

Fishery News

Week ending 5 July 2009

- **Lee lands 9lb 6oz Rainbow at Pitsford Water**

Isham angler Lee Woolford nets best Rainbow of the week

- **Pick of the Pike at Pitsford Water**

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike from a boat on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday.

Commencing Mondays

13 July & 27 July

10 & 24 August

7 & 21 September

- **Enjoy National Fishing week with Anglian Water**

Coarse fishing at Hollowell Reservoir

Coaching sessions Monday 27 July.

Call 01604 781350 for more information and to book a place

Fly fishing for trout at Rutland Water

Coaching sessions from Saturday 25 July to Saturday 1 August Phone Rutland Fishing Lodge for more information 01780 686441

Booking essential

www.anglianwater.co.uk

Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;
Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
Recreation Dept Anglian Water 01572 653021

Rutland Water

For most of the week the fishing remained excellent despite temperatures in the high eighties. Last Tuesday a lot of the anglers fishing in the popular boat league caught 8 fish limits with 21 anglers recording an impressive 106 fish in less than four hours.

When the hot weather finally eased off the wind went from the east to a moderate to fresh south westerly and fishing has been more challenging.

The main basin provided plenty of fish amongst the aerators and Fantasy Island for boats, whereas bank anglers had some good evenings on Fantasy Island and the Dam wall itself with dry fly working well. With the fresh winds developing sport eased off with anglers having to work harder for their fish.

Best boat areas The main basin in and around the aerators, fishing lodge frontage

Best bank areas Normanton, Sykes Lane

Best methods Bank - Floating line with dries and nymphs

Boat - As for bank but include various sinking lines with mini lures and gold/silver sparklers.

Mid week boat winner James Cooke of Boxhill, Surrey

Competition news

Tuesday Evening Boat League

1st Si Gaines 8 fish for 20lb 15³/₄oz

2nd Rich Cooper 8 fish for 19lb 13oz

3rd Paul Kirkup 8 fish for 18lb 12oz

4th Phil Longstaff 8 fish for 18lb 10oz

21 Anglers recorded an impressive 106 fish in less than 4 hours. The best fish on the night was taken by Hilary Tomlinson - a cracking 4lb 9³/₄oz Rainbow. This competition is now hotting up with only a few points dividing the leaders.

League table

1st Keith Jones 30 points

2nd Richard Cooper 29 points

3rd Mick Bennett 28 points

4th Phil Longstaff 25 points

Forthcoming events

National fishing week

Coaching sessions run daily Saturday 25 July to Saturday 1 August, excluding Sunday 26 July. 11am to 12 noon and 2pm - 3pm (pm session not available Thursday 30 July)

Booking is essential - please call 01780 686441

Tuesday Night Boat League

Beginners courses 12,19 & 26 July & throughout the season

Anglian Water over 50's match - 18 July

Grafham Water

Fish week 185 (season 13,701) returns 98 (3,560) rod average 1.88(3.84)

Fishing at Grafham Water has become rather challenging with the fish feeding mainly on the abundant pin fry that scatter the whole of the reservoir. The hot weather combined with the pin fry feeding has meant anglers are finding it rather hard going. However, there have been plenty of fish showing throughout the day. The quality of the fish that are being caught is excellent and with the arrival of cooler weather the fishing should improve. The bank anglers that fish early in the morning and late evening are being rewarded with fish that move in close to the banks.

Fish are taking daphnia deep out in the middle as well as green aphids off the surface. Dries are well worth a go especially when you can see fish rising as they will come to these, a booby walked across the surface is also taking fish.

Best Rainbow 4lb 5oz taken by Damian Paddon

Best boat areas Central drifts, bowl of dam, west end

Best bank areas G buoy, bowl of dam, west end

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner Ken Moore of Potton

Fish stocked 2,000

Forthcoming events

Tuesday Evening Boat League

Beginners courses - 18,24 & 29 July and throughout the season

English Youth National - 12 July boatmen required

Anglian Water Airflo International Midland final - 20 July

GWFFA Floating line match - 26 July

Pitsford Water

Fish week 428 (season 9,697) returns 112 (2,844) rod average 3.8(3.4)

Lee Woolford from Isham returned a Rainbow last week weighing 9lb 6oz off the bank. The fish took a hare's ear dry fly in the late evening off the Pines.

Charles Kilner of London fished Pitsford on Saturday on the boat. He took 6 fish, two of his Rainbows weighed 4lb and 5lb 15oz. He also caught a brown as part of his six fish limit for 3lb 9oz.

Fishing on the bank is proving harder with weed growth increasing. However, unweighted patterns are still producing fish. Boat fishing in the main bowl is the top spot with sunk lines and lures. Fish stocking continues with 23,082 fish stocked so far and weekly deliveries continue.

Best rainbow 9lb 6oz caught and safely returned by Lee Woolford of Isham

Best brown 3lb 9oz taken by Charles Kilner

Best boat areas Main bowl, Pines and Farm Bay

Best bank areas Farm Bay, Gravels, Pines

Best methods See report

Mid week boat winner John Murphy of Wellingborough

Fish stocked 1,000

Forthcoming events

Beginners courses 15 July; 1,5,15 & 29 August & other dates throughout the season

Pike Fishing at Pitsford Water

Pitsford Water offers lure fishing for pike on alternate weeks, Monday to Friday. The next opportunity will be Monday 13 - Friday 17 July.

National fishing week

Hollowell coarse fishing day on Monday 27 July - open to all ages. Two sessions are planned one in the morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm and another from 2pm to 4pm. Bookings will be taken via Pitsford Fishing Lodge on 01604 781350.

Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Fish week 240 (season 8,974) returns 56 (1,652) rod average 4.3 (5.43)

John Briggs of Saddington took the best fish of the week at Ravensthorpe - a near perfect 7lb Rainbow on a hares ear whilst boat fishing near the Hutchings red buoy. Malcolm Ingram of Bedworth enjoyed his morning's bank fishing - he took 24 Rainbows to 5lb from Platform 6 using a floating line and a 'detached green daddy'.

Fish are responding to virtually any method using a floating line - be it pulled wets, slow nymphs and dries or static buzzers - some exciting sport is to be had drifting boats over the weedbeds using single nymphs or dries on strong leaders. Top flies are black buzzer, crunchers, diawls, GRHE nymphs, small parachutes, daddies and thin damsels.

In complete contrast Pat Flynn and Brian Coleman brought 34 fish to their boat using Hi D lines with lures from the deeps.

Careful presentation of dries and emergers from the platforms has produced numerous quality rainbows for Bob Draper. Mark Bradburne and Jim Ferguson -are scoring heavily on black buzzer and diawls from the centre of the dam. All these areas are partially weeded and require 8/10 16 leaders to secure the fish.

Best Rainbow 7lb taken by John Briggs of Saddington

Best boat areas Ravensthorpe shallows and Island to Catwalk

Best bank areas Centre of dam and platforms 3,4,6, 11 and 12

Mid week boat winner Doug Whibley of Wollaston