



YOUR SAFETY ON THE WATER AT

BEWL WATER



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RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE WATER



WELCOME TO BEWL WATER

Southeast England's largest and most scenic reservoir, spanning 770 acres. Our location is perfect for both seasoned water sports enthusiasts and beginners. We offer excellent facilities and a welcoming atmosphere for families and individuals alike.

Whether you're looking for adventure on the open water or seeking the tranquillity of our sheltered inlets, Bewl Water has something for everyone. Before you dive into the fun, please take a moment to review our rules and guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all.



GENERAL RULES

To keep everyone safe and happy, please follow these simple guidelines:

Sign in and out: Make sure to sign in before you hit the water and sign out when you have returned.

Memberships and day passes: Ensure you have a valid membership or day pass. As a day pass holder or annual member, you must ensure that you comply with the membership terms and conditions of the water user's safety rules. Parking is included in your membership and with any day pass.

Age restrictions: Solo use is for those 18 and over. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum age is 5 years old.

Suitable craft: Your craft should be appropriate for the water conditions and your skill level.

Safety equipment: Equip your craft with the necessary safety gear and ensure everyone wears buoyancy aids (minimum 50 newtons). Make sure everyone is wearing appropriate clothing.

Clean craft: Please wash your craft thoroughly before entering the water. This is to prevent invasive species entering the water.

Insurance: Have third-party public liability insurance (minimum £2 million coverage).

Competency: You must only use the water if you hold an appropriate qualification for your chosen water sport or are deemed competent by a member of the Bewl Water Team.

Launch areas: Use designated areas for launching your craft.

Stay in touch: If you get into difficulties, stay with your craft, and attract the attention of other water users. If necessary, contact Bewl Water on 07767 375115 or call the emergency services.

Report issues: Notify our staff immediately if you notice any safety concerns on or off the water.



Please Note: *Inflatables and beach toys are not permitted under any circumstances.*





FACILITIES AVAILABLE

We offer a range of facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and convenient.

Water and launch areas: Enjoy access to our beautiful water and designated launch areas.

Boat storage: Available all year round. You must ensure that you comply with the Boat Storage Terms and Conditions. Please speak with a member of our team for more information.

The Boat House amenities: Showers, toilets, and changing areas are available for all water sports participants. There is also a small shop for refreshments as well as our Waterfront Cafe at our main building offering hot food and drinks.

Race box: Free for members, but booking is required.

Meeting/briefing rooms: We have a small meeting room available for your convenience. Please email our team if you would like to use this for a specific purpose and for availability.



PARKING & LAUNCHING

Parking: Use designated car parks. Parking is £7 all day, please pay on the Ringo app or in our Waterfront Café.

Launching: Prepare your boat promptly to avoid congestion and launch safely in designated areas.

Speed limits: Observe onsite speed limits and rights of way.

Lifejackets: Wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid on jetties or water at all times. Manual personal floatation devices (buoyancy belt) are NOT permitted.

Clear access: Keep jetties, pontoons, slipways, and waterfront areas clear of obstructions. Bewl Water reserves the right to remove any equipment or trailers that are in breach of the above rules.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Safety first: Bewl Water does not provide water safety cover.
All activities are at your own risk.

Compliance: Follow the directions and guidance of Bewl Water staff.
Non-compliance may result in revoked membership or denied access.

Water Sports Rules: Specific rules for different water sports must be followed
(details below).

All our rules and guidelines will be displayed on our website and are supplied to you as part of either your annual or daily membership form. We may make reasonable changes to these from time to time.

Bewl Water will not be responsible for any loss, injuries or damage sustained by any person, their property or any third party as a consequence of his or her entering and/or remaining upon Bewl Water property and engaging in any form of water or land-based activity.

Upon entering Bewl Water all persons must comply with any direction and guidance given by Bewl Water. Failure to comply may result in membership being revoked, access denied to Bewl Water and removal of all associated equipment.



WHAT WE OFFER



WATER SPORTS DAY PASSES

Day passes are available for sailing, stand-up paddleboarding and windsurfing from the beginning of April until the end of September.

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SAILING & WINDSURFING

Sailing at Bewl Water can be enjoyed seven days a week in all seasons.

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ROWING

Rowing is only available through the Bewl Bridge Rowing Club (BBRC) who offer coaching and tuition.

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CANOEES & STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

Both canoeing and stand up paddle boarding take place at Bewl Water.

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WATER SPORTS SPECIFIC RULES



PADDLEBOARDING

Leash: To be worn at all times.

Buoyancy aid: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).

Solo use: One person per craft.

Launch area: Use the designated launch area.

Under 18s: Must be accompanied by an adult.



SAILING DINGHIES

Qualifications: Helm must hold RYA Level 2 Basic Skills or RYA Stage 3.

Wind conditions: Restrictions apply if wind exceeds Force 3.

Buoyancy aid: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).

Trailers: Keep slipways clear.



WINDSURFERS

Qualifications: Must hold RYA Start Windsurfing.

Buoyancy aid/impact vest or harness: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).



WING-BOARDS AND FOILING

Competence: Must be able to sail upwind.

Leash: Must be worn at all times.

An impact vest or buoyancy aid must also be worn at all times. (minimum 50 newtons).

Helmet: We strongly recommend these for your safety.



KAYAKS - SIT ON

Qualifications: Must hold British Canoe Paddle Explore Award.

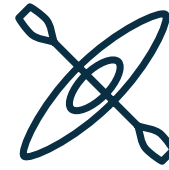
Group size: Minimum of two crafts.

Buoyancy: Craft must have inherent buoyancy.

Buoyancy aid: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).

Inflatable kayaks: Not permitted.

Carry a mobile phone with the emergency number pre-installed (07767 375115)



KAYAKS - CLOSED COCKPIT

Qualifications: Must hold British Canoe Paddle Explore Award.

Group size: Minimum of two crafts, with or without spray deck.

Buoyancy: Must be fitted with sufficient buoyancy to remain floating when full of water.

Buoyancy aid: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).

Inflatable kayaks: Not permitted.

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CANOE

Qualifications: Must hold British Canoe Paddle Explore Award.

Group size: Minimum of two crafts, with or without spray deck.

Buoyancy: Craft must be fitted with sufficient buoyancy to remain floating above the gunwale line when full of water.

Buoyancy aid: Must be worn at all times (minimum 50 newtons).

Inflatable canoes: Not permitted.

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SAFETY CONTINUED

Check-in: Sign in before launching.

Stay with your craft: Signal for help if needed.

Weather conditions: Activities may be suspended in severe weather.

WIND LIMITATIONS

These are guidelines and can vary depending on competency and wind direction. Please see the notice board for further limitations on the day of your visit.







CRAFT	MAX WIND SPEED
Dinghy/Windsurf/Wingboard	F6: 25-31mph
SUP	F4: 13-18mph
Canoe/Kayak	F4: 13-18mph




We hope you have a fantastic time at Bewl Water. Follow these guidelines, stay safe, and enjoy what the water has to offer!

WATER SPORTS MAP



KEY

-  INFORMATION POINTS
-  TOILETS
-  DIRECTIONAL ARROWS
-  HILLY PATH NOT SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS
-  VIEWING POINTS
-  MILE MARKERS

-  VINEYARDS
-  CYCLE AND WALKING PATH
-  WALKING PATH ONLY

-  A - N WAYMARKERS

SWIMMING IS NOT PERMITTED UNLESS AS PART OF OUR OPEN WATER SWIMMING SESSIONS

FAQS

Do you run watersports lessons and courses at Bewl Water?

All RYA watersports lessons and courses are run by the Bewl Outdoor Centre who can be reached on 03000 41 52 00.

Do you hire out kayaks, paddleboards or sailing boats?

Paddle boards and canoes are available for hire through PTP Coaching.

I have my own sailing boat, windsurf or paddleboard do I need a membership to access the water?

You can access Bewl Water by purchasing a day pass or an annual membership. For memberships, please fill out a form on our membership page.

Do I need a qualification to sail at Bewl Water?

Yes, you must possess a RYA Level 2 certificate to sail or RYA Start Windsurfing to windsurf at Bewl, a copy of your certificate will be taken at the point of membership purchase.

When does your annual membership run from/until?

Our annual term of membership runs for 12 months from the day you join, you will automatically be sent a renewal reminder to your membership email address.

I have my own kayak do I need a membership to access the water?

Yes, you are able to kayak at Bewl Water through purchasing annual membership to the Bewl Canoe Club at bewlcanoeclub.co.uk

Do you allow inflatable kayaks?

Inflatable kayaks are not permitted on the reservoir.

Do you offer discounted membership?

We offer subsidies for junior members.



Do I need insurance for craft on/off the water?

All craft on/off Bewl Water with annual membership must be in possession of valid public liability insurance, you will be asked to present a copy of your insurance certificate prior taking out the membership. Bewl Water are not able to supply insurance.

Do I need to let you know when I am entering /leaving the water?

Yes, you must use the sign in / sign out sheet outside of the fishing lodge.

Can I swim from my craft?

No, swimming in the reservoir is strictly prohibited.

Do I need to wear a lifejacket on the water?

Yes, you must supply your own lifejacket for all activities whilst afloat.

Can I store my boat or windsurf at Bewl Water?

Yes, sailing boat and windsurfing locker storage can be purchased through the membership form and spaces will be allocated via the membership office. We have a limited number of windsurf lockers available, to enquire please contact info@bewlwater.co.uk

Do you run sailing events?

We host many sailing events throughout the year, these are run by the Bewl Sailing Association, further information can be found on their website at bewlsailing.club

How do we display that we are paid members?

At the point of membership purchase you be given a boat sticker to display on the boat transom and car parking pass to be displayed on the dashboard of your car.

Do watersports members have to pay for parking?

No, parking is included in your membership purchase. Please display your membership parking pass so it is clearly visible in your car windscreen.

Can we do kitesurfing, Jet Ski or wakeboarding at Bewl Water?

Kitesurfing, Jet Ski and wakeboarding are not permitted.

Where do we launch our craft onto the water?

Sailing boats must be launched from the sailing slipway next to the boathouse, paddleboards, kayaks and windsurfs must be launched from the beach area next to the fishing jetty.

Are powered boats permitted on the reservoir?

We do not allow any customer owned powered boats onto the reservoir.

