



With the back of the rod taken care of we need now to look at the front rod rest which can incorporate an electronic bite detector or more commonly called a bite alarm. Modern alarms work on a simple roller system when the line is pulled by a carp taking your bait the roller wheel moves and triggers the alarm to sound with a series of beeps and illuminate a bright LED indicator lamp on the face of the alarm. As with everything fishing alarms can be brought with all the features you could want volume, sensitivity and tone control from as little as £25.00 each right up to £125.00 each. To ensure you keep your line tight over the roller wheel of the alarm it is normal to use Bobbins or swingers these simply clip to the line just before the alarm and ensure there is sufficient weight of line on the roller so the line does not slip over the roller wheel it also



allows you to see the bite develop as the carp starts its run. Ensure that you get a swinger or bobbins that you can add or remove extra weights so that you can adjust the tension the bobbin puts on the line for fishing in different situations. Close in and marginal fishing you can have very light bobbin but the further out you cast the heavier bobbin you will need.

#### SEATS AND SHELTERS

To make sure we get the best from our fishing we need to be comfortable so we will need a good chair to sit on. A normal deck chair although great on a flat patio it is totally uncomfortable on the uneven banks of a lake or river so we need to ensure the chair has adjustable feet to level up the chair on the uneven ground. There is chair for every occasion small light compact chairs for the



roving angler who want to be comfortable but at the same time reduce his tackle weight to the fully padded lounging chair which even offer a reclining back should you wish to lay back and chill.

For many years anglers only had umbrellas to shelter from the weather, these were usually large, heavy, bulky and difficult to get into the ground and despite offering 60" umbrellas the huge alloy pole in the middle always got in the way. Modern umbrellas are a little better now with crock mechanisms for the main pole to help get it out of the way and side skirts to keep the wind out but are still heavy and awkward to set up and use.

Modern shelters are a great leap forward in protection and for the same price as a large umbrella you can get an alloy framed shelter large enough to get two large chairs in underneath plus all of your tackle bags and extras we all take with us. Despite the shelters large proportions once packed down they are often only 1m long and 20cm diameter and weight a fraction of a traditional brolly. This is a



must for every angler who likes to go fishing but can't stand the British weather.

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