



## THE FISH IN THE LAKES

### PIKEPERCH

The pikeperch can hunt in low visibility at the bottom of the deep lakes, where there is not much light. It is an active hunter who pursues its prey. Sometimes it will sneak up on its prey and make more than one attack. That is why, you can sometimes feel a tug or two at the bait before the fish takes the bait. The latest research shows that pikeperch move around the lakes more than we previously imagined. It has also shown that they are active all year round and all around the clock.

### PIKE

Pike can be caught up to 10 kilos, but fish around 4 kilos are the most common. The pike attacks hard and firm, so there is rarely any doubt when one has taken your bait. Your strike must fall rapidly and firm. If the pike swallows the bait, it is not possible to release the fish without it being damaged.

There is a difference from lake to lake where the pike are to be found. In some lakes the pike are hunting in open water and in others along the shoreline vegetation. Like all other fish, pike are moving during the seasons.

Bait for large pike cannot be too large. 20 to 25 cm is not a problem for a medium-sized pike.

Pike can be caught on flygear class 7-8. They provide an excellent fight on flyrods. Remember that the last 50 cm before the fly must be able to withstand the sharp teeth of a pike. The idea of a pike swimming around with a big fly and a half meter line out of its mouth is not pleasant.

### PERCH

You can find perch in all the lakes. A special thing about perch is that they are influenced by airpressure. If it is high pressure and clear weather, you will find the perch high up in the water column, or they may even hunt on the surface. If it is raining and low pressure the perch will be waiting at the bottom not doing anything. In April and May, the perch move into shallow water to spawn. Perch grow slowly, taking 3-4 years to reach 15 to 20 cm and a perch of 50 cm is over 10 years old. It is recommended that larger perch are released again as they are rare.

### TROUT

Fine trout can be caught in the Silkeborg lakes, but there are not many who fish for them. So why do you not have a try? Fishing with small lures and small plugs from a boat or cast from the bank can be a good idea. The trout can sometimes be seen taking flies from the surface and then it is time to find your light flyfishing tackle.

### COARSE FISH

The number of roach and bream have declined the last few years. It is linked to the fact that the water quality has improved, and thus the water is much clearer. You are not allowed to use groundbait on the fishing waters managed by Silkeborg Fiskeforrening. All in all, the Silkeborg Lakes are not suitable for serious coarse fishing.

