

CATCH: Chiang mai fishing report.

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Dream lake fishing resort in Chiang mai Thailand continues to push the boundaries of fishing. This medium sized lake just out of the centre of Chiang Mai has basically got the perfect name, for it is a "Dream Lake". With over 25 species of fish in its depths it made for a very exciting few days bait and lure fishing.

A few days staying at Dream lake fishing resort, is truly an experience for a dedicated angler. There is something for everyone here, novices, experts, lure fishermen, fly anglers, carp heads, pussy lovers and predator hunters.

If you are a thinking angler who likes the more pro active approach on your fishing holiday then a stop off at Dream lake fishing resort in Chiang Mai should be top of your schedule.

Because lure fishing is allowed at Dreamlake resort it gave me the chance to be one of the first anglers to test a new Lure called the Mango Jack, hand made in Chiang mai Thailand. This Jigging bait lure has a great action and can be retrieved slow or fast at what ever is the required depth. Fishing around the margins of Dreamlake produced a nice 1.5KG Striped Snakehead and a juvenile Peacock bass in the space of 30 minutes.

If you wish to fish alone using your own tackles, baits and ideas then you will be 100% happy here, the quiet relaxed atmosphere is only broken when your reel starts screaming and waters churning from the fighting fish. You are open to use any tactics you wish, you can fish with floats, ledgers/sinkers, lures and also flies.

If you are less experienced or just want to join in with the great friendly atmosphere then you will also be at home, there are always local Thai anglers around who are quite happy to share their knowledge, tackle, baits, beer (if your very lucky) and banter with visiting foreigners.

All around, the atmosphere is pure fishing, but if you do wish to forget about the aquatic surroundings for a while your Bungalow comes equipped with a DVD/VCD/Mp3 player and there is a wide range of movies to choose from at the clubhouse.

I especially enjoyed sitting on my balcony into the early hours of the morning listening to some music and relaxing in the cool night air with an iced beer waiting for that line to be striped from my reel.

The lake is about 200meters square and ranges upto 7 meters deep in the middle. You can cast from all the way around the perimeter, including your own Bungalows fishing platform 24 hours a day.

For the early birds then the morning session will be the best and for those who prefer to fish on into the night there are also great possibilities as the big predators start their hunting activities.

I fit into the latter category (The night owls) and had my best catches late at night. I found myself fishing next to some local men who were obviously very experienced at all types of fishing. These guys helped me net my best catch of a 25KG Arapaima gigas and also showed me some great new rigs to test when I got back home.

I cant wait for my next trip up to Chiang Mai for some more great fishing fun in Thailand at Dream Lake fishing resort.

More info about fishing in Chiang mai at www.dreamlake-fishing.com