

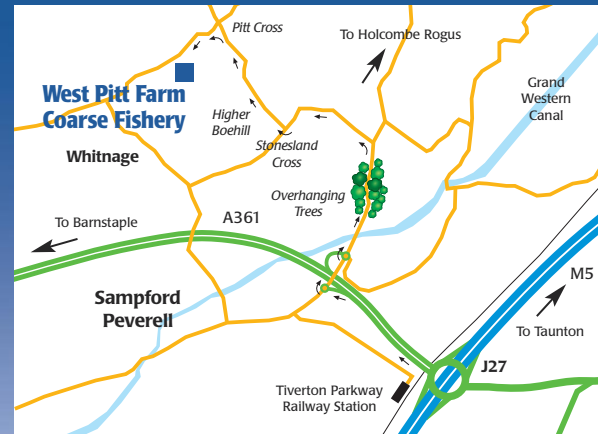
West Pitt Farm Coarse Fishery

- Open all year from dawn until dusk
- No night fishing
- Self service payment in the shed at the Fishery Car Park
- Disabled access by prior arrangement
- Toilet facility at the Fishery Car Park
- No competitions

Fishery Rules

- All nets to be dipped on arrival.
- Maximum of two rods.
- Barbless hooks only, **maximum size 10**.
- No boilies or nut baits. Ground bait in moderation.
- Only free-running and other safe lead, feeder and method rigs are allowed. No fixed rigs.
- The use of spinning/artificial lure methods is not permitted.
- The use of braid is not permitted.
- All nets to be soft mesh or similar fish friendly.
- All fish to be landed using a landing net and mat.
- Keepnets are permitted on Mallard and Willow Lakes. There may be restrictions at certain times of year.
- No large fish (over 5 lbs) to be retained in keepnets. Stake nets out and empty at sensible intervals, at least once every 5 hours.

How to find us



From M5, Junction 27: Exit Junction 27 of M5. Take the Barnstaple signed dual carriageway (A361) and almost immediately (500y) take the exit signed to **Sampford Peverell**. Turn right at the mini roundabout and cross over the dual carriageway. Straight over the next mini roundabout signed to **Holcombe Rogus**.

Take the next left, signed **Whitnage** (sign on right hand side of road, easy to miss - it's just as the overhanging trees begin to clear). Take the next right at Stonesland Cross, signed **Whitnage** (Higher Boehill will be on your left after this turn). Then at Pitt Cross turn left. West Pitt Farm Coarse Fishery is the third entrance on the left.

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Set in glorious countryside
in the Heart of Devon



Set in the glorious Culm Valley just 5 minutes' drive from J27 of M5, West Pitt Farm has four spring fed lakes stocked with a wide variety of quality fish, offering excellent coarse fishing for all.

Open all year for day ticket fishing at three lakes or fish for free at all four lakes while staying at one of West Pitt Farm's holiday cottages.

Disabled access to the lakes and a cottage specifically designed to offer excellent accessibility for all.

Farmyard Pond

This pond is for cottage guests' exclusive use. It is half an acre in size.

Species Carp to 15lbs as well as roach to over a pound and rudd to 12oz.

Depth Average depth of 2ft.

Method Popular baits are corn, meat, worms and bread, the latter being used to target the carp on the surface.

No keepnets or bivvies are allowed at the Farmyard Pond.

Kingfisher Lake

This lake is about one acre in size.

Species The predominant species in this lake is golden tench which run to 5lbs, there are good numbers of roach to 1lb 8oz, bream to 8lbs together with some beautiful golden orfe and koi, together with carp in the high teens. The lake record currently stands at around 100lbs.

Depth Averaging 6ft but areas up to 10ft if plumbed carefully.

Method All techniques work here with the pole and waggler being most popular but do not neglect the feeder. Pole and waggler fishing between 9 and 11 metres is productive, the



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bed contours can easily be found with careful plumbing. Start by fishing the deeper part of the swim but be aware that the fish may come up in the water particularly where loose feed is being used. Do not neglect the margins, good numbers of fish can be caught close in, literally within a rod length of the bank. Maggots, casters, worm, corn, meat, pellets and paste all work well. Whatever bait is chosen the golden rule is accurate feeding, use a pole pot or a catapult when waggler fishing. If small roach become problematic on maggot, a change to a larger bait such as corn will bring a better stamp of fish. In winter, good catches of roach can be taken on red maggot and pinkie with the odd bonus fish falling to corn.

Favoured Pegs By inlet pipe, off the slip and along the dam.

To Sampford Peverell

To Whitnage/Uplowman

Mallard Lake

At about one and quarter acres in size, Mallard Lake is the largest of the West Pitt lakes.

Species The predominant species is carp which run to 22lbs, with large numbers from 3lb-10lb. Catches over 200lbs are not unusual. Other species include tench to 5lbs, roach to 1lb 8oz and numerous rudd.

Depth Mallard is shallow around the island at 2-3 feet deep. The lake slopes off to deeper water at the dam end near the outlet where 9-11 feet can be found.

Method The most popular techniques are pole, waggler and feeder including the "method". Again, do not forget the margins and keep loose feeding accurate. Corn, meat, pellets and paste are all popular baits. Bread has proved effective both on or just below the surface or on the bottom.

Favoured Pegs The whole lake fishes well in the summer with the island and dam being popular, the deeper water near the outlet is favoured in winter when 70lb bags are not uncommon.

Willow Lake

Although only half an acre in size, Willow Lake should not be underestimated.

Species It holds carp to 15lbs, tench to 7lbs, crucian carp, perch to 2lbs with plenty of smaller rudd and perch to keep the novice angler happy.

Depth Average depth of 5ft.

Method Waggler and pole are the favoured methods, using corn, pellet, meat and bread to target bags of tench and crucians. Select and feed two areas, one close in, the other further out. If you are catching tench and crucians and it goes quiet it probably means that a carp has moved in. If your tackle is robust enough carry on feeding and you are likely to catch it but it will probably weigh in excess of 5lbs, if not switch to your second line. Bags made up of a dozen crucians with a similar number of tench are not uncommon. Floating baits such as bread and mixers can be used to target the carp during the warmer months with the evenings being a favourite time to use this exciting method.

Favoured Pegs Any of the corner pegs.

To Tiverton

To M5 J27

Cottages Entrance

Fishery Entrance

Farmyard Pond

Fishery Car Park

9'-11'

8'

2.5'

2'-3'

10'

5'-8'