



## Team Crafty Carper puts the stunning Crystal Waters Carp Fishery in France under the spotlight, where you can enjoy some excellent rod-wrenching action in beautiful and tranquil surroundings.

Located only a four-hour drive from Calais, in the serene Burgundy region of France, this is a beautiful 25-acre two-island lake, set on a 35-acre complex. There are just 16 swims on the lake, accommodating 10 anglers, so there is plenty of room. You won't have to worry about carrying all your equipment because you can drop off your gear at your swim. The swims are of very sturdy construction, whilst being left to look as natural as possible. Each and every swim is unique and the lake is full of features for you to angle to. Depths on the lake range from around 8ft down to 19ft, with an average depth of around 12ft. Features

on the lake include the two aforementioned islands, lily beds, lightly weeded areas, plus large gravelly areas. As for the carp, to say they are in abundance is an understatement, with a stocking of 5.5 tonnes and a lake record of 45lb 10oz! So, during your stay you may suffer from a severe lack of sleep because when the carp start having it your buzzers won't stop screaming! There are plenty of experienced bailiffs on hand around the lake to assist you during your stay should you need any help. The whole complex is completely fenced off and very secure, with 24-hour CCTV in place, to give you peace of mind.

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There is a great mixed stock, including chunky mirrors like this...



... scaly critters like this one...



... and whacking great commons like this one!



The bailiffs have handy quad bikes to deliver your tackle, and also your meals, if required, to your swim.



The swims are all well maintained and each one offers access to a good piece of water.



There are plenty of lumps like this to put a bend in your carbon!

**CRAFTY'S TIP**  
 The key at this venue is not to overcomplicate things. A good quality bait fished in conjunction with a simple, effective rig will stand you in good stead. There are plenty of features to find in the lake so make sure that you have your marker rod setup with you



The superb F1 style lodge is a great place to meet up for a meal and a chat with the other anglers.



Inside the lodge you will find catch pictures featuring many of the lakes resident monsters!



Whoa!

Fishery Fact File: Crystal Waters

**Tickets**

There are three packages available. On a Drive and Survive package you book your ferry, drive yourself to the venue, and cook your own food. Drive and Tucker is similar but all food is included. A Full Package is also available, which includes ferry, minibus to the lake, and food.

**Prices**

Drive and Survive – £275 per person per week; Drive and Tucker – £375 per person per week; the Full Package is £550 per person per week. There are also cheaper rates for children (under 12) and non-fishing partners.

**Facilities**

The facilities at Crystal Waters will ensure your stay is very comfortable. There is an F1 style lodge that houses a restaurant with English Sky TV. Other facilities include showers, toilets with changing rooms, use of a fridge and a freezer for bait, fresh drinking water, and mobile phone charging facilities.

**Main Rules**

No boats or inflatables (bait boats can be used); no swimming; no sacking; no particle; no fixed rigs (safety rigs only); no braid except marker/spod rod; no leadcore leaders; barbless hooks only; three rods per angler, minimum 15lb mono to be used; no fires.

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