

Fishery News

Week ending 1 November 2009

- **Superb 7.2 rod average at Ravensthorpe**

Ravensthorpe Reservoir in stunning form

- **Personal best for Peter at Rutland Water**

6lb Rainbow for Peter de Kremer of Oakham

- **Fish all day for half price in November and December**

Half day four fish permit valid all day in November and December.

Please note that Brown trout are now out of season and any caught must be returned safely to the water

- **Don't miss out on our popular Fur & Feather matches - call lodges now to check for availability**

Pitsford Water 8 November (boat)

Rutland Water 6 December (bank)

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Grafham Water

Fish week 545 (season 23,726) returns 149 (6,426) rod average 3.62(3.69)

The winter fishing at Grafham is going from strength to strength with the fish now moving from the central areas of the lake towards the margins with the bank anglers reaping the benefits of these fish that have fed all summer, they are feeding predominantly on the fry and also corixa.

The bank between the lodge and the sailing club has been the most prolific with the lodge bank, the seat and Gaynes Cove not far behind in productivity.

With the winter restrictions now in force the western end of the lake has now closed for fishing, but the boat anglers can continue to enjoy phenomenal sport along the face of the dam and about 100 metres off the southern shore fishing mainly fry patterns, but with some anglers having great fun with dries still especially on the milder less windy days.

Competition news

Grafham Water hosted the annual Rudder match on Saturday with 11 boat pairs competing. The winning pair, from Oakham, was Jon Marshall, Anglian Water's Fisheries Manager, and his brother in law Pete Bell. After heading out with the rest of the fleet to Perry Point, Jon and Pete soon broke away from the fleet to look for the legendary Grafham torpedoes' and it wasn't long before they found these marauding Rainbows feeding along the face of the dam wall. Jon soon put the biggest fish of the match into the boat at 3lb 13oz, followed by a good second soon after that. While Pete and Jon were enjoying fishing for these fish the pair had to return 6 browns up to 4lb. It was ironic that a large number of Browns were reported - the day after they went out of season. However, this bodes well

for some quality browns next season. On the same day Steve Battle boated and returned a colossal Brown of 9lb 6oz from the Seat area around the lake.

1st Jon Marshall & Pete Bell Best brace 6lb 15oz

2nd Clive Morgan & Gary Morris 6lb 13oz

3rd Lee Henfrey & Nigel Keeble 6lb 8oz

Best boat areas L and H buoys, west end, lodge frontage, Gaynes Cove

Best bank areas west bank, Mander car park frontage, Perry Point

Forthcoming events

Pike fishing 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

Rutland Water

Fish week 597 (season 42,757) returns 279 (11,222) rod average 2.13 (3.81)

The best fish of the week fell to Peter de Kremer who managed a 6lb Rainbow - a personal best for Peter from Oakham. The fish fell for floating fry whilst Peter bank fished along the Normanton shoreline. This fish has topped Peter's season with his preferred dry fly/floating fry tactics taking good numbers of quality fish. The best fish taken off the boats weighed just over the 5lb mark and fell to another season ticket holder Beverley Tandy, who lives near Sleaford.

During November the starting time for boats is 9am not 8am. The half day 4 fish permit is valid all day in November and December (no catch and release). The 8 fish day tickets continue to be available.

Winter restrictions now apply - for bank anglers the Sailing Club to Gibbet's is out of bounds left of the transformer right round to Barnsdale road end. Green Bank to Old Hall is out of bounds. Boat anglers are not permitted to fish past the sailing limits.

Best Rainbow 6lb taken by Peter de Kremer of Oakham

Best boat areas Sailing Club, fishing lodge frontage, main basin

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane, East Creek, dam to the fishing lodge/Fantasy Island

Best methods Fry patterns, dries, and nymph's black and green lures

Forthcoming events

Rutland Challenge 14 November

Beginners course 21 November.

Fur and Feather (bank) 6 December

Boats will remain on the water throughout November. Please note that November boats go out on the water at 9am. Please check availability before starting your journey.

Pike fishing 12 October to 29 November

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

Pitsford Water

Fish week 240 (season 17,563) returns 127 (5,422) rod average 1.8(3.2)

Boat fishing for trout has been unsettled with the weather. Fish are coming to minkies and tubes on the rudder or drifting out of the back of the boat. There are still fry feeders near the dam and around the weed beds along the Narrows.

Pike fishing is producing some good fish on the washing line technique with a small white booby on the point with corixa and cruncher on the droppers, fished above the weed beds and in the gaps. Paul Barnes caught a Pike last week and says, "It was absolutely fin perfect and fought like hell! Thank you once again to all the staff at Pitsford for being so helpful as usual."

Best methods Boats - main bowl - fast sinking lines, boobies or lures.

Best boat areas Main bowl

Best bank areas Stone Barn, Gravel's

Mid week boat winner John Bird

Forthcoming events

Beginners course 7 November.

Fur and Feather (boat) 8 November

Pike fishing

Boat fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey)

1 October to 22 November

Bank fishing 1 November to 31 December

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 554 (season 13,230) returns 77 (2,566) rod average 7.2 (5.15)

Ravensthorpe's larger Rainbows are beginning to show with most bags containing 4lb plus fish for a rod average of 7.2. This is the highest for some time with fish chasing lures at all depths in the clear water. Many boat anglers are releasing 20 plus fish on a variety of lures on sinking lines (orange blobs, black and brown minkies are best). Some boat action to nymphs on floaters mid day and from the platforms and dam wall.

Sunday's Fur and Feather was held in near impossible conditions - with high winds and heavy rain. Anglers in this best brace pairs match were rewarded for their efforts with 176 fish boated by 28 anglers for a rod average of 6.3. Ron Gent, Lee Henfrey, Rob and Gary Edmonds, Mark Haycock and Graham Pearson all boated over 20 fish. Most anglers fished at depth with orange, black and silver lures.

1st Gordon Bramwell & Kevin Cook best brace 11lb 10oz

2nd Mark Haycock & Graham Pearson 8lb 4oz

3rd John Mees & Ian Pow 7lb 8oz

4th Ron Gent & Lee Henfrey 6lb 6oz

The biggest fish of the match (and the week) fell to Gordon Bramwell.

Pike fishing from boats with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm (excluding lamprey) and trout angling will continue until 22 November, after which permits for trout fishing from the bank only may be obtained from the vendor hut in the car park.

Best methods See report

Best rainbow 8lb 2oz taken by Gordon Bramwell

Best boat areas Ravensthorpe shoreline and island

Best bank areas Platforms 2,3,4,6,11,12 and dam walls

Mid week boat winner Martin Nelson of Northampton