

Further fishing locations found in Castilla La Mancha

Embalse de Entrepeñas, (carp). U.K. angler Peter McEntire visited this lake in 2013. 'My fishing trip was meant to be a couple of peaceful days before returning to Madrid, however my experience proved to be quite the opposite.

The man-made lake was recommended to me by a Spaniard who fished there before. He told me it was a good place to catch large carp. I was there for 2 days in September. I don't claim to be the best carp fisherman ever but I have caught carp to 25lbs in Spain before.

Like many of these reservoirs it is massive. In a lot of places (especially where the apartment was) the banks are very steep and as I was on my own I had of course to take the risk factors into consideration because I was fishing alone. On my first day I was in an unsuitable location as there were too many boats and generally too much noise.

On the second day I travelled further by foot for about 30 mins to a much quieter location. But despite putting in maximum effort and staying until it was dark unfortunately I blanked again.

When I returned home I contacted the guy that recommended the lake to me and it seems I should have been fishing on the part of the reservoir where the river is: if only I had asked him exactly where I needed to fish?

I realise that fishing is not always the same as catching fish and perhaps I made it hard for myself. I never had a chance to pre-bait, something that has worked well for me in the past. I only took one take apart rod and basic tackle that I could fit into a standard suitcase.

In reality my 2 days there were meant to be taster for spending a week or so there some other time. I wish I had done a bit more research beforehand. Perhaps the best way for me to think about it is that it was a learning exercise. Anyway I take away some positives and at least the weather was nice.

Regarding the license I never really got to the bottom of whether you can buy it on-line, as in Catalonia. In my opinion it's best to collect the licence yourself from the local *Medio Ambiente* office, however I was arriving on Saturday and leaving for Madrid the following Tuesday which didn't leave me much time. A

Spanish friend bought it on my behalf and I was able to collect it from a bar on the way back to my accommodation.

Directions: Just in case you decide to go there (or someone else asks for your advice) you can access the reservoir relatively safely beside the Repsol service station at Sacerdon. Warning: It is not advisable to take a non 4 wheel drive further as the dirt track on this side of the reservoir is very much unmade and littered with deep potholes.'



Map showing location for Embalse de Entrepeñas

El Tablazo, Reserva de Pesca, Río Júcar, Cuenca (trout to 4kg). Stock lake covering 8,000 square metres. Located next to a hotel. Any type of angling is allowed, including baits and floats. It's a great place to practise fly-fishing because of the varied conditions the lake offers. A river enters via a waterfall at one end of the lake and flows out the other end. Three floating barrages are

provided for anglers as well as a central island for casting into the current. There are deep holes and weedy zones. Orange streamers work well here.

This popular angling location is best visited during the week to avoid crowds. October through March there are far less visitors about but the centre is open only at weekends. Catching a large tagged trout that the authorities stock at the lake during low season will secure a prize e.g. one day's free angling. Good luck!

Two-tier system: Pesca con muerte – 13 euros per day including first kilo of trout caught, thereafter 4.8 euros for every extra kilo of trout killed. Or Pesca sin muerte – 17 euros per day.

Directions: The city of Cuenca is 200km west of Valencia and 160km east of Madrid. From Cuenca head north 20km on CM2105 to Villalba de la Sierra. Address: El Tablazo, Camino de la Noria, s/n, Villalba de la Sierra (Cuenca). Tel/fax: 969 281 488.

Purchase your trout licence at: Delegación Provincial de Medio Ambiente in Cuenca, tel: 969 178 300. Minimum age is 14, minors up to 18 must seek permission from an adult. Over-65s qualify for a free licence.

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