

# Fishery News

Week ending 15 February 2009

## • Opening dates for 2009

**Ravensthorpe** Saturday 28 February

**Pitsford Water** Saturday 7 March

**Grafham Water** Saturday 14 March

**Rutland Water** Wednesday 1 April

Season tickets will be available to purchase from the lodges from 21 February onwards

## • Pre - season Pike fishing at Ravensthorpe

With rising temperatures and clear water the first boats of 2009 are now out at Ravensthorpe. Pike fishing is available until Sunday 22 February. This time last year a 37½lb Pike was recorded so make the most of this great opportunity.

Please call the lodge on 01604 770875 to check for availability

## • Investing in a great new season

Anglian Water invests £100,000 in new pontoons.

Rutland, Grafham and Pitsford Waters benefit following substantial work on bank erosion in Autumn/Winter 08.

New boat replacement programme continues

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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

## Trout Fishing with Anglian Water

Having had a great season in 2008 we are all looking forward to a new season's trout fishing at our reservoirs.

## Trout Stocking - contracts for next three years

Orders have been placed with nine fish farms to maintain catch rates and quality at all of our fisheries and we are confident of a very good start to the

new season with plenty of over-wintered fish. In 2008 most trout caught were over two pounds at all of our four fisheries and we plan to maintain this performance, plus of course the big fish which make Ravensthorpe so popular.

### **£100,000 investment in new Pontoons**

Anglers visiting Ravensthorpe last summer will have seen the new pontoon, manufactured by Walcon Marine Ltd. Rutland Water took delivery of a new pontoon in December. This popular design of pontoon using a galvanised steel frame with a hardwood deck and supported on fibre concrete floats has been especially designed to accommodate our fishing boat fleet and should make coming on and off the boat with all your fishing tackle a lot easier.

### **Boat Replacement Programme nears completion**

The replacement of our fishing boats, making them all CE compliant, continues. Grafham now has a new rescue boat.

### **Season Permit prices held for 2009 and available to purchase from the lodges from Saturday 21 February**

We are retaining our popular range of permits at the same prices as 2008

**Gold £709** - for 300 days of fishing freedom. For those who want to fish two, three or more times each week and expect to catch a lot of fish. It allows catch & release plus the fishery day limit. Valid to 31 December.

**Silver £549** - great value for the frequent angler who fishes more than once a week and expect to catch up to 300 fish in a season. Valid to 31 December.

**Blue £419** - catch & release with a bit extra. For anglers who prefer catch and release most of the time plus 8 nominated days with an 8 fish bag limit. Valid to 31 December.

**Green £459** - value for money for those who fish one or two days and evenings each week, and whose annual catch totals less than 160 fish. You can select any eight months from March to December or pay an additional £35 for 10 months fishing.

**Economy £349** - for those with less time to fish or new to the sport and not catching many fish. This permit gives you one day catch & release at Ravensthorpe only but unlimited visits elsewhere providing you catch less than 75 trout over the season. You can select any eight months from March to December.

**Starter £199** - for anglers who have completed one of our day beginners courses. Limited to two seasons, you can choose to fish any 8 months.