

Fishery News

Week ending 30 August 2009

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Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Rutland Water

Fish week 1,520 (season 33,574) returns 553 (8,319) rod average 2.74 (4.03)

Nick Whitmore and Guy Miller had a good day's boat fishing with at least 6 fish over 3lb in good bags.

Strong winds influenced the fishing for a large part of the week with only Monday and Tuesday enjoying settled conditions. Boat anglers found the best areas were down both ends of the arms with dry fly and nymphs providing good sport. Fish were caught in the main basin by anglers fishing the rudder.

Bank anglers have been taking fish. The best areas are around the many weed beds with the use of single fly the best tactic. Fry patterns and small dries are working well - one or two anglers have caught fish early in the morning.

The reservoir will benefit from settled weather with quality fish showing around the many weed beds. Fly hatches have increased with numbers of olives and big red buzzers coming off, with late hatches of sedge occurring on most evenings.

Best boat areas Bottom of either arms with nymphs and dries. The main basin with mini lures, boobies, gold/silver sparklers.

Best bank areas Whitwell, Normanton, Sykes Lane.

Best methods Bank - dries, nymphs, fry patterns

Boat - as for bank anglers but include mini lures, gold/silver sparklers.

Mid week boat winner Brian Wisdom of Stamford

Fish stocked 1,966

Competition news

Rutland Water Fly Fishers Hanby Cup

Graham Pearson and Mike Barrett won this event with 16 fish weighing 37lb. The pair fished the rudder to win first prize.

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 12,16,19 & 27 September & throughout the season

Grafham Water

Fish week 417 (season 18,277) returns 151 (4,996) rod average 2.76(3.65)

Season ticket holder Roland Dean from Cambridge caught the biggest fish of the week. Roland caught a superb conditioned brown trout of 6lb 4oz from a drifting boat off Hedge End on a sink

tip line with a red Diawl Bach.

The best bank fishing this week has come from the south end of the dam. Season ticket holder James Woodroff from Fenstanton has been consistently catching fry feeding rainbows on minkies early in the morning.

Boat anglers have had some very good consistent fishing from the western end of the reservoir mainly on floating lines with either red or claret dries or snail patterns close to the weed beds from Valley Creek to the mouth of Savages. Gaynes Cove/Plummer Park, north tower and Hedge End have also produced some cracking sport on slow/medium sink lines with either orange blobs or minkies fished at a steady retrieve.

The weed growth around the margins of the reservoir and consistent south westerly winds has made fishable bank spots very hard to find.

Best Rainbow Several at 4lb

Best brown 6lb 4oz taken by Roland Dean

Best boat areas Western end, south dam, hedge end, north tower, K and G buoys.

Best bank areas Gaynes cove, south dam

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Bill Scott from Histon

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses -23 & 27 September and throughout the season

John Watts Trophy 5 September

Pitsford Water

Fish week 369 (season 13,565) returns 141 (4,038) rod average 2.6(3.3)

Peter Daniels had a day to remember this week. He anchored in Bog Bay and caught 15 fish with his 8 fish limit he weighed in at 21lb 8oz. Peter used a washing line and nymphs with a slow retrieve.

Milton Keynes angler David Newens bank fished this week and took a limit of 8 fish including a Rainbow weighing 4lb 4oz. He fished the Stone Barn bank with a floating line and dries in cloudy weather.

Will Linnel took a quick limit on the rudder on Saturday using tubes. He drifted from the gravels across to Bog Bay.

Boat fishing has been excellent this week with drifting boats being the best. Long drifts across the Narrows using small flies like the traditional patterns such as Invicta's, soldier palmers, and soldier muddlers pulled quick on a floating line have proved best this week.

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Hywel Lewis of Sale

Fish stocked 225

Forthcoming events

Beginner's courses 9 & 26 September & other dates throughout the season

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday. Week commencing Mondays 7 & 21 September.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 313 (season 11,258) returns 82 (2,153) rod average 3.8 (5.2)

The best fish of the week was a 6lb 8oz Rainbow taken by Aidey Greenough. Aidey caught this fish with a size 12 cruncher from a boat in the main bowl.

There are regular hatches of olives in the middle of the day. Anglers are finding that the best flies are daddies, hoppers and small emergers.

Best methods See report.

Best rainbow 6lb 8oz taken by Adey Greenough.

Best boat areas Main bowl and Coton End

Best bank areas Platforms 3-12

Mid week boat winner Mick Griffin of Northampton