

how to find our reservoirs



Why not visit our great lakes at:

- Rutland Water, Rutland
- Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire
- Alton Water, Suffolk.

save money on your visits

Explorer activity packages (2 adults and up to 3 children)

Try the easy and convenient activity packages covering Anglian Water's main leisure sites all year round. Whether you visit our reservoirs regularly, staying in the area on a short break or don't know what to do with the family for a day out the explorer saves money on parking, admissions, discounts on retailing, tuition and hire. Ask at Anglian Water visitor centres for more details or visit www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

For more information on Anglian Water leisure sites, activity permits and retailing

- Anglian Water recreation website: www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk
- Anglian Water corporate website: www.anglianwater.co.uk
- Visitor information email: TIC@anglianwater.co.uk
- Fishing information email: fishing@anglianwater.co.uk
- Hooked! Magazine – all you need to know about fishing with Anglian Water – available from our Lodges.



three great reservoirs to explore

Pitsford, Ravensthorpe and Hollowell in Northamptonshire

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PITSFORD WATER RESERVOIR



Fly-fishing

Pitsford is a popular spot with anglers, offering fly-fishing from bank or the hire craft and the lake is stocked with 35,000 trout each year. A well-stocked shop within the Lodge offers fly-fishing tackle, clothing and coarse bait. Hot drinks and confectionary are also available.

Courses are available throughout the year, for details ask for a copy of our magazine Hooked!

Telephone Pitsford Water Fishing Lodge: 01604 781350
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

Fishing information email: fishing@anglianwater.co.uk

Hooked! magazine – all you need to know about fishing with Anglian Water – available from all Lodges.



Bird Watching

Pitsford Water is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its prolific wildlife and especially breeding birds and winter wildfowl. Wildlife lovers can enjoy a six-mile walk from Brixworth Country Park to the Nature Reserve at the northern end of Pitsford where day and annual permits are available from the Fishing Lodge.

The reserve is managed in partnership with the Wildlife Trust. Start your visit at the Anglian Water Fishing Lodge at Holcot where you can obtain a day, season or explorer permit and free brochure to discover the 7 miles of paths through woodland and by the waters edge. The complete walk will take you up to four hours, stopping at the eight hides along the route. The wide range of habitats include woodland, scrub, grassland and the shallow fringes of Pitsford Water and encourage rare plants, dragonflies, butterflies and small mammals as well as the prolific range of birds.

For general wildlife information telephone the Wild Life Trust Office: 01604 780148.

For information on birdwatching and Explorer packages telephone the Lodge: 01604 781350.
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk



Brixworth Country Park

Brixworth Country Park at Pitsford Water is a joint project between Anglian Water, Northamptonshire County Council and Toc H that was supported by the Millennium Commission to provide 'Access for All' at Pitsford Water to the tune of £1.5 million.

The development has won the Tourism for All Award from the Heart of England Tourist Board. The Park provides easy parking and a range of activities to suit all ages and giving a panoramic view of Pitsford Water.

There is an exciting new play area for children, a sensory garden and trails through grassy meadows and woodland overlooking the water. The Visitor Centre and gift shop provides information and displays adjacent to the licensed Willow Tree Café and Pitsford Water Cycles. For those wishing to stay for a few days as a volunteer or to learn more about the management of the Country Park the Mackintosh Centre provides self catering accommodation for groups and is fully accessible throughout. Brixworth Country Park is open throughout the year.

Telephone Brixworth Country Park: 01604 883920
email: brixworth@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Telephone Willow Tree Café: 01604 889343
www.mrcreatons.co.uk



Cycling and Walking

Anglian Water has constructed an attractive waterside seven-mile accessible track around Pitsford Water that provides access for all. The gradient has been kept as low as possible to make easy access for all ages but racing is not allowed. The best place to start is Brixworth Country Park at the north end of the dam where you will find Pitsford Water Cycles with a full range of cycles to hire or buy and accessories.

Telephone Pitsford Water Cycles: 01604 881777
www.pitsfordcycles.co.uk



Sailing and Watersports

Northampton Sailing Club sails on the lake, and runs a well-furnished and equipped clubhouse near the Dam, as well as a busy racing programme. Membership of the Club is open to everyone. Beginners are welcome.

Northampton Sailability is based at the Club and offers sailing for people with disabilities.

The junior and youth clubs sail at weekends.

There is an active sailing school run in partnership with the Northampton Schools Sailing & Canoeing Association that offers a range of courses with RYA qualifications. The school is a RYA training centre and an AALA registered school.

Telephone Sailing School: 01604 880348
email: info@northamptonclub.org
www.northamptonclub.org

RAVENSTHORPE RESERVOIR



Fly-fishing

Anglers can enjoy trout fishing in peaceful surroundings from the bank, boat or float tube.

The Victorian Fishing Lodge has a small fishing tackle range, facilities for a hot drink and toilets are adjacent.

Telephone Ravensthorpe Lodge: 01604 770875
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

Birdwatching

Birdwatching by permit only – choose between an annual, day or Explorer permit.

Package includes access to Pitsford and Hollowell reservoirs and can be purchased from Ravensthorpe and Pitsford Lodges. The Victorian Fishing Lodge has facilities for a hot drink and toilets are adjacent.

Telephone Pitsford Lodge: 01604 781350
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

HOLLOWELL RESERVOIR



Sailing

This thriving sailing club at the west end of the Dam welcomes new members and training is available for beginners of all ages. There is a clubhouse with bar and lounge overlooking the water.

Telephone: 01604 740328
www.hollowellsc.org.uk

Coarse Fishing

Coarse fishing by permit only for big pike, carp, tench and bream. Permits and bait from Pitsford Lodge.

Telephone Pitsford Lodge: 01604 781350
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

Birdwatching

By permit only available from Pitsford Lodge. Day and annual permits include access to nearby Pitsford nature reserve and Ravensthorpe reservoir.

Telephone Pitsford Lodge: 01604 781350
www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

Enjoying these three reservoirs in safety – reservoirs are big and exciting but be careful

- read the safety information when you arrive
- keep children in sight and dogs on leads
- wear buoyancy aids in boats, canoes or on boards
- when cycling, wear a helmet and elbow protection, don't race on rural tracks and don't drop litter.

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why come to our reservoirs

Welcome to Pitsford Water

Nestling in the rolling Northamptonshire countryside, Pitsford Water is not only a vital water supply reservoir, but also an ideal venue for walking, cycling, fishing, sailing and birdwatching.

Welcome to Ravensthorpe reservoir

Ravensthorpe, a 100-acre Victorian reservoir, is the oldest of our Northamptonshire reservoirs. It is situated in a sheltered valley well away from major roads.

Though much smaller than Pitsford, Ravensthorpe offers high quality trout fishing and birdwatching. However to avoid disturbance, access is for permit holders only. Details are available from the Pitsford Lodge.

Welcome to Hollowell reservoir

Hollowell, a 140-acre reservoir lies between Northampton and Market Harborough.

It has an active sailing club, coarse fishery and thriving wildlife. However to avoid disturbance, access is for permit holders only. Details are available from the Pitsford Lodge.



access for all

Anglian Water has made recent improvements to make Pitsford Water one of their most accessible reservoirs for outdoor leisure. See the section on Brixworth Country Park that is the recommended starting point for your visit. Here you will find easy parking and level access to the cafe, information centre, cycle hire, toilets and the especially designed Mackintosh Residential Centre.

At the Fishing Lodge, Anglian Water provides a specially designed Wheelyboat (pictured above) that enables anglers to fish from wheelchairs out on the open water. Please telephone 01604 781350 to reserve the Wheelyboat which is hired at less than the usual boat charges. The Fishing Lodge is easily accessible and has disabled toilets and a meeting room. There is dedicated parking for blue badge holders by the boat pontoon and this leads to the accessible Goosander bird hide in the Holcot Arm. www.anglianwaterleisure.co.uk

Pitsford Water Map

- sailing and canoeing
- cycling and walking
- children's play areas
- refreshments
- birdwatching
- fly-fishing
- country park
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Our family 'Explorer' activity packages are available from the fishing lodge.

