

A man is seen from behind, sitting in a boat on a lake at sunset. He is holding a fishing rod. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, and the water reflects the light. Several fishing rods are leaning against the boat.

THE STORY OF THE **ROAD LAKE**

Elliott Gray takes a close look at what you can expect from Danny Fairbrass' brand new French holiday destination...

Many of you may already be aware of Danny Fairbrass' new project, The Road Lake in France. With the fish in Gigantica stacking on the weight but avoiding capture for anything up to 3 years at a time the venue is slowly becoming one of the more challenging big fish venues in France. This isn't everyone's cup of tea and Dan has set his sights on creating a super prolific holiday carp fishing venue.

The Road Lake is going to be this venue and myself and Korda newbie, Tom Burns were lucky enough to go out and experience some of what the venue has to offer. We fished four nights whilst having plenty of other things to do during the days, and managed a good 25 Road Lake carp between us up to 34lbs.

The ultimate goal is to create a venue that not only allows you catch plenty of carp during your stay but we also want it to be relaxing and hassle free. The Road Lake will boast extremely comfortable gravel swims and access will be simple, just drive straight round to them. There will eventually be fully functional toilets and showers on site but in the mean time you will have the benefit of the Gigantica facilities just over the road.

This includes a large range of Korda tackle, cold drinks, Mainline bait, particles, pellet and bait storage. As it stands the toilets are manual flush and the showers not connected due to some unfortunate French red tape that has held things back.

This is a thing of the present though and before long The Road Lake facilities will be fully operational. Whilst the facilities are undergoing work you can of course make the 100 metre journey over to Gigantica main lake in order to keep clean.

Technically, the food package is not available for Road Lake visitors but there will be opportunities. The package is designed to feed 10 anglers per week from the main lake, however not everyone wants to be catered for so there will be spaces available. If you would like to try and secure some of the best holiday carp fishing grub known to man then simply ask about availability when booking your trip.

As far as the fishing goes, the carp simply love their food, feed them and you will catch them. During our stay we baited each night with pellet and boilies, which had the fish feeding all night and resulted in constant action. Both the boilie and the pellet is available on site but it is the pellet they love most.

The Road Lake carp are regularly fed the low oil pellet and it has become like a natural food for them. Priced at 50 euro's per 25 kilo sack it is a great way of baiting your swim. Each sack of pellet will allow you to spread your bait nicely and get them into a real feeding frenzy.

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Carp care kit is available, including nets, slings and mats.



Simple tactics will serve you well.

Simply spreading a few boilies over the top will then get them searching for your hookbait quicker, therefore enducing more bites. In a nut shell, arm yourself with plenty of pellet and particle, which is available on site and don't be shy of putting it in. Use these smaller food items to bring them down to feed and apply some boilies too, which will help you catch them quicker.

Your rigs can be kept nice and simple as there really is no need for anything too fancy. The carp have hardly been fished for and some of them are uncaught still, you just don't need to overcomplicate things. The fishing be very prolific so make sure you go prepared with plenty of rigs tied.

One of the original commons, they go like trains...



A weeks fishing on The Road Lake in 2012 is priced at £195 per angler to reflect the lack of functional facilities and the unknown stock. When facilities are fully functional and another 300 carp are stocked this November the price will increase to £295, so get in there early if you're after bargain.

During November of last year there was 270 carp between 14 and 30lb stocked into The Road Lake. There is estimated to have been a very similar number of original fish already present and these fish are of a similar size. The originals were stocked in 1994 so we are expecting a few surprises once the venue has been fished properly. So far the best catches have been 35 carp in 48 hours and 28 carp in 72 hours so the venue is proving to be very prolific. With more stockings planned this will only improve in the future with even greater catches firmly on the cards.



A cracking Gigantica stockie - the future looks very bright.

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