



Fisnerton de la Mere

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WELCOME TO FISHERTON DE LA MERE

Dear Angler,

***Welcome to Fisherton de la Mere!** By now I hope you are settled and relaxed, reading this with a cup of coffee in hand. Here is a summary of the fishing and what to expect; have a lovely day.*

THE RIVER WYLYE

The River Wylfe is considered one of the most unspoilt of all the southern chalkstreams, flowing through a series of quintessentially English villages, where it seems eight out of every ten houses are thatched.

The Wylfe rises 5 miles south of Warminster and flows north to the town; this uppermost reach is sometimes referred to as 'The Deverill Brook'. Turning westward, it flows for another 16 miles to join the Nadder just below Wilton, shortly before the latter reaches the Avon at Salisbury. So, to be pedantic, the Wylfe is a tributary of the Nadder rather than the Avon as commonly supposed. Fisherton de la Mere is pretty well at the mid-point between the source and confluence.

In the 1970's this beat achieved some national fame as it was regularly featured on Oliver Kite's TV show. So, if you want to pay a small homage to him tie on his creation the Kite's Imperial, an all-purpose olive imitation.



Oliver Kite

THE ROD ROOM

The Rod Room has electricity, running water, a WC and tea/coffee making facilities. Parking is directly outside.



THE FISHING

This is a brief synopsis that I hope will give you a better idea of what to expect, where to go, the best tactics and so on. As you will have gathered this is a single beat, reserved for a one to three Rods. However, it is worth noting that there are parts of the river where the non-fishing bank is either a private garden or footpath.

Setting out from the rod room you have a couple of options, which you choose depends largely on whether you will be wading. If you are wading, follow the track (marked brown/red on the map) to the brick bridge, then turn downstream through the wooded area to the bottom of the beat that starts 50 yards below the cattle drink which you will reach through two wooden gates either side of the cattle drink.

The fishing from here on up to the brick bridge is most definitely all wading. It is lined with bushes and trees so take your shortest rod.



It is a section that might be worth saving for the heat of the day in summer or for shelter in bad weather. As you approach the brick bridge you crossed earlier, you have the option of turning right or continuing to the bridge. If you continue towards the bridge, there are railway sleeper steps on the left to get out.



If you turn right you may wade up the Mill Stream until you reach the pool at exit to the mill race where this section ends, so exit the river here to either head back in the direction of the Rod Room or to back along the track to the brick bridge. You may fish the Mill Stream from the bank if you wish.

Re-join the river on the upstream side of the brick bridge from the right. From here the river curves right bringing you into the Hatch Stream which will be appreciably shallower until you approach the Hatch Pool.

Again, you may fish this section from the bank, but it is tricky due to the width of the woody debris installed some years ago as part of a conservation project.

Once you reach the neck of the pool you will discover the various options to go left, right or along the gravel bar in the middle. When you are done exit to the left and use the iron bridge to cross the river.



Just over the bridge there is a small gate to access the river. There is no need to wade the Dower House section which you fish from the right-hand side as you look upstream. The trees on the left bank are excellent holding spots. The riverbed is quite dark and the water deepish so it will take a little while to get your eyes accustomed to spotting the fish.

Just below the bridge in front of the house is a famously good spot though the reed bed is quite wide and the bank steep, so a longish net might help.



From the garden cross over the bridge to join the Meadow Reach which will eventually take you to the upstream boundary.

This is a very open section, the easiest casting area on the river.

Generally, most people fish from the bank, but you are welcome to wade if you wish. The beat comes to a natural end at a fence and a dilapidated bridge.



If you want a quick route back to the rod room, use the door in the wall to the end of the Dower House.



Kites Imperial

Places to Eat

- The Bell Inn, Wylde (1 mile) 01985 248898. Closed Tuesdays.
www.bellinnwylde.co.uk
- The Prince Leopold, Upton Lovell (1 mile) 01985 850460. Closed Mondays.
www.princeleopold.co.uk
- Warminster (9 miles) – bustling market town with plenty of pubs, shops and restaurants

Local stores

- Budgens, New Road, Codford BA12 0NS (3 miles) 01985 850345

Places to visit

- Stonehenge – 9 miles
- Longleat Safari & Adventure Park – 14 miles
- Stourhead National Trust house and gardens – 18 miles.

I will be sending you an email in a few days time so if you have a spare minute to give us some feedback from your visit it would be really appreciated.

I hope that you have a great day with us at Fisherton de la Mere and that we see you another day.

Tight Lines!

Simon Cooper
Fishing Breaks Founder & Managing Director

Emergency

The postal address is:

The Dower House, Fisherton de la Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 0PZ

Doctors surgery

Cherry Orchard Surgery, Codford St Mary, BA12 0PN 01985 850298

Out of Hours

111 or 999

Local hospital

Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BJ
01722 336262

Chemist

The Co-operative Pharmacy, 10 The Cornmarket, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 9BX
01985 213167