

Your attention is also drawn to Anglian Water's Water Parks Byelaws

Boat and bag searches may be carried out by the fishery staff at any time.

Infringement of any rules, other than with the written consent of Anglian Water, may result in an immediate ban from fishing and possible prosecution under the Water Parks Byelaws.

Anglian Water reserves the right to vary these rules without notice to meet changing circumstances and in the interest of customers safety.

general

1. Anglers must be in possession of a valid permit and rod licence before commencement of fishing. Permits are not transferable.
2. Anglers must complete a catch return before leaving the water
3. Car parking permits must be displayed in anglers vehicles when parked and anglers must at all times use the appropriate car park. Parking is at anglers own risk and the company accepts no responsibility for losses or damage to the vehicle or anything therein.
4. Anglers may not reserve fishing sites.
5. The company reserves the right to order all fishing to stop at any time. To restrict access to any part of the lake and to cancel or refuse permits at any time to any person without assigning any reason for doing so and without making a refund to the permit holder.

trout fishing

6. Fishing is only permitted with a natural or artificial fly.
7. Each permit authorises the use of one rod and one reel only at any one time. No anglers may fish with more than four hook points and treble hooks are not permitted.
8. All brown trout caught between 30 October and 31 March inclusive must be returned alive.
9. Two brown trout allowed per bag limit at Rutland, Grafham and Pitsford Waters. No brown trout to be taken at Ravensthorpe Reservoir.
10. Anglers caching their bag limit must cease fishing or purchase an additional permit.
11. Fish must not be gutted on the bank or boat.
12. Junior permits are available to those under the age of 18 years.
13. Anglers must cease fishing during thunder storms.

catch and release

14. Barbless / debarbed hooks only.
15. The use of buoyant flies on sinking lines is prohibited, i.e. boobies
16. No double, trebles, tandems or very large hooks to be used
17. No rudder, trolling or side oar fishing allowed.
18. Use stronger than usual line (recommend 6lb+) and bring in quickly.
19. Any bleeding or badly damaged fish must be killed and handed in to the fishery staff.
20. Release tools should be used where possible and are available from all of our fishery tackle shops, along with barbless flies.
21. Ideally a net should not be used, but if unavoidable please unhook fish in the net with care.
22. Use mini or micro mesh landing nets only.
23. You may be asked to move away from recently stocked fish.

predator fishing (pike & zander)

24. Only one pike under 12lb and one zander under 31b may be taken in any one day and only during the season 16 June to 31 December
25. No trolling under power
26. A maximum of two rods per angler is permitted.
27. No live baiting permitted.
28. Artificial baits or fly between 16 June and 30 September.
29. Plugs, spinners and spoons must be over 18cm (seven inches) in length, including hooks, which must be barbless
30. With fly rod, reel and line and fly over 10cm with wire trace from 16 June, except at Ravensthorpe Reservoir.
31. Dead sea fish baits over 18cm are permitted from 1 October.
32. All trout caught must be returned alive where possible. If a trout is badly hooked and has to be killed it must be handed into the fishery staff.
33. All boat fishing rules apply.

bank fishing

34. Bank fishing is permitted between 1 hour before sunrise and 1 hour after sunset but not before 04.30 hours at Rutland, Grafham and Pitsford and not before 07.30 hours at Ravensthorpe.
35. Waist or chest waders may be worn, but anglers are prohibited from wading more than thigh deep.
36. Bank fishing is prohibited from the nature reserves, sailing clubs, draw off towers, dam & causeway at Pitsford. Other prohibited areas are displayed at the fishing lodge and in our brochure.
37. Bank anglers must wade when fishing car park frontages at weekends and bank holidays. At high water levels, anglers may be asked to move by wardens in the interest of public safety.
38. No wading permitted along the face of the dam.

boat fishing

39. Thwart boards recommended, all other boat seats only on approval of Warden (no garden furniture).
40. Waders in boats - neoprene and breathable only allowed.
41. Some boats may carry a maximum of three persons, at least one of whom must be an adult, each person fishing must be in possession of a valid permit.
42. Single man boats and wheelyboats will only be let onto the water at the discretion of the warden and mobile phone number must be provided
43. Juniors 12 years and older may fish from boats provided they are accompanied by an adult. Juniors between the age of 10 and 12 year old may fish accompanied by an adult provided they have proof of ability to swim 25 metres.
44. Life jackets are compulsory at all waters and must be worn before going onto the pontoon. They must be returned to the warden after fishing.
45. Boats must return to the pontoon by the time posted for that day.
46. Landing of boats at any point other than the pontoon is prohibited except in an emergency.
47. Anchoring is prohibited in the main bowl at Rutland and near the draw off tower at Pitsford, Grafham and Ravensthorpe.
48. Prohibited areas for boat fishing:-
 - within 50 metres of a bank angler, nature reserves, sailing club moorings, dam (100 metres at Rutland) and the nature reserve bund walls at Rutland.
 - 15 metres off the limnological tower; draw off towers or other reservoir structure.
 - within Whitwell Creek at Rutland, the nature reserve at Pitsford, Littleless Creek, Dudney Creek and the western end of Savages Creek at Grafham and other areas as displayed at the fishing lodge.
49. No fishing whilst the engine is running. Trolling behind the boat while rowing is only permitted in the area marked towards the dam at Rutland and Grafham.
50. All boat fishing must cease when the wind exceeds force 6 (25 m.p.h.) and all boats should return to the boat harbours or other safe moorings.
51. Fishing boats must give way to: 'Sail' and the 'Rutland Belle'.
52. Any loss of, or damage to, equipment or boats will be charged to hirer.
53. Lee boards are prohibited.
54. No dogs, pets, cooking stoves or radios are allowed on board.
55. The breaking of a fishing rule by a boat angler will reflect equally on all occupants of the boat.

Pike boat catch return

all catch returns will be entered in weekly draw for a mid-week pike boat

| | Weight lb. oz. | Condition |
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| 1 | | |
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comments please

trout catch return

all catch returns will be entered in weekly draw for a mid-week boat

| | rainbow | | brown | |
|----|---------|------|-------|------|
| | lbs. | ozs. | lbs. | ozs. |
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| no. of fish with pike damage | <input type="text"/> |
| boat no. | <input type="text"/> |

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