

Predator fishing (pike, perch & zander)

Infringement of any rules, other than with the written consent of Anglian water, may result in immediate ban from fishing and possible prosecution under the water parks Byelaws. AW reserve the right to vary these rules without notice to meet the changing circumstances and in the interest of health and safety for our customers

- All predator fishing must be with barbless or de-barbed hooks.
- All pike, perch and zander must be returned to the water alive.
- Any trout caught must be returned to the water immediately, if a trout is badly hooked and is killed, it must be handed to the fishery staff. (Trout are not to be actively targeted with lures or deadbait).
- Fluorocarbon traces can be used when targeting zander and perch.
- When fishing for pike a wire trace must be used.
- Anglers can use any type of lures in any size, except for; strictly no spinners (in any sizes) and if spoons are used they must be longer than 5 inches.
- Fly fishing - with fly over 10cm with wire trace (seasonal)
- No live baiting permitted.
- Unhooking mats and appropriately sized nets must be used (boat nets are provided by the fishery)
- All boat fishing rules apply.
- No trout and pike fishing in the same boat.
- No trolling under power or fishing with the engine running.
- A maximum of two rods per angler is permitted from the boat (3 rods may be used from the bank – Dead baiting from November at Pitsford only).
- Bank fishing at Pitsford only 1st November – second Sunday in February (only deadbaits permitted). The 'outer' rods must not be any more than 3 metres apart.
- Dead sea fish baits over 18cm are permitted from 1st October - 31st Jan (excludes lamprey). (Rutland, Grafham, Pitsford, Ravensthorpe).

General rules

- All anglers must be in possession of a valid rod licence
- Anglers must cease fishing during a thunderstorm
- No live fish to removed
- The company reserves the right to order fishing to stop at any time and to restrict access to parts of the lake.
- Please adhere to check – clean – dry to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species.
- Boat and bag searches may take place at any time

Boat rules

- Maximum of 3 people per boat. At least one must be an adult in possession of a valid permit
- Single person boat Maximum Average windspeed of 17mph. Two person boat limit is 22mph
- No trolling under power
- At least one angler in the boat must carry a mobile phone
- Juniors 7 and over may fish from a boat provided they are accompanied by an adult over 21 years old
- Life Jackets are compulsory and must be worn before going onto the pontoon.
- Boats must be returned to the pontoon by the stated time on the board
- No beaching/landing of boats anywhere other than the pontoon, except for in an emergency.
- Boats must give way to sailing boats and the Rutland Belle
- No cooking stoves or radios allowed onto boats
- No pets allowed, except for Dogs wearing a suitable dog life jacket.
- No alcohol allowed to be taken onto the boat
- The breaking of fishing rules will reflect equally on all boat occupants
- No fishing within 50m of a bank angler