

Pitsford

The hot weather adversely affected fishing by mid-July. This and algae continued to affect fishing into the mild Autumn. The water temperature has fallen slowly and fishing improving gradually, but by mid-October probably not as good as we normally expect. The rod average has improved as the water starts to cool. Brown trout are showing up in increasing numbers, with many anglers reporting fish in peak condition and willing to take a fly. Sadly, the Rainbows continue to be harder to tempt.

Some fish are now starting to come to shrimp patterns with Pitsford Creek and the Flats being productive from the bank.

The boat anglers are still finding most of their fish in the Main Basin and top of the Narrows.

The average catch rate in the latest week was 3.5 trout per return (season average 5.5).

Sampling at Mid Northants' monthly coaching sessions showed an interesting range of invertebrates around the weed beds (corixa, diving beetles, chironomids, damsel nymphs, caddis etc. as well as fry and the invasive shrimp).

Ravensthorpe

Fishing became challenging in the Summer as the water heated up and coloured. Currently, trout fishing at Ravensthorpe is starting to improve with catches on wet daddies and hoppers. The water is still coloured.

Pike fishing has been productive with predominantly jacks being caught and one large 30lb plus fish, on lures.

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