

Go Fishing

with Essex & Suffolk Water
Angling for everyone



Newsletter

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**Hello and welcome to the first of our Go Fishing newsletters.
Your one stop shop for everything going on at Hanningfield Reservoir.**

With summer finally here, you've all been out in droves fishing the banks of the reservoir, be it fly, bait or spinning for example. The decision to move to the 'any method' of fishing for trout has been a great success and we've seen lots of new faces around the reservoir, as well as lots of huge catches.

I really hope you enjoy this newsletter and share your views and fishy tales with us over the coming months. We're always interested in your thoughts and suggestions so give us a call on **0845 155 0236**. Now that we've got the formalities out of the way, sit back, relax and enjoy our landmark first issue.

**Graham Brown, senior ranger
Essex & Suffolk Water**

Come along to Hanningfield Reservoir

The perfect place for a fun, family day out!

Taking up a new sport can sometimes be quite intimidating. Thankfully, we have a range of beginner's kits and professionally run tuition courses aimed specifically at newcomers to the sport. Couple this with the fact that all children can fish for free when accompanied by a full paying adult and there really hasn't been a better time to take up fishing! So whatever your angling needs, you'll be sure to receive a warm welcome from our friendly team of rangers.

Don't worry about not having the right equipment either; we have a fully stocked shop containing everything you will need - with prices that won't break the bank either! So come along today, get tackled-up and on your way to catching one of the monsters lurking in the depths!

We are excited to announce the very first Go Fishing photography competition!

The theme is comical bankside bits and any photo is eligible provided it was taken while you were at our reservoir. The competition is open to participants of all ages, so bring along your camera the next time you go fishing and you could be the proud owner of a bottle of bubbly, or if you're under 18, a new kids spinning rod.

The winning photo will be published in the next issue.

Rules

Anyone can enter this competition. There is no entry fee.

All entries must be photographs taken by you.

You retain all rights to your images.

Please do not submit more than three images to this contest.

By entering this competition, you give us permission to display your photograph in connection with the contest.

Please keep digital manipulation such as cloning and compositing to a minimum.

Winning photographs will be selected by us and our decision is final.

Deadline is Friday 30 October at midnight GMT. Winners will be announced in the November 2009 issue.

Send your photos to go.fishing@nwl.co.uk with the subject heading 'photo competition'.



Fisherman's friend

Brand new this season is the introduction of our Go fishing loyalty cards - fast becoming many of your best friends thanks to the amazing special offers and discounts you can receive.

Members of our Go Fishing family are entitled to so many amazing deals which would have been otherwise unavailable. Not only this but our Magnificent 7 - fish seven times and your eighth visit is free - is back once again. With the longer days and warmer weather here, there has never been a better time to take advantage of this amazing offer.



Cast into the spotlight

Ever wanted to ask one of our rangers a question but thought it inappropriate? Well, fear not dear reader, as we have pulled together a list of uniquely random questions and cast them at one of our rangers... all for your entertainment. This month Tony Seaman from Hanningfield is the (un)lucky recipient.

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| Q. Who would be your three dream dinner party guests? | Q. What is your favourite tippie? |
| A. Kenneth Brenner, Mariella Frostrup and Ken Loach | A. Abbots Ale |
| Q. What cds can be found spinning in your car at the moment? | Q. Where is your dream holiday destination? |
| A. Joni Mitchell | A. Cumbria |
| Q. What is your favourite sport? | Q. Who did you last buy some flowers for? |
| A. Rock climbing | A. My girlfriend |
| Q. What is your favourite film? | Q. What is your favourite meal? |
| A. Photographing Fairies | A. Liver and bacon |
| | Q. If you were not doing this job, what would be your dream job? |
| | A. National Parks ranger |

2009 Dates for your diary

- Sunday 30 August
Dragon Boat Competition Day (NO FISHING)
- Saturday 5 September
Beginner's Day
- Saturday 12 September
Beginner's Day
- Saturday 26 September
Beginner's Day
- Sunday 27 September
WaterAid Competition
- Saturday 10 October
Beginner's Day
- Sunday 18 October
HFA Competition
- Saturday 24 October
Beginner's Day
- Sunday 1 November
Fred Neville Competition

All of the above dates have restrictions on the number of boats that can be on the water at any one time, please check first at the lodge as some are already fully booked. Please ensure you book a boat with the shop before arriving in order to avoid disappointment.

If you are interested in taking part in any of the above competitions, or know anyone who is interested in learning to fly fish on one of our Beginner's Days, then please contact us on either:
01268 712 180 or 0845 155 0236.

Monsters Inc.

Back in early 2008 we had the brilliant idea to keep back 1,000 of our finest quality trout, and then spend the next twelve months fattening them up monster proportions.

Genius! These enormous specimens were ready for release in May this year and we have so far seen some truly huge catches, as Mr Nigel Angus can testify. He caught a gigantic fighting fit trout weighing over 15lbs! As you will see from the photo it is an absolute beauty. Many of the fish caught were released again straight away, meaning there are still plenty for you to try your luck...



A view from the bank side



We recently had the pleasure of chewing the fat with Mr Bromley from Upminster while fishing at our picturesque Hanningfield Reservoir.

Q. So Mr Bromley how long have you been fishing?
A. Around 20 years and still enjoying it!!

Q. What is the biggest fish you've ever caught?
A. 10lb, here at Hanningfield!

Q. And your favourite technique is?
A. I'm a true fly fisherman.

Q. What type of line/cast do you prefer to fish with?
A. Floating line.

Q. Ever won or thought about entering any competitions?
A. I won the Lexus competition here at Hanningfield and am currently second in the England eliminator.

Q. Do you ever bring along the family?
A. I have done, I've taken the wife out with me and I've also bought other members of the family over with me.

Q. Any good techniques you wouldn't mind sharing?
A. Yeah ill share a few. Small flies on a slow sinking line with a very steady retrieve. A little jerk here and there will pay off.

Q. Any funny stories or memorable experiences?
A. Around five years ago I was fishing from one of the boats and I saw a man fall backwards out of his boat. All I could see was a pair of Wellingtons sticking out of the water. Then the life jacket went off and his head surfaced above the water. Funniest thing I've seen in years!!

Don't miss the boat

Fancy fishing from one of our motor boats?

We have a fleet of 40 available for only £15 each on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday throughout August. So now there's no excuse not to experience the thrills and spills of fishing the deep water. Call into our Fishing Lodge to find out more or telephone 01268 712 180.



News Flash

Be the first to know!

Let us know your mobile number when filling out our loyalty card application form and we'll keep you posted on all kinds of special offers through our text alerts.

To apply for a loyalty card simply complete the application form available in our shop or give us a call on 0845 155 0236 (Monday to Friday).

To get in touch with any contributions or suggestions you can email Graham on graham.brown@nwl.co.uk or write to him at The Fishing Lodge, Giffords Lane, South Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8HX.