

Tactical Briefing

RIVER ANCHOLME, BRIGG, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

DESCRIPTION. Controlled by Scunthorpe DAA this is only a small part of 17 miles of river on offer. Depths are mainly from 6-10 ft, the river normally having a very steady 'pull'. There is a real good head of roach to 1 lb, pike to 30 lb, tench and bream to 7 lb, perch to 5 lb 2 oz plus a very strong head of hybrids and skimmers.

TACTICS. For fine nets of roach, skimmers and hybrids float fish red maggot or fluoro pinkie over a dark coloured groundbait; hemp and tares can be lethal, at the right time, for roach. If bream are contacted switch to a small groundbait feeder with worm tipped with a maggot or a caster. Try pole fishing a segment of worm, over chopped worm, for perch, tench, odd skimmers and hybrids; tench can be caught to worm, caster or sweetcorn. Pike to lures, spinners or flies.

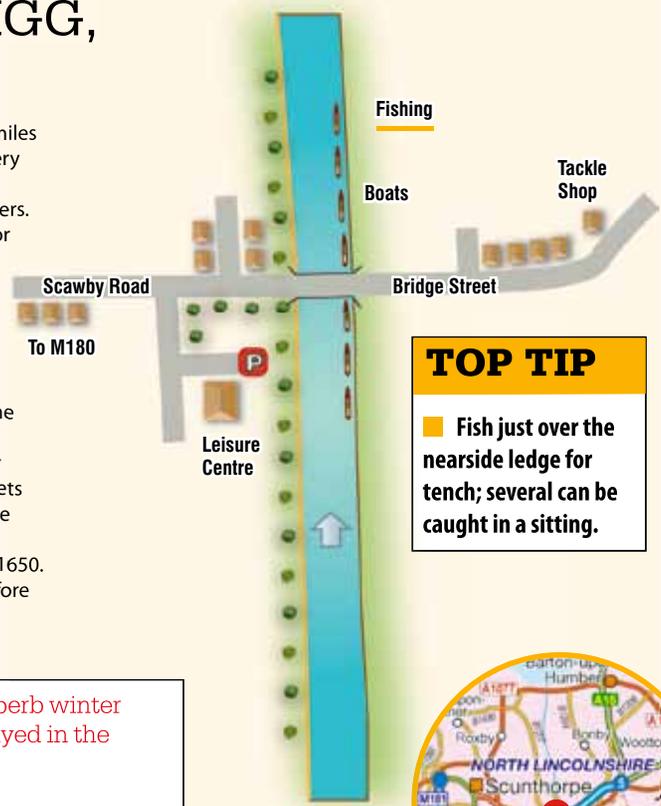
GOOD SWIMS. Try opposite the old wharf wall above the Leisure Centre or the point by the motorway bridge on the downstream section.

TICKETS. £3.50 per day, on the bank. Scunthorpe DAA membership is £17 for adults, concessions £8.50. Fishing dawn until dusk only. Food outlets and toilets nearby. Disabled access. Tel: 0771 774 8523. Anglian byelaws. Traditional Close Season.

LOCAL TACKLE SHOP. Brigg Angling, Brigg, DN20 8NW. Telephone 01652 651650.

LOCATION. Come off the M180 at J4 and take the A18 towards Brigg. Just before the river bridge turn right, then left, to the Leisure Centre car park.

SAT NAV. DN20 9JH (Leisure Centre).



TOP TIP

Fish just over the nearside ledge for tench; several can be caught in a sitting.

“The Ancholme around Brigg was, and still is, a superb winter fishery but over the last few years the fish have stayed in the Brigg area throughout the summer and autumn”.

Mike Storey, Scunthorpe DAA secretary.



Melissa Webb caught this perch - her first fish - on the Ancholme at Brigg.