Section 3

River starts to shallow as you go upstream on this section. All swims have platforms.

Dominant species are roach, skimmers and perch, with some large chub.



Section 3 marks the transition from the deep, slow lower river to the shallower middle reaches of the Bristol Avon. It's a popular stretch because it offers consistent sport with silver fish and quality chub, and every peg has a platform.

What you can catch

The club describes the main species in Section 3 as:
Roach, Skimmer bream, Perch, Chub, including some large specimens

The river gradually becomes shallower as you move upstream, giving you a mix of steady glides and livelier water.

Best tactics

Roach

This is the species most anglers target here.

- Fish a waggler or stick float if there's enough flow.
- Pole fishing
- Best baits:
    - Maggots
    - Casters
    - Hemp and tares
- Feed a dozen maggots every cast or two to keep fish in the swim.

Skimmers

If you're catching small bream:

- Use a small open-end feeder.
- Feed groundbait mixed with dead maggots.
- Hook baits:
    - Single or double maggot
    - Sweetcorn
    - Small piece of worm

Perch

Look for:

- Overhanging bushes
- Creases in the flow
- Slightly deeper holes

Best baits:

- Lobworm
- Red maggots
- Small prawns (where permitted)

Chub

The larger chub often sit close to cover.
Try fishing:

- Bread flake
- Cheese paste
- Luncheon meat
- Lobworm

Cast tight to overhanging trees, reed beds or undercut banks, especially early and late in the day.