

Fishery News Week ending 14 November

· **Pitsford Water Fur and Feather a great success**

· **Don't miss Rutland Water Fur and Feather on 5 December**

Book now by calling 01780 686441

· **Grab a bargain in our tremendous sale**

Pitsford Water 13 - 21 November

Rutland and Grafham Water 20 - 28 November

30% off all marked clothing

20% off all marked tackle

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

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

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Grafham Water

Fish week 204 (28,720) Returns 64 (6,706) Rod average 3.18 (4.28)

The fishing at Grafham Water this week has been good even with the gale force winds that we have been experiencing over the past week. Once again the bank fishing has given the anglers the best prospect of a good day's fishing with G buoy, Willows, Deep Water Point, South Dam, Seat and Perry Point all producing good consistent fishing on floating lines with gold ribbed hares ear, diawl bachs, pheasant tail nymphs, crunchers, shrimp patterns, damsel nymphs and small cats whisker boobies.

Boat anglers have had some excellent sport this week but this has been weather dependant. The Willows, the Seat, G Buoy, Deep Water Point and the Sludge Bank have all produced good fishing by using the same tactics as the bank anglers.

Pike fishing

The predator fishing has been affected by the strong winds with a smaller number of anglers fishing, but the North Tower and the Inlet at I buoy have produced some double figured Zander mainly on jerk baits.

Massive winter sale at Grafham Water 20 - 28 November

20% off all marked prices on tackle and a huge 30% off sale clothing. This is a terrific opportunity to grab a bargain, especially with Christmas just around the corner. When you visit our tackle shops don't forget that Anglian Water gift vouchers are also available. These are redeemable against fishing and goods sold in our tackle shops and visitor centres - ideal as Christmas gifts.

Best Rainbow 4lb taken by E Wardle

Best boat areas Willows, Seat, G buoy, Deep Water Point, Sludge Bank.

Best bank areas The Seat, South Dam, Willows, G Buoy, Deep Water Point.

Boat anglers

It is advisable for all boat anglers at Grafham Water to book and pay in advance as the lodge will not be open until 9am. A prepaid boat enables anglers to fish from 8.30am. Boat anglers who have not prepaid will have to wait until the shop has opened.

Forthcoming events:

Please call the fishing lodge to check for boat availability 01480 810531

Beginners courses: 21 November.

Tackle Sale 20 - 28 November

Grafham Water Fur & Feather 12 December

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm, 11 October to 28 November.

Please note that electric outboard motors are not permitted at Rutland, Grafham or Pitsford.

New Rules for Pike anglers

Please note the conditions in place due to the confirmed presence of *Dikerogammarus villosus* at Grafham Water

Pike anglers **must** use the landing nets and anchors provided at the fishing lodge and **may not** use their own equipment. Due to the confirmed presence of *Dikerogammarus villosus* at Grafham Water additional bio-security measures are now in place to ensure the shrimp is contained on site. This means that anglers need to follow new rules when fishing at Grafham Water.

New Rules at Grafham Water:

Bank anglers

- On arrival at Grafham Water you must register that you are bank fishing at the tackle shop by phone or in person (01480 810531).
- When the tackle shop is closed with the Duty Warden on 07801 674683.
- Before departing you must return to the fishing lodge bio-security point so that all of your equipment (waders, line tray, net, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
- Duty Warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.
- No bank fishing before 08.00.
- Bank anglers to be back at the lodge by the boat in time (to allow washing off before dark).
- When boats are off the water this season, anglers will be advised of the time to be back.

Boat anglers

- You will automatically be registered at the fishing lodge when collecting your boat number.
- Drogues and nets will be provided and you must not use your own.
- On return to the pontoon you will be directed to the bio-security point so that the remainder of your equipment (boots, bass bag, etc.) can be hosed down.
- Duty warden will then sign you off as able to leave site.

Pike anglers

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not use their own equipment.

We apologise for the inconvenience and shortened bank fishing time, but are sure anglers will understand the seriousness of this situation, and the need to take these steps to allow fishing to continue.

As always your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Rutland Water

A few hardy souls braced the weather last week with strong winds restricting fishing. Fish were caught mainly in the main basin with sinking lines working quite well with boat anglers averaging seven or eight fish to the boat. Good numbers of fish are still in the reservoir with prospects looking good in settled weather.

Predator fishing

Again due to the weather, very few boats were out. Anglers have concentrated on the deep water of the reservoir with multiple catches a regular occurrence.

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The Christmas Fur and Feather takes place on Sunday 5 December. Booking is essential - please call the fishing lodge on 01780 686441 for more information.

There are a limited number of boats available right up until 27/28 November - please book to avoid disappointment.

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Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm 12 October to 28 November.

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Beginners courses: 20 & 27 November.

Tackle Sale 20 - 28 November.

Rutland Fur & Feather (bank match) 5 December - booking essential.

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Pitsford Water

Forty anglers fished the boat match for the Fur and Feather on Sunday. Being the last big match of the year this is always popular and well attended.

In first place were season permit holders and Pitsford boat regulars Pat Flynn and Pete Webb who took an amazing 12 fish weighing 23lb which left them well ahead of any other pair. They fished in the narrows with their usual style of deep fished boobies. Nobody else could touch them. Second spot was father and son duo Ashley and Tom Davies who managed 6 fish weighing 11lb 6oz. Third place was taken by Mark Haycock and Ashley Gillies who caught five fish for 11lb 2oz. Rob Dobson and Mike Smith took fourth place with three fish for 9lb. We had two fish weighing exactly 3lb 4oz taken by Mark Haycock and Mike Smith, both took away a prize. Christmas hampers were awarded to first, second and third placed boats and a case of beer going to fourth place. After the match anglers enjoyed hot dogs and liquid refreshment at the fishing lodge.

A few boats will remain on the water until Sunday 21 November. It is advisable for all boat anglers at Pitsford Water to book and pay in advance as the lodge will not be open until 9am. A prepaid boat enables anglers to fish from 8.30am. Boat anglers who have not prepaid will have to wait until the shop has opened.

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Pike fishing - boat fishing with lures over 18cm. 1 October to 21 November.

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Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Weather conditions have made fishing very challenging at Ravensthorpe this week. Cats whisker or minkie fished slow and deep remain the best tactics.

Anglers are reminded that the Brown season ended on 29 October.

Please note that boats are not available at Ravensthorpe Monday to Friday but some boats will be available on the weekend of 20 and 21 November. Booking and pre paying is essential please call the fishing lodge at **Pitsford on 01604 781350. Bank angling continues to 31 December.**

Best boat areas The Island

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Mid week boat winner Mr Longstaff of Market Harborough.