

Fishery News Week ending 7 November 2010

- **Ravensthorpe rod average 4.2 in Fantastic Fur and Feather**
Richard and Karen Slater triumph in terrific closely fought match
 - **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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Rutland Water 01780 686441; Grafham Water 01480 810531;
Pitsford, Ravensthorpe & Hollowell 01604 781350,
Taverham Mills Fishery 01603 861014; Alton Water 01473 589105
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Grafham Water

Fish week 259 (28,516) Returns 83 (6,642) Rod average 3.12 (4.29)

The bank fishing at Grafham Water is now coming into its own with the fish moving right into the shallows feeding on either shrimps or snails, with a few fish along the Dam face feeding heavily on the Daphnia still. The best method from the banks seems to be small nymphs fished washing line style in front of a two tone booby on the point, especially diawl bachs or hares ears.

The boat anglers are now finding it harder as the fish have moved right into the shallows but are still having a few fish from the North shore along the points and the Willows and North end of the dam with good fish being caught.

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.

Pike fishing

There has been some success for the predator anglers this week with pike anglers reporting some mid doubles from around the North Tower with the Zander anglers catching from around the inlets around about I buoy with Zander being caught up to 12lb and a lot of doubles coming out. There is a strong rumour that a 37lb Pike also came out during the week but as this report goes to press this is unconfirmed.

Best Rainbow 4lb taken by B Knight of Cambs.

Best Brown 7lb returned safely to the water by A Haywood of Barton Mills, Suffolk.

Best boat areas Willows

Best bank areas The Seat, Plummers, dam wall, Willows, G buoy, Deep Water and Pylon

Point.

Mid-week boat winner : K Joory of Northampton.

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: 13 & 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 must use the landing nets and anchors provided at the fishing lodge and **may 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

Fish week 623 (season 36,532) Returns 185 (10,201) Rod average 3.36 (3.58)

Anglers are enjoying a very high rod average (3.36) for the time of year at Rutland Water - with boat returns at 4.45. Boat anglers are experiencing the best of the sport with fish feeding on heavy concentrations of daphnia out in the open water.

Brian Jones of St Ives came in contact with the best Rainbow of the week weighing in at 5lb 11oz. Various lures are taking the bulk of the fish, although one or two are taking fry patterns.

Massive winter sale at Rutland Water 20 - 28 November

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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.

Best Rainbow 5lb 11oz taken by Brian Jones of St Ives.

Best boat areas The main basin, sailing club, Yellowstone, Armley Wood, the Finches.

Best bank areas The peninsula, East Creek, Normanton, Whitwell, Sykes Lane.

Best methods Variety of lures, gold/silver/black and green etc. Fry patterns are worth a

try. Fish are feeding on daphnia, very few are feeding on this year's fry.

Forthcoming events:

Pike fishing

Fishing with lures and dead sea fish over 18cm 12 October to 28 November.
Please note that electric outboard motors are not permitted at Rutland, Grafham or Pitsford.

Beginners courses: 20 & 27 November.

Tackle Sale 20 - 28 November.

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

It is advisable for all boat anglers at Rutland 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.

Pitsford Water

Fish week 113 (season 15,165) Returns 65 (4,639) Rod average 1.7 (3.2)

Pitsford Water hosts the annual Fur and Feather on 14 November, with Christmas hampers valued at over £200 to be won. This is a four fish match fished from 9.00am to 4.00pm, followed by hot refreshments and a beer or soft/hot drink. Cost per person is £32.50 (£18.50 for season ticket holders) to cover 1/2 boat, 4 fish permit, food and a contribution to the prizes.

A few places remain for this popular boat match - please call the fishing lodge on 01604 781350 to book a place.

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.

Massive winter sale at Pitsford Water 13 - 21 November

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Best Rainbow 4lb 9oz taken by G Brewster.

Best Brown 3lb 8oz returned safely to the water by D Warne of Herts.

Best boat areas Dam, Pitsford Creek.

Best bank areas Pitsford Creek, Stone Barn.

Mid week boat winner A Ferguson of Leicester.

Forthcoming events:

Fur and Feather 14 November for details see report.

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

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

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Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Anglers at Ravensthorpe enjoyed a fantastic Fur and Feather match on Sunday with a rod average of 4.42. 26 anglers caught 115 fish weighing 240lb. Top spot went to Richard and Karen Slater with 12 Rainbows coming to their boat for 27lb 8oz. Mark Haycock and Graham Pearson took second place with 12 fish for 26lb 3oz. Third place went to G McCloud and M Willatt with 12 fish for 25lb 10oz. Steve Brooks and Ashley Davies took fourth place with 12 fish for 25lb 6oz. Ashley also claimed the best fish prize with a Rainbow of 3lb 2oz. This was a terrific closely fought match thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following the prize giving everyone enjoyed a meal at the Chequers pub - a great way to end the day.

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 weekends of 13 and 14 November and 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.