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Denmark Fishing Guide



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The Danish Lakeland is less than 2 hours drive from the port of Esbjerg. We deem the area to cover Randers on the River Guden in the north to Horsens in the south. A compact area all within easy reach.

The centre of the region is dominated by the lakes at Silkeborg and the mid Guden. This area has some of the finest coarse fishing in Europe.



The Facts

Limited netting was carried out 7 years ago to eradicate the stunted smaller bream. This has had the effect of creating big shoals of quality bream with fish into double figures. There is also a good selection of smaller back-up bream in the 3 to 5 pound range and plenty of younger skimmers. The lakes at Viborg are still occasionally netted and this has no overall detriment to fishing. The best fishing is from late May into early October. June and August/September are prime times.

Weather

For the lakes to fish well for bream – you will always catch roach – you need dull light conditions and/or a reasonable breeze to create waves on the lakes. Mild weather also helps and with a sudden drop in water temperatures the bream switch off. The River Guden fishes well almost all the time for roach and rudd. The big bream shoals tend to live in opposite “slacks” and should be fished early and late in the day.

Feed

You DO NOT need to use much ground bait. A mix of 2/3rds brown 1/3rd white is ideal for plugging the feeder ends. That is all you will use it for. Particle, the critical ingredient. Forget the need for expensive casters, USE WHEAT, it is easy to transport and prepare and costs very little. It is as if not more than as effective as caster. Add sweetcorn and chopped worm to your feed.

Wheat

Buy from your local grain merchants. Ejergaard Farm also has stocks. Add a few double handfuls to a cooler box, cover with about 2/3 inches of boiling/hot water. Put the lid on and leave for 48 hours. You get the maximum size and best texture this way. You can pre cook, bag up and freeze if you want. Buy it, prepare it and use it liberally. We estimate a 20 kilo sack of wheat will cost around £30 and is equivalent in its cooked form to around £400 of casters. 2 anglers will use that volume in a week but you would never buy that amount of caster... WHICH MEANS MOST ANGLERS HAVE NOT BEEN USING ENOUGH PARTICLE.

Tackle

A feeder rod and a waggler/stick float rod. Keith uses a 16 foot rod specially built by his friend Terry Smith, a stalwart of Denmark with many 300lb bags to his name. Sidewinder very effective when feeder fishing. Big waggles and 7AAA stick floats. Bait tray with extendable legs (lakes), Bait tray for the river. Waders (preferably chest waders). You will invariably be in up to your knees on firm sandy bottoms.

License/Permits

Ejergaard Farm sells them for their clients. They can be purchased at the Silkeborg Tourist Office. The Silkeborg permit covers most of the lakes in the town and plenty of the River Guden. It is good value. Permits for Bygølm Lake at Horsens can be bought from the lakeside café. A good place for lunch or dinner after a days fishing.

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The Lakes

How We Feed: We put all our feed in by feeder. For accuracy use a line clip. That way you know your feed is going where your hookbait is going to go. Use a large feeder and get around 12 to 15 quick casts in, no bait on the hook – just get the particle into your swim.

Then start to fish, cast regularly, bites will dictate but never wait more than two minutes before recasting. You will get through a lot of particle but that is what is required. You may pick up a few perch and roach at first, then smaller bream. It should not be long before the big bream move in.

Where to fish: Fish come in close to the reed beds at night, they are never far away in the daytime. Fish in the gaps between the reed beds, you will stand on a firm sandy bottom up to your knees in water. Waders and a bait tray are essential items. We fish the feeder using a quiver-tip rod BUT using the SIDEWINDER bite indicator. This was originally designed by Terry Smith a notable angler who has enjoyed great success in Denmark. You are fishing directly at your feeder/bait with your rod tip under the water. You are not affected by waves or wind. Even the slightest bites are easy to read.

River Guden

The perfect stick float water, a nice flow, fairly shallow, clear water but with beds of streamer weed. A long rod is desired to fish into the middle of the river. A 7AAA stick is about right. Loose feed wheat and wheat or corn on a size 12. It should be a fish a cast. Keith often averages 20lb an hour on the stick. As we have mentioned, feeder fish the opposite “slacks” early and late for big bream. 10lb plus fish are to be caught in the Guden. Rudd to 3lb plus are there too. For the bream use worm or corn, Again pack your feeder with wheat.

