

River Wye Belmont Section

Peg by Peg Guide



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Introduction

By Popular demand I have put together my experience and the experience of other anglers fishing Belmont on the River Wye at Hereford. A breakdown of how too approach and fish each peg. Having fished this venue for over 50 years I believe I may help other anglers with my experiences (This is a guide only and each angler's skill and ability will determine his/her own catch result)

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This top peg comes off a run from a set of rapids the swim is fast and shallow, and can produce good weights of small chub and barbel. Either on a heavy Waggler, Loafer, [Balsa float](#). Or Feeder

The waggler would have plenty of weight down and over depth running it through tripping bottom and expect to catch small chub at first and then barbel. Loose feeding plenty of hemp and Caster using bronze maggot on the hook. If the conditions are cold and water is running clear I may start with Bread flake on the hook and orange size balls of breadcrumb 2/3 across for the first hour and still loose

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expect to catch on the feeder. Weights of over 50lb have been recorded here, most anglers will catch a barbel or two and pellet being the best bait. I fished this peg for 3 hours on the maggot feeder and caught nothing until I changed to halibut pellet and the swim came alive with barbel.

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Peg 32 – There are some resident Roach in this area as well as some large Perch on the inside. I did win a section in the winter

using a waggler down the middle of the River, catching 10lb of quality Roach, winning my section during a hard cold spell 2025

Pegs 34- Above the Pump house where bleak can become a nuisance when loose feeding, so a stiff molehill approach is advised, unless you set your stall out for bleak and in this case 20lb+ of them is on the cards. 3meter whip with a light but strong pole bristle pole float, 3lb line straight through, 16 long shank hook, threading the maggot on the hook. Target weight for bleak is 30-35 to the lb 900 bleak over 5 hours should give you 20lb+ I did catch 48lb of dace from this peg on an early season match 2026, fishing a flat float on the pole.

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Peg 40 - As the peg above although now a noted barbel peg. just above the old ferry. Winning weight from here include barbel caught on swimfeeder tactics, caster and pellet. Still good for dace inside and odd perch and roach show up. I would start on the feeder and feed close in with loose fed maggot and hemp. Introducing a tangerine size ball of molehill groundbait mix on the 7 meter pole line. Coming over it after 30 mins unless I start to catch barbel

Peg 42 - These swims have mixed bags, dace on the inside and barbel across. Worth a cast with the feeder across and if the barbel show then a match winning weight could easily be achieved. I would approach this swim the same as above

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Peg 47 - This is the first peg without access to the opposite bank therefore a good swim across the river that sometime in the past have caught Bream. There is a big tree trunk that has been cut back to access the swim. A good inside swim that holds Perch and Chub on the stick float.

Peg 48 - This peg is a long peg and noted for bags of dace. Start by balling in 10 balls of heavy mixed molehill, sweet groundbait and hemp, flattening the balls so that they don't roll out of the swim. Loose feeding red maggot over the top. Using the boly float trotting downstream until the fish come to the balls of groundbait. Might take up to 30 mins then swap for the pole to hand to speed up the catch rate. Target 30-40lb on a good day

Peg 49 – Another fair peg that can produce dace, roach and perch. Similar to the one above

Peg 50 - Just one above the old railway bridge opposite the railings. More perch to be caught here plus roach, however dace being the dominant species so using the methods above will produce a good weight. Roach come late close in.

Unfortunately, these pegs are doubled banked with the Railing pegs opposite therefore a feeder approach will compete with anglers opposite. A steady knob of groundbait on the stickfloat and pole to hand is the approach

Peg 52 - One above the Bridge where large perch live closer to the bridge and over hanging trees. Stick float trotting down loose feeding red maggot and chopped worm. Lob worm on the hook. I use an over shotted 6gram pole float with

a long rod to slowly inch down the bait in the swim. Holding back every few seconds will lift the worm off the bottom and this can produce bites from big 2lb+ perch. Lookout for chub and chublets too

Peg 54 – It was not used often in matches previously, due to the close proximity of the bridge above, and kids throwing stones. However, the swim here is shallower and therefore faster in nature, where bleak can be caught on the whip, plus dace on the boly. Small roach live here too, stick float best Target weight is double figures only. Barbel can be caught with the feeder by casting slightly up stream towards the buttress of the bridge.

Peg 55 - Roach sometimes show close in as well as the odd times out in the middle. Can not always compete with pegs below, however a good inside peg when the river

is up due to the bank cut away. Start by balling in a few orange size groundbait flattened balls and loose feed over the top, if the bleak arrive in number then go for them otherwise hope that the dace and roach come

Peg 56 - Top of the sport field below the old railway bridge. Start of the old good dace pegs, stick float approach to begin with then nailing the dace down with molehill and hemp mix pole to hand. Bleak around this area too. Big Perch and roach on the inside down towards the overhanging bush. To avoid bleak feed loose maggots away from your dace attack

Peg 57 - This is the Sunnyside of the river where I believe the temperature can warm the water up on a cold winter day. Always bring sun glasses when fishing this area. Can sometimes throw up a very good bag

of dace on the pole to hand, starts to shallow up further down the peg, as a rule the better peg is below. Close pegging.

Peg 58 - This peg becomes shallower than the others in the vicinity and the dace can accumulate here in large numbers. Pole to hand method is the winning tactic with weights exceeding 50lb possible. Because of the number of dace here they can be caught close in and sometimes off the bottom and on the drop. I would set up two pole rigs here, one at 7 meters and one at 4 meters trying to draw the fish in close

Peg 59 - Just coming out of the hot spot of dace fishing, yet I have known good weights of dace coming from this swim. Pole to hand and waggler up in the water down the middle of the river. Feeder down the middle can catch a few fish too, including odd barbel and chub. If the dace

don't arrive in numbers early I would attack the middle before the anglers opposite compete for the same fish

Peg 60 - This peg is a bit of anomaly due to its nature. Chub in the middle have been known to come and so have barbel and bream with a winning weight of over 60lb+ in the past. Nevertheless most times a struggle to put a decent catch together from this swim, I would try chopped worm on the bait dropper here looking for some big perch

Peg 61- 62 - Just above the Scout hut a long swim that has produced good weights of chub in the past. Fishing the bread can catch fish almost straight away but if the river is up then a close in approach is best. Mixed species of fish to be caught here including bleak

Peg 63 - Below the old cider out flow where large Perch can be caught on the worm, chopped worm with baitdropper, Red maggot a good bait too. Also large numbers of bleak to be caught on the whip.

Peg 64 - Same as the peg above. Huge amount of fish can be seen early morning topping in mid river, Dace, Roach, bleak etc.. Mixed tactics include Pole to hand for dace, Roach on the tip and stick float, Waggler down the middle and up in the water, also dragging bottom where Bream have been caught previously. This is where I made the pioneering article on pole fishing to hand in the Improve your Fishing Magazine back in 1989

Peg 65 - Last peg above the boat house and with no pegs below this can be a flyer. Same as above however bleak can

dominate anything you try so going all out for these fish can produce a large weight. There are large perch also to be taken on worm close in using baitdropper and pole tactics holding back

These pegs below are opposite the Rugby club and Boat house

Peg 72 - Not normally put in, however can produce small chub and roach not forgetting the Perch that live here, a very snaggy peg due to the amount of brambles and bushes that fall into this area. Good for bleak when river is up

Peg 74 - The first peg top of the railings opposite the ash path pegs. A noted Perch peg with weights of over 50lb caught in the past. Due to over hanging trees above a feature of cover. Worm attack is best holding back with flat float produces good

perch on denro or lob worms. Red maggot catches too. Also a good shoal of chubbllets to be caught on the wagg and stick

Peg 75 - The next best peg in this section with dace coming into the equation, with perch on the inside and dace on the pole line this can be a good peg. Hadrian Whittle (Hereford) has drawn this peg twice in the Wye Championships and caught 37lb and 30lb respectively. Also Chubbllets to be caught on the waggler and stick

Peg 76 - Known to hold bream which can be caught when the river is up and coloured on the pole or swimfeeder. However not normally a good peg in the section, can produce winning weights of bleak when the river is running very high as the water backs up due to the bushes.

Peg 78 - Same as above however as the end peg in this section and not the best of the railing pegs but best when the river is low and trotting down to the railway bridge for perch or very good when the river is high. I have known huge bags of chublets from this swim in years gone by Lee Woodhouse catching 120lb in one match. Barbel also live here although very seldom caught

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Peg 80 - Similar to the one above but with more dace, fishing pole to hand, large pike in this area. Over hanging tree below so hard to trot a long swim. A link down the swim produces good roach and odd chub. New wooden stage in place

Peg 81 - A nice swim with roach that live here to be caught close in on the stickfloat. A new wooden platform for comfort and safety. A large over hanging tree below the swim, and a good cover for chub and chublets. Dace and perch to be caught here too.

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Peg 48 - This peg is a long peg and noted for bags of dace. Start by balling in 10 balls of heavy mixed molehill, sweet groundbait and hemp, flattening the balls so that they don't roll out of the swim. Loose feeding red maggot over the top. Using the boly float trotting down stream untill the fish come to the balls of groundbait. Might take up to 30 mins then swap for the pole to hand to speed up the catch rate. Target 30-40lb on a good day

Peg 50 - Just one above the old railway bridge opposite the railings. More perch to be caught here plus roach, however dace being the dominant species so using the methods above will produce a good weight. Roach come late close in. Unfortunately these pegs are doubled banked with the Railing pegs opposite therefore a feeder approach will compete with anglers opposite. A steady knob of groundbait on the stickfloat and pole to hand is the approach

Peg 52 - One above the Bridge where large perch live closer to the bridge and over hanging trees. Stick float trotting down loose feeding red maggot and chopped worm. Lob worm on the hook. I use an over shotted 6gram pole float with a long rod to slowly inch down the bait in the swim. Holding back every few seconds will lift the worm off the bottom and this can produce bites from big 2lb+ perch. Lookout for chub and chublets too

Peg 54 - Not used often in matches due to the close proximity of the bridge and kids throwing stones. However the swim here is shallower and therefore faster in nature, where bleak can be caught on the whip, plus dace on the boly. Small roach live here too, stick float best Target weight is double figures only. Barbel can be caught with the feeder by casting slightly up stream towards the buttress of the bridge.

Peg 55 - Roach sometimes show close in as well as the odd times out in the middle. Can not always compete with pegs below, however a good inside peg when the river is up due to the bank cut away. Start by balling in a few orange size groundbait flattened balls and loose feed over the top, if the bleak arrive in number then

go for them otherwise hope that the dace and roach come

Peg 56 - Top of the sport field below the old railway bridge. Start of the old good dace pegs, stick float approach to begin with then nailing the dace down with molehill and hemp mix pole to hand. Bleak around this area too. Big Perch and roach on the inside down towards the over hanging bush. To avoid bleak feed loose maggots away from your dace attack

Peg 57 - This is the sunnyside of the river where I believe the temperature can warm the water up on a cold winter day. Always bring sun glasses when fishing this area. Can sometimes throw up a very good bag of dace on the pole to hand, starts to shallow up further down the peg, as a rule the better peg is below. Close pegging.

Peg 58 - This peg becomes shallower than the others in the vicinity and the dace can accumulate here in large numbers. Pole to hand method is the winning tactic with weights exceeding 50lb possible. Because of the number of dace here they can be caught close in and sometimes off the bottom and on the drop. I would set up two pole rigs here, one at 7 meters

and one at 4 meters trying to draw the fish in close

Peg 59 - Just coming out of the hot spot of dace fishing, yet I have known good weights of dace coming from this swim. Pole to hand and waggler up in the water down the middle of the river. Feeder down the middle can catch a few fish too, including odd barbel and chub. If the dace don't arrive in numbers early I would attack the middle before the anglers opposite compete for the same fish

Peg 60 - This peg is a bit of anomaly due to its nature. Chub in the middle have been known to come and so have barbel and bream with a winning weight of over 60lb+ in the past. Nevertheless most times a struggle to put a decent catch together from this swim, I would try chopped worm on the bait dropper here looking for some big perch

Peg 61- 62 - Just above the Scout hut a long swim that has produced good weights of chub in the past. Fishing the bread can catch fish almost straight away but if the river is up then a close in approach is best. Mixed species of fish to be caught here including bleak

Peg 63 - Below the old cider out flow where large Perch can be caught on the worm, chopped worm with baitdropper, Red maggot a good bait too. Also large numbers of bleak to be caught on the whip.

Peg 64 - Same as the peg above. Huge amount of fish can be seen early morning topping in mid river, Dace, Roach, bleak etc.. Mixed tactics include Pole to hand for dace, Roach on the tip and stick float, Wagglers down the middle and up in the water, also dragging bottom where Bream have been caught previously. This is where I made the pioneering article on pole fishing to hand in the Improve your Fishing Magazine back in 1989

Peg 65 - Last peg above the boat house and with no pegs below this can be a flyer. Same as above however bleak can dominate anything you try so going all out for these fish can produce a large weight. There are large perch also to be taken on worm close in using baitdropper and pole tactics holding back

These pegs below are opposite the Rugby club and Boat house

Peg 72 - Not normally put in, however can produce small chub and roach not forgetting the Perch that live here, a very snaggy peg due to the amount of brambles and bushes that fall into this area. Good for bleak when river is up

Peg 74 - The first peg top of the railings opposite the ash path pegs. A noted Perch peg with weights of over 50lb caught in the past. Due to over hanging trees above a feature of cover. Worm attack is best holding back with flat float produces good perch on denro or lob worms. Red maggot catches too. Also a good shoal of chublets to be caught on the wagg and stick

Peg 75 - The next best peg in this section with dace coming into the equation, with perch on the inside and dace on the pole line this can be a good peg. Hadrian Whittle (Hereford) has drawn this peg twice in the Wye Championships and caught 37lb and 30lb respectively. Also Chublets to be caught on the waggler and stick

Peg 76 - Known to hold bream which can be caught when the river is up and coloured on the pole or swimfeeder. However not normally a

good peg in the section, can produce winning weights of bleak when the river is running very high as the water backs up due to the bushes.

Peg 78 - Same as above however as the end peg in this section and not the best of the railing pegs but best when the river is low and trotting down to the railway bridge for perch or very good when the river is high. I have known huge bags of chublets from this swim in years gone by Lee Woodhouse catching 120lb in one match. Barbel also live here although very seldom caught

Peg 79 - One below the railway bridge. Good for perch, very snaggy close in below the bush, with dace and roach on the pole float held back so not to snag when trotting down. Good peg for section points in matches. Very good for bleak when river is up and coloured. New wooden stage in place

Peg 80 - Similar to the one above but with more dace, fishing pole to hand, large pike in this area. Over hanging tree below so hard to trot a long swim. A link down the swim produces good roach and odd chub. New wooden stage in place

Peg 81 - A nice swim with roach that live here to be caught close in on the stickfloat. A new wooden platform for comfort and safety. A large over hanging tree below the swim good cover for chub and chublets. Dace and perch to be caught here too.



Looking downstream from pegs 82-83

Peg 82 - 83 - These few swims have no trees or bush cover nevertheless when the roach and dace are feeding these swims can be very good. Fishing the boly or large stick two rods out knobs of molehill and hemp. Dace and chub can be caught on the maggot in the middle. Fishing stands are currently being erected for comfort and safety. Odd barbel can be caught here

Peg 84 -85- 86 - With tree cover these swims can produce most times, perhaps not competing with some swims in the section yet giving the angler a good day fishing, catching a mixed bag of dace, roach, odd big chub and perch. Also, bleak to be caught on a hard day. Stick float Boly or Avon float. These pegs have had a makeover by the Hereford A/C and have constructed fishing stands for comfortable fishing and safety

Peg 87 - One of my favourite pegs having won a section here with 48lb of mixed roach, chub and dace. A wooden stand has been constructed here

Peg 88 – No Wooden stand on this peg. Just above the water gauge. You would need to be careful when fishing this swim It can produce good bags of roach when they come into this part of the river, fishing the stick and boly under the rod tip, and with the swim feeder also producing some unexpected weights of bream, barbel and chub Also a good Perch area in the winter

Peg 90 - Opposite the Boat House these swims can produce good weights of chub down the middle on the bread or bunches of maggot and caster. Using a 6 swan Chubber Loafer or 8 gram Boly float with

knobs of Brown crumb or sticky maggot with fine gravel to help it sink fast. I caught 36lb of Chub on the bread flake in one match from here



Peg 91 - Caught when the river was up and coloured, down the side straight lead,

luncheon meat 15lb 6oz 3rd in match, normally very good for roach on the boly or avon float down the middle.

Peg 92 - One of the best lower pegs and a good Roach area when the species migrate into the area, normally as the winter gets colder. Also good chub to be caught either inside or down the middle. Large stick float 6-8 bb strung down the line. Little blocked maggot feeder works well too

Peg 93. This swim on occasions can fish exceptionally well. The swim shallows up just in front of the wooden stand, and is known to be snaggy. Personally I prefer the swims below.

Peg 94 - Just above the Belmont road bridge, good for roach and dace, Large stick float holding back three rods out just under the shadow of the bridge the river shallows up but good for odd chub. Another winning tactic is a 4oz feeder

across the river for chub, maggot or caster, bow in the line for drop back bites. Some snaggs here

Peg 95 - Under the bridge, easy comfortable cement peg but usually with a howling downstream wind caused by the Motorway Bridge funnel. Good for chub and roach, with river shallowing up there are two depths to fish under the rod tip, plumb up before fishing, some snaggs to avoid due to shopping trolley paradise. Chub to be caught across on the bread too or maggot feeder. I Caught 42lb of roach here on the stick float one match when they migrated into the area. In 2025 I caught 98lb of chub down the middle with a 10 gram boly float and triple maggot as bait

Peg 96 - A flyer most days and possibly the best peg on the river. It is an end peg, with a large head of chub to be caught on the waggler mid to far bank. Start with the

bread flake across before switching to the maggot and caster. Swimfeeder works well across, also a stick trotted down to the old Belmont Bridge works well. Roach and dace here too. There is a huge shoal of resident Barbel and Chub below the bridge that can't be accessed, so plenty of feed to bring them up

Tennis Courts Section

Peg 97 – Not always the best draw and most people struggle, however there are some barbel to be caught across in the fast water. When the water is up it can be a good peg for dace, Roach and Perch on the inside.

Peg 98 – Slightly better than the one above. This peg can be good on its day early on in the season when the fish start to come up from the lower sections, as they migrate into the town stretch. I did

catch 99lb one year using a small stick float just a rid length out/

100 - On its day these pegs can catch good bags of Dace and Chub. Wagglers down the middle caster and maggot. Big Barbel some doubles can be caught on the feeder across. Halibut pellet is recommended. Odd Carp around this area too. When the river is up a few feet big chub can be caught close in on the stick and straight lead. I weighed in 20lb 8oz one season with two barbel and three grayling on the waggler when the river was low and clear

Peg 101 - Last but one peg in the section, a noted flyer with many big weights coming on the feeder and chubber across there are large stones in the swim that appear when the river is low, a good natural feature. With a 50yard chuck down river there is a foot bridge that hold a large shoal of small barbel. I caught them late one year by casting down stream after a

slow start in front of me. Coming 4th in a winter league series 26lb+ Also winning a winter league in 2013 with 45lb of chub on my [half barrel chub float](#) using the bread flake

Peg 102 - This peg is an out and out flyer the last one above the foot bridge. A good stick float peg that runs off to the bridge, that hold a large shoal of chub and barbel. Strong waggler rod open end reel straight through 4lb line 6bb stick float loose feed 6 pints of bronze maggot.

(All pegs numbers are correct as I write this however the match organizer may change numbers at any time)