Thornton Fishing Lodge
Leicestershire

Using a water-inspired theme to develop Thornton Reservoir

Lathams has transformed a woodland edge adjacent to Thornton Reservoir in Leicestershire. We designed a fisherman’s lodge, small visitor centre and WC accommodation, creating a unique and innovative structure inspired by the water. To offer easy access for anglers, we used piles driven into the water to carry a stilted timber walkway.

The building was based on a combined concept of an upturned boat and the section through the curving body of a fish. We covered the curved ‘hull’ of the roof in cedar shingles – a product we have used before, which we know weathers well, and has the added effect of mimicking the scales of a fish.

The project, partially funded by the Hinckley and Bosworth District Council, has won a Civic Trust Commendation.

“Our close attention to place, fit and materials resulted in an RIBA Fifty Buildings Fifty Years, Modern Architecture in the East Midlands award.”

Stuart Hodgkinson
Director, Lathams

Client: Severn Trent Water