

Goose ringing... what's that?

An early start at the equipment stores followed by boats, paddles, buoyancy aids and people being counted & loaded into cars and off to Llangorse lake. Sounds like a standard club trip so far...

A few experienced goose herders tried explaining the methods to the novices, apparently an advanced party cross the lake get the roosting geese moving then the rest surround the group and slowly move the geese towards the pens. Sounds quite straight forward however the strong winds looked like making paddling a bit of a challenge.



The wind was very strong with breaking waves on the lake, the main group sheltered behind the island while the others crossed the lake.



We set off down the lake into position ready for the geese.



Surrounding the geese and herding them towards the pens. A few made a break for freedom especially when the swans got involved.



Once in the pens we headed back to the harbour, off the water & packed up. Then it was off to the pens to watch the ringing, weighing and releasing of the geese, some of our more adventurous members got involved carrying the geese even after a few bites!



The rings are used in order to monitor the population of the Canadian geese during their migration.

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