

2025 – Llyn Brenig Pre- Season Report

Waking up to a crisp frosty morning, with the sun peeking over the mountainous horizon, the sounds of spring dancing in the air, new life pushing its way out of the wintry earth, the kings of the moorland boxing for the right to sire the future generations, returning migrants of the air coming home after a winter in warmer climes and all seems well on our wonderful spinning planet..

It's that time of year again with the advent of Spring and warmer days ahead when, like those returning birds, the angler once again thinks about the new fishing season and returning to Llyn Brenig to pursue the ancient art of fly fishing. Over 4,440 fish have been released into the Brenig and 800 fish have been released into Llyn Aled in preparation for Opening Day which will be on Saturday March 15th.

This year, as you are probably aware, we are now stocking Llyn Aled instead of Llyn Alwen for course fishing using worm, spinner or fly. We are very optimistic that this change will be successful and will benefit the anglers.

The Winter has been much colder than the previous Winter and as such the metabolic rate of the fish in the cages has been slowed down considerably which has meant that their appetite has been reduced. Therefore, as a result, the fish haven't put as much weight on as those from last season when we were able to stock fish in excess of 4lbs. This year the average weight will be around the 3lb mark which, I'm sure you will appreciate, are fantastic fish. During the Winter the fish, because of the cold weather tend to reduce their intake of food and take on a self-preservation approach and as a result they tend to use their own body fat for energy. This means that they become very muscular, fit and lean and because of this we can expect to find the trout in full fighting mode when they are caught. So, you had best get down to the gym for a bit of weight training before the season gets in full swing.

The tagging of ten fish a week will continue this season with the names of those who have caught a tagged fish going into a prize draw at the end of the season. It will be the same prizes as last year, 1st prize will be £1000; 2nd prize will be a Season ticket and 3rd prize is a half season ticket. If you do catch a tagged fish make sure that you give your name, telephone number and the tag to the reception desk in the Visitors Centre or to a Ranger.

Fishing over the Winter months has gone well with some fine trout being caught. Only last week I was talking to Kyle Hutchinson and his dad Richard and Kyle was telling me about the 4lb trout that he had caught by the Visitors Centre point. The Pike fishing has also been very popular this Winter particularly at weekends and overnight, with some fantastic pike being caught with a number hitting the 25lbs mark.

We will be installing a new jetty at Llyn Brenig. Unfortunately, the new jetty has been delayed from the manufacturer so it will not be installed in time for opening day. We plan to begin the installation during the week commencing 17th March.

Please expect there to be some disruption during that week. This may include cancelling boats on one or more days. Bank fishing will not be affected.

If you do plan to take a boat during that week, please phone ahead on 01490 389222 or check our website at www.llynbrenig.com.

We look forward to welcoming all the anglers back to the Brenig and looking forward to a great season ahead.

The main gates will be shutting at 5.00pm this week and all boats need to be back on the jetty by 4.15pm.

Tight Lines-

Jim Jenkins – Seasonal Ranger

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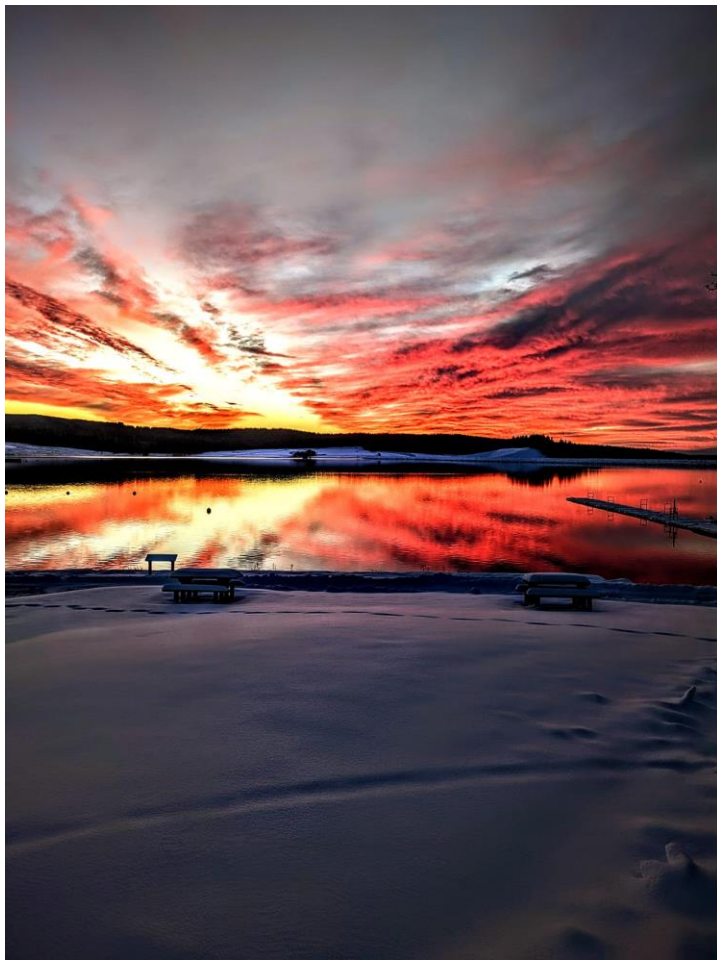


Some of the great pike fishing over the Winter.



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