction. All monies are raised through grants, donations and fundraising activities.

Visit our website www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk for more details.

A guide to the whole Arm, facilities and transport can be found in our leaflet:

Introduction and Visitors Guide

A guide to the past, current and anticipated future restoration work can be found in our leaflet:

Restoration – a Brief Guide

A guide to the section of the Arm open for boats can be found in our leaflet:

Cruising Guide

Restoration work on the canal is currently focused on relining the dry section of the canal between Bridge 4 and Little Tring, the dry section between Drayton Beauchamp and Bridge 4 having already been restored to water.

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Catch me if you can!



BREAM

Prior to the restoration to the winding hole at Little Tring and deeper water becoming available large shoals migrated along and back again in the spawning season (April-May) from the main canal. The wide and deep turning bay has seen some shoals take permanent residence and 50lb catches are possible on the right day. Another good holding area is the back of Heygates in the wider section and sometimes the outflow from the water treatment plant.



PERCH

Fish over 2lb are common with some of 3lb or more may turn up anywhere, try a roving approach with worm or spinner.



ROACH

Found anywhere to 1½lb, the narrow sections between Gamnel Bridge and the junction seem best with water at the outflow from the water treatment plant always reliable. 20lb catches possible, often when they are shoaled up in the winter.



PIKE

Not often fished for but a large number of fish to 10lb present, more than might be expected.

TENCH

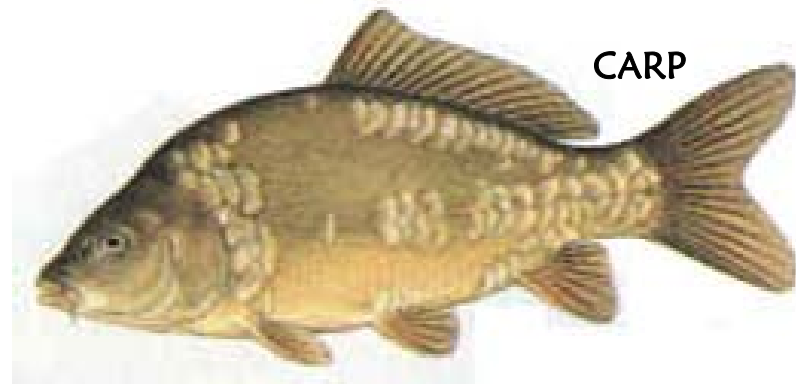


Again present in greater numbers than most anglers suspect, sometimes fish to 6lb but mostly 2-4lb fish appear. Look for rushes on the far bank, such as a few pegs along from the outflow from the water treatment plant and 'natural' bank of the winding hole.



CHUB

This usually riverine fish has thrived in the stream like conditions of the Wendy, most commonly towards the junction as they like the far bank overhanging cover, but could turn up anywhere. Shoals of 12 to 20 fish range in size from 2-5 lb or more. In common with chub anywhere they will eat anything but are shy and easily offended by bank movement, so pick quiet times.



CARP

Found in all sections of the canal, a mostly nomadic population is often increased greatly by fish moving in from the mainline canal. Fish over 20lb in weight are possible, mostly of the mirror varieties, a smart looking common may be yours if you are lucky. Can be found anywhere but back of Heygates is a good bet.

As well as the usual smaller species such as **Gudgeon** and **Daddy Ruffe (Pope)** we have some **Dace** (another river species) which from memory going back over 50 years have always featured in limited numbers.

Millers Thumbs, **Sticklebacks** and **Minnnows** do not always fall to angling tactics so remain an unknown quantity.

We have no record of **Catfish (Danubian Wells)** either being captured or sighted.

Another European predator found in midland canals and moving southwards is the **Zander** sometimes known misleadingly as the Pike Perch.

The most obvious invasive species is **American Red-clawed Signal Crayfish**, sadly the native white clawed is now thought to be extinct in the Chilterns.