

Colwick Fly Fishing Club & Nottinghamshire Salmon & Trout

Junior Day – 3rd October 2009



On a day when the forecast was gale force winds, 11 brave youngsters came to try their hand at Fly fishing at Colwick Country Park. Our coach for the day was Mick Huffer.

First the youngsters were told about safety while fly fishing, and then shown the basics of casting by Mick before having a go themselves while supervised by Mick and his team of helpers.

It was great to see how some of those who came to the first day had improved so much.

All had a go at fly tying and tied at least one themselves which they were then able to fish with.

After a break for BBQ lunch we gave the water a go, but the wind was so bad and we suffered many strong gale force gusts that it was a miracle that no one took a dip. Several hats did take to the water!

This made catching fish virtually impossible and casting was hard even for those more skilled. Sadly no fish were caught, though Freddie hooked one only to be snapped. He thinks this was probably because he did not keep his rod tip up and played the fish too hard.



Lee fished well, experimenting with his retrieve, and had great excitement seeing a fish follow only to swirl at the fly and turn away at the last minute. This was a large Brown Trout and certainly had Lee's blood going round a little faster on a cold day!

We hope to run more days next year and pray for better weather.



These very worthwhile events could not happen without the generous time given by those who come and help and the support of Colwick Country Park, CFFC, Notts Salmon & Trout Assoc. Nottingham County Council and St. John's Ambulance. To all, many thanks.

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