

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 10 May

by Ray French

Yes, another stocking and it's...TROUT MANIA!

I thought last week was good, but this week Bewl has excelled itself.

Conditions have been good; the winds light and the sun has encouraged both anglers and fish. When it's as good as this there is not a lot I can say other than the fish are taking in the top 2ft, there is a lot of them, and they are well spread. I have been out a couple of times this week, Wednesday and today (Friday).

Wednesday with John T...

There were quite a few of boats out of all methods, and everyone caught with several limits taken. Some of the AM lads came in for second tickets. On the Fly, John and I caught plenty on the 'Washing Line' Slow Glass, Mini White Booby and two black wets on the droppers. 16ft leader 12lb XLine. You may frown at 12lb but many of us use it at Bewl and John needed it on Wednesday. On a mini tour we found a pod of Rainbows up Bewl Straight which included a lot of fish in the 3lb+ range with a few at around 4lb.

We had some great sport with them catching into double figures. John only went and caught two of them at once, and boy did they pull. We did get them in eventually and it proved the worth of not skimping on the leader breaking strain. All those fish were returned fit and ready to fight again.

Today (Friday) I was out with Nick Cox, another Bewl regular, and it fished just as well as Wednesday. In fact, probably better in numbers but again the Trout were released. All but two that had swallowed the fly. I used the same method and set up today and Nick used similar except he used more colour on his leader with Orange probably being his most successful colour. Today started in flat calm and we never really had a proper ripple all morning and what ripple there was consistently changed direction. We fished until 1.30pm in the Main Bowl and again Bewl Straight. Everyone out today was catching and it bodes well for the weekend.

STOCKING

After last week's stocking in the Main Bowl, there was another stocking on Monday (pictured on Facebook). This included 'Trickle' stocking by boat in Hook Straight and Seven Pound Creek, then Beauman's Point and round the corner to Copens Reach and the Nose. Finishing up from Ferry Point to Dunstars Bay.

HOT SPOTS

The main thing here is that 'Hot Spots' are, by definition, areas of consistent success in regularly fished areas. The thing with Bewl is that a large part of it is not fished regularly, or hardly ever. ALL of Bewl Water has now been stocked at least twice this season. Yet so many of us have our favourite areas and stick to them...

Anyway, here are some of those favourite areas that have been fishing well this week based on my experience and info I receive from the Rangers and fellow anglers, of all methods.

Note: The wind has been light and mostly from the North.

The Main Bowl

- * The Lodge to Aqua Park 50yd+
- * The Dam and put. All along.
- * Chingley Corner to Chingley Point.
- * Long drifts out from the dam have been good.
- * Chingley Wood
- * The area from Chingley Point to Ferry Point.
- * Beauman's Point.

Bewl Straight

- * Rosemary Lane and Tinkers are still holding fish but tricky.
- * Lot of fish moving around in Bewl Straight and its bays especially close in on the windy banks.

Hook Straight

- * I have not been down Hook Straight this week and not heard any reports as yet. Stocked Monday.

ADVICE.

Whatever your method, Spinner or Fly, fish high in the water and retrieve very slowly.

NOTE.

Bewl Management have asked if you can please take your litter home and not to leave it in the boats. Also, stow the anchor & rope in the bows untangled and reasonably tidy. Thank you.

Have a good week and tight lines.

Ray French.

Below: Yours truly with a nice Rainbow of 3lb+, typical of the fish currently stocked.

