

## These rules are to help you enjoy your day safely

Your attention is also drawn to Anglian Water's Water Parks Byelaws and local fishery rules.

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. No live fish to be removed.
5. Anglers must cease fishing during thunderstorms.
6. 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.
7. Stop the spread of invasive aquatic species. Check - Clean - Dry your equipment and clothing.

### Trout fishing

8. Fishing is only permitted with a natural or artificial fly except on specified days.
9. 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.
10. All brown trout caught between 1st November and 31st March inclusive must be returned alive.

11. One brown trout allowed per bag limit, when in season.
12. Anglers catching their bag limit must cease fishing or have purchased a C and R option.
13. Fish must not be gutted on the bank or boat.
14. Junior permits are available to those under the age of 18 years.

### Catch and release (trout)

15. Barbless / debarbed hooks only to be used.
16. No doubles or trebles to be used.
17. No rudder, trolling or side oar fishing allowed.
18. Use stronger than usual line (recommend 8lb+) 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. You may be asked to move away from recently stocked fish.

### Predator fishing (pike, perch & zander)

23. The check, clean, dry policy must be adhered to before and after fishing by all anglers.
24. All anglers must hold a valid rod licence.
25. All predator fishing must be barbless hooks.
26. No trolling under power or fishing with the engine running.
27. All pike, perch and zander must be returned to the water alive.
28. Any trout caught must be returned to the water immediately, if a trout is badly hooked and has to be killed it must be handed to the fishery staff. (Trout are not to be actively targeted)
29. Fluorocarbon traces can be used when targeting zander and perch.
30. When fishing for pike a wire trace **must** be used.
31. Lure Size:  
All zander and perch lures must be a minimum of 10cm  
All pike lures must be a minimum of 18cm  
All deadbaits must be a minimum of 18cm
32. A maximum of two rods per angler is permitted from the boat. (3 rods may be used from the bank - Pitsford only)

33. Bank fishing only 1st November - 14th February (lure and dead sea bait) Pitsford only.
34. No live baiting permitted.
35. Fly fishing - with fly over 10cm with wire trace from 16th May. (Rutland, Grafham, Pitsford, Ravensthorpe)
36. Dead sea fish baits over 18cm are permitted from 1st October - 31st Jan (excludes lamprey). (Rutland, Grafham, Pitsford, Ravensthorpe)
37. Unhooking mats and appropriate sized nets must be used.
38. All boat fishing rules apply.
39. No trout and pike fishing in the same boat.

### Bank fishing

40. Waist or chest waders may be worn, but anglers are prohibited from wading more than thigh deep.
41. During low water levels there may be restrictions on wading or bank fishing.
42. Bank fishing is prohibited from the nature reserves, sailing clubs and draw off towers at all waters and the dam and causeway at Pitsford. Other prohibited areas are displayed at the fishing lodge and in our brochure.
43. It is not recommended to fish the public car park frontages during weekends and bank holidays or busy times. Anglers may be asked to move by rangers in the interest of public safety.
44. No wading permitted along the face of the dam.

### Boat fishing

45. Thwart boards recommended, all other boat seats only on approval of ranger and must be secured.
46. Waders in boats - neoprene and breathable only allowed - No studded waders.
47. 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.
48. Single man boats and wheelyboats will only be let onto the water at the discretion of the warden and with an 17mph wind speed limit. Anglers must carry a mobile phone.
49. At least one angler in a boat must carry a mobile phone.

50. Juniors from 7 years old may fish from boats provided they are accompanied by an adult over 21.
51. Life jackets are compulsory at all waters and must be worn before going onto the pontoon. They must be returned to the ranger after fishing. We recommend you service your own life jacket annually.
52. Boats must return to the pontoon by the time posted for that day.
53. Landing of boats at any point other than the pontoon is prohibited except in an emergency.
54. Anchoring is prohibited in the main basin and within 100 metres of Normanton Church pontoon at Rutland and near the draw off tower at Pitsford, Grafham and Ravensthorpe.
55. Prohibited areas for boat fishing:-
  - No fishing within the harbour walls when anglers or staff are present - Grafham only.
  - within 50 metres of a bank angler, nature reserve banks, 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.
56. 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.
57. All boat fishing must cease when the wind exceeds force 6 (25 mph) and all boats should return to the boat harbours or other safe moorings.
58. Fishing boats must give way to: 'Sail' and the 'Rutland Belle'.
59. Any loss of, or damage to, equipment or boats will be charged to the hirer.
60. No dogs, pets, cooking stoves or radios are allowed on board.
61. The breaking of a fishing rule by a boat angler will reflect equally on all occupants of the boat.
62. No tying up to any structures or buoys.



**Trout catch return**  
All catch returns will be entered in weekly draw for a mid-week boat

Rainbow		Brown	
lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

No. of fish returned (c & r only)

No. of fish with commorant damage

No. of fish with pike damage

Boat no.

**Pike boat catch return**  
All catch returns will be entered in weekly draw for a mid-week pike boat

Weight lb.	Condition

Comments please

Name .....  
Address .....  
Postcode .....  
Tel.no. ....  
Signature .....  
Warden's signature .....

Name .....  
Address .....  
Postcode .....  
Tel.no. ....  
Signature .....  
Warden's signature .....

## Fishing Rules for Rutland, Grafham, Pitsford & Ravensthorpe Waters