

ANGLING

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HOW is this for a nice little story. It is all about a young angler from Bramford who will be known to many of you. His name is Eddie Mounce, he decided to do something different with his life and this story is just a mere summary.

After school Eddie studied at a fishery college and then got a job at Suffolk Water Park as fishery manager which he said was an amazing experience and he still appreciates the opportunity that the owner, Peter Clapperton, gave him.

After a year, however, he became twitchy and went out to Australia to toy with some ideas, including the possibility of exporting carp to the UK. As an aside he commented that had it come off it would probably have made him the UK's most hated man!

Next port of call was Thailand, a country with which he fell in love and where he still lives. He set up several small companies, but the one about which he is most passionate is Fish-Thailand, which is entwined in the country's fast developing holiday trade.

It started with holiday makers already in Bangkok. He said: "We would take them out for the most exhausting day's fishing imaginable – playing fish after fish."

A recent trip home enabled Eddie to see family and friends and also to expand Fish-Thailand to make it possible to book longer fishing packages from the UK through high street travel agencies and tour groups.

Fishing takes place in an 18-acre lake, situated only 40 minutes away from Bangkok, and ranging in depth from 10ft to 25ft. It boasts, he tells me, an

Eddie's making headway in Far East travel market

day session for those enjoying a holiday in Bangkok. There is also a five-day Extreme package for more serious anglers who are there especially for the fishing and this includes a transfer service from the airport to their hotel.

The other services Fish-Thailand offer include – daily transfers to and from the lake; dawn to dusk fishing; English and Thai fishing guides; all bait, tackle and specialist big fish equipment; fishing bungalow complete with electricity, running water, bed chair, relaxation room and staging; Thai cuisine and soft drinks. Non-anglers are welcome at the lake and to enjoy the bungalow.

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