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Everything you need to know

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Welcome to the complete guide to magnet fishing.

In this guide i will be covering everything you need to know to start magnet fishing from what magnets and rope to buy to where to fish and how to increase your chances of finding treasure.

LETS GET STARTED!

Hey everyone Gareth here, welcome and thank you for taking the time to download this FREE PDF guide, if you are interested in magnet fishing but have not come across my YouTube channel DRASTICG feel free to head over and check out the amazing things i have found from a sub machine gun in London to safes and a whole load more.

I have been magnet fishing for a while now and i have had my fair share of ups and downs, i have been ripped of by buying cheap magnets from the internet so i have been doing a lot of tests/research lately to make sure the magnet sellers i recommend are genuine and will not rip us off.

I also run a facebook group called Northwest Magnet Fishing and everyone is welcome to join, we post all our recent finds and answer all the frequent questions like...

What magnet to buy?
What rope to use?
Magnet fishing laws?
where to magnet fish?
Etc

So Grab a coffee, relax and enjoy the read.



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EVOLUTION

WHICH MAGNET SHOULD I BUY?

Single sided or Double sided?

So depending on your budget and how you fish will determine the magnet you need to buy and possibly affect the amount of items you will find.

Since magnet fishing has become more popular due to the media coverage and all the amazing things people have been finding, more and more companies have started selling magnets especially on eBay and amazon which can be like playing the lottery as some sellers are selling under powered magnets or even inflating the prices by as much as 1000%

I personally have made mistakes after seeing very cheap magnets for sale and ive rushed into buying them only to discover that the magnets are tiny, the picture was of a big magnet but in the description it mentioned its true size so please double check the descriptions.

So later on in the guide i will recommend magnets i have bought and tested so you can see what i have been using them and which sellers are genuine and have good feedback.

TWO MAIN TYPES OF MAGNETS

There are two main shapes of magnets that are used in magnet fishing, single sided magnets and the double sided magnets. The two materials magnets are made from are ferite and neodymium.

Ferite magnets are the cheapest out of the two and the material is grey in colour, very fragile and can easily crack. They are bigger in size compared to neodymium magnets but a lot weaker.

Neodymium magnets are far superior in power, silver/chrome in colour and are smaller in size compared to ferite magnets.

Dont waste your money and time using ferite magnets and i have a saying "buy cheap buy twice".

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SINGLE OR DOUBLE SIDED

Singles are good for dabbing up and down (vertical) from canal edges, boat jettys and anywhere of bridges. As magnets are there strongest lifting vertical upwards single sided magnets out performs when they come to lifting power.

Only down side is if you cast them out and pull the magnet back in the single magnets tilt onto their side which isnt very magnetic and you have a high chance of missing items further out into the water.

Double sided magnets have the advantage of having a magnet surface on both sides so when you cast the magnet out into the water and then drag it back in at least one side will drag flat to the bottom or the river and will have a higher chance of picking up metallic items, I find 95% of my finds with the double sided magnet.

The only down side is when you are lifting heavy items out of the water the side magnets are not lifting vertical so some items can slide off and thats why i use a single and a double magnet as they both have pros and cons.

MAGNET STRENGTH

So magnets are measured in kg/lb pull vertically, They are tested in factory's on clean, thick steel so bare in mind if your lifting rusty and muddy items the magnet may struggle to lift it and thats why you should buy the strongest magnet you can afford.

At first when you see a magnet listed on a website and see a size like 65kg, 200kg, 400kg lift is easy to imagine the magnet will be massive to be able to lift that kind of weight but they are not, the 65kg magnets are tiny in size and most magnets will not even lift half there optimal lift strength due to most items are dirty and thin steel.

Below are some magnets i use and recommend I have found some amazing finds like a crossbow, sub machine gun , safes etc using these neodymium magnets.

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400kg (200kg each side)
Double sided magnet
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200kg double sided
My Recommended
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520kg single sided
monster magnet
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WHAT ROPE SHOULD YOU USE ?

There are a few things to consider when choosing what rope to use for magnet fishing like your magnet size, budget, thickness of rope and material its made from.

An important thing to check before you buy your rope is the breaking strength, it needs to be higher than the strength of the magnet because you dont want the rope to snap and you loose your magnet,

eg. rope break strength 300kg / magnet strength 200kg pull = ok

The next thing to consider is the thickness of the rope, the stronger your magnet the thicker you would want your rope and thats because if your lifting heavy items from the water thin rope would dig into your hands.

If your magnet is small in size the thickness is less important so 6 mm thickness is fine but if your magnet is 200kg or higher you will find 8 mm thickness or higher the most comfortable.

I have in the past used para cord which is strong , cheap but thin so i doubled it up and the double thickness was more comfortable.

The material the rope is made from is very important to as some rope on the market is not fit for purpose so the one to avoid is blackspur and other similar ropes that look like climbing rope but when you feel the rope its very spongy and stretchy.

Twisted polypropylene rope is inexpensive and strong but the only downside is when your lifting heavy items out of the water the rope can dig into your hands.

Para cord is inexpensive and very strong but it is thin which isnt a problem if the magnet is small, Para cord can be bought in different thicknesses so bare that in mind if you have a magnet bigger than 200kg or higher.

The best by far is climbing rope which is super strong and reliable but the only downside to this is the cost, they are thick so they are comfortable when lifting heavy items from the water.

Marine grade rope is also worth considering as it is designed to be used in water and are generally very strong.

WHAT ROPE SHOULD YOU USE ?



550 paracord 100ft
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8mm poly rope
30m Buy [HERE](#)



Climbing rope your choice of
length and thickness
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WHAT KNOT TO TIE ?

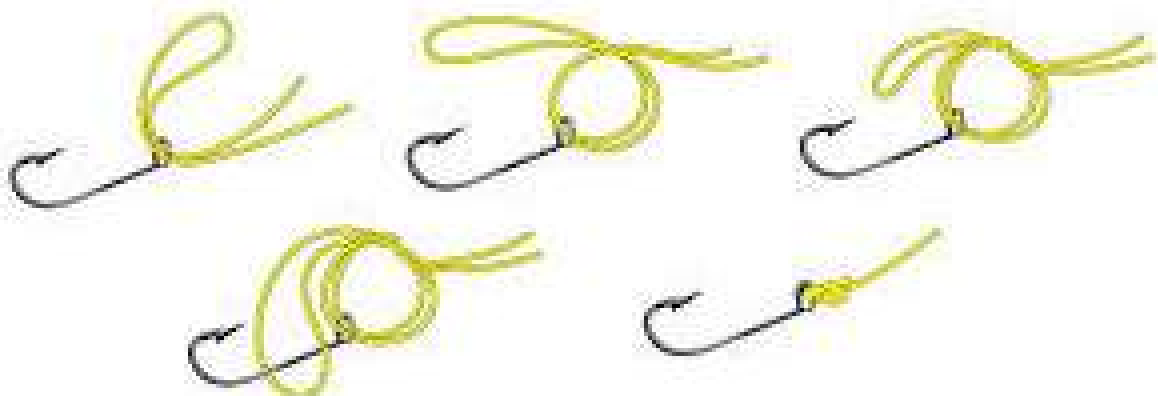
Knots are another important thing to consider when starting magnet fishing, imagine you have gone to the hard work of reading this guide, chosen the size of the magnet you want and waited a day or so for it to be delivered and first time you go out you find something big and heavy so you pull your hardest and it becomes free so you pull in your rope to discover the magnet is no longer there, the knot has come loose!.

There are 100s of knots to choose from and most have specific uses but what if your not familiar with knots? I have chosen two of the most popular ways to tie a strong knot that will now come loose.

First is the palomar knot which is the easiest knot to tie and also the one i have used and its never come loose, i have video tutorials on my DRASTICG YouTube channel [HERE](#) that shows you step by step how to tie it.

The other is the hangman's noose which again i have made a tutorial video on this and its another super strong knot that will not come loose.

The Palomar Knot



WHERE TO MAGNET FISH ?

So the best areas for me personally have been around bridges, to the sides and underneath and this is because as you can imagine if someone is in a hurry to dump something then throwing it off a bridge is the easiest option. Other things to consider is the busier the area the more things you will find due to the amount of people walking over the bridges.

Local knowledge is also a great thing as the local people will know the areas past so its worth having a friendly chat with passers by if they show an interest in what we are doing.

If its an area ive never been to i will check on google maps for local rivers and canals, see where the bridges are and if the areas are heavily populated with houses etc then try them areas first and then work along the waters to the next bridge and so on.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE RUBBISH YOU FIND?

A very important thing we all need to do is remove all our rubbish that we pull out of the water, small stuff can be bagged up and put into the bins as long as its not to big or heavy, the bigger stuff can be collected by the local scrap men from the area you are in and a quick look on google will give you their number. Its a good idea to ring them in advance to make sure they will be available to pick the scrap up at the end of the day. As a last resort you can ring or email the canal and river trust to collect it

MAGNET FISHING LAWS ?

So the canal and river trust run 70% of the UK inland waterways and they have a very old by-law 41 which states "No person unless authorized by the board in that behalf or otherwise legally entitled to do shall: Dredge or remove coal or other material from the canal"

They say that the first offence is a warning and the second will be a 25 pound fine but no one to date of this being published has ever received a fine.

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR FINDS ?

The easiest way to clean your finds depending how badly corroded they are would be to use a power washer with a stiff brush but for more rusty items HARPIC MAX POWER bleach in the black bottle is amazing at removing rust, just soak in for 24hrs and scrub it with a brush every now and then and the rust will come away nicely but do it in a well ventilated area like outside as the fumes can be hazardous.

For a more aggressive clean there is a process called electrolysis, this process requires a few things like a power supply and a few other things but the internet has loads of tutorials on the best way to do this.

EXTRA EQUIPMENT TO USE?

I would always recommend getting a grappling hook, no its not to scale a wall to my next magnet fishing spot but to pull out all the big items out that litter the water like shopping trolleys, fences and even motorbike, it makes life a lot easier.

Next is a cable tidy, i used to just have my rope stuffed into my kit bag but i soon got fed up of untangling the rope every time i went to use it so a simple cable tidy is a cheap and effective way to keep organised.

Buckets and old plastic containers are perfect for carrying all your kit around and also has the benefit of being able to keep all your little bits of treasure in.

Another important thing i always have on me is waterproof rubber gloves, the kitchen cleaning ones are great at keeping your hands clean and dry, others are available but waterproof gloves are a must.

A little hack my friend Alex shown me was to use a car ice scraper to scrape off all the little sharp bits of rubbish off my magnet instead of using my hands, thanks Alex.

Thread lock or loctite is super important to have and its used to stop the eyelet unscrewing from the magnet bod, before you use your magnet for the first time unscrew the eyelet from the magnet, squirt loctite onto the thread and then screw the eyelet back into the magnet and leave for 24hrs.

I will link to some of these extra bits of kit on the next page.

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Rope Tidy
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Ice scraper
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SOCIAL GROUPS

Its always fun to share what we have found with people with similar interests so id recommend joining some Facebook groups, i run a Facebook group called NORTHWEST MAGNET FISHING and feel free to post pictures of the amazing things you find as well as ask for advice or even arrange to meet up to fish.

I always document my magnet fishing on video then once ive edited the video i then upload it to my YouTube channel DRASTICG.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q what size magnet do you recommend?.

A Biggest neodymium magnet you can afford, preferably 200kg double sided magnet.

Q Do magnets loose power?.

A yes they do but not suddenly, mine is a year old and still going strong.

Q Is it illegal to magnet fish?.

A no its not illegal but the canal and river trust dont condone it.

Q Where do you recommend to magnet fish?.

A Anywhere where there is water its worth a try, you never know whats in the waters.

Any other questions email me at drasticg01@gmail.com

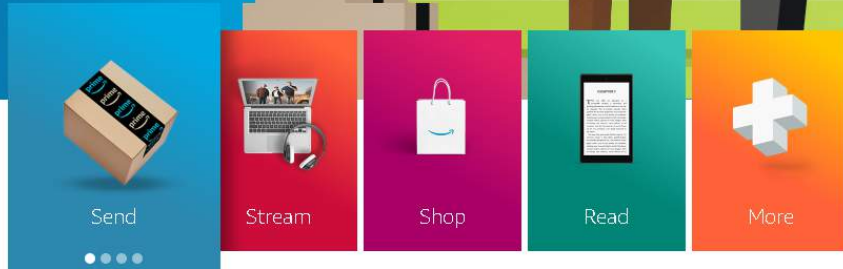
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