

Fishing – Morton Fishery regularly boasts catches of fine specimens



Some of the 12 boats for hire at Morton Fishery near Livingston where big fish are regularly hooked. Pic by Nigel Duncan Media

Morton Fishery near Livingston (close to the Lizzie Brice Roundabout on the A71) provides sport for anglers from as far afield as Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The fishery, which is open seven days, regularly boasts catches of fine specimens of brown trout, rainbow trout and tiger trout.

Established in 1983 as a commercial still water, Morton Reservoir combines natural bays and contours providing exceptional conditions for a wide variety of insect life. It is renowned for its sedge flies.

Contact: John Mackay

Address: Morton Fishery, Morton Road, Mid Calder, Livingston EH53 0JT

T: 01506 883296 or 07904 657899

E: jmackayflies@aol.co.uk

<https://youtu.be/5AiD436fIWw>

Open: seven days

Times: 8am to sunset

Car park: for more than 40 vehicles

Species: brown trout, rainbow trout and tiger trout

Basic prices: cash and cheque, no card machine: day for one angler and boat and four fish £28; two angler boat and four

fish £54. Other prices are available on the website

Concessions: ten per cent reduction for pensioners on Tuesday and Wednesday

Age limit: none as long as child is with a responsible adult

Rod hire: yes

Catching method: fly only

Pegs: 40

Boats: 12 with oars but you can hire an outboard and battery for £10

Lifejackets: available in various sizes

Outings: costs available from John Mackay on 07904 657899 or jmackayflies@aol.co.uk

On-site food: snacks and chocolate

On-site fishing equipment: flies tied by John Mackay plus some fly tying equipment and a range of lines

Bothy: facilities include a microwave for heating up snacks

Toilet: yes

Coaching: available on request to John Mackay