



## Bewl Water Pike Fishing 2011

### INTRODUCTION

A series of pike fishing days will be held at Bewl Water in October and November 2011. Fishing, from motor boats, will take place in accordance with the following arrangements:

### TIMES AND DATES 2011

Tuesday	18th October	Tuesday	8th November
Monday	24th October	Saturday	12th November
Tuesday	25th October	Sunday	13th November
Tuesday	1st November	Monday	14th November
Saturday	5th November	Tuesday	15th November
Sunday	6th November		
Monday	7th November		

Fishing commences at 09:00 hours and ends at 16:00 hours. Boats may be boarded after briefing at 08:45hrs

### COST

The cost of fishing will be £50.00 per boat per day for one or two anglers.

Boats for three anglers are available for £65.00 per day.

Bookings are non-transferable and booking fees are non-refundable.

### RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be made on the official application form below. Please enclose correct fee or telephone Fishing Lodge 01892 890352 to pay by credit card.

### EXCLUSIVITY

Please note:

Water may be fished by both pike anglers and trout flyfishers.

## General Information for Pike Anglers

### PROHIBITED AREAS

- 1 The bank. Bryants Bay and Clubhouse water frontage
- 2 One hundred metres from dam and draw-off tower
- 3 Fish rearing unit. Keep outside green buoys and do not tie up to them
- 4 Areas where trout are being caught
- 5 All of the Nature Reserve, marked by "no entry" buoys

### TROUT

Any trout caught should be carefully removed from the hook and released into the water. Anglers not complying with this will not be permitted to fish at the reservoir in future.

### BRIEFING

A briefing will be held at 08:45 hours each fishing day when any amendments to the above - along with information on the permitted and most productive fishing areas - will be given. All anglers fishing on that day must attend

### PIKE HANDLING ADVICE

All Pike caught are to be unhooked carefully and returned alive to the water, regardless of size. The use of long forceps is recommended, together with a stout glove to protect the anglers hand. A pair of cutters may be useful to deal with difficult hooks, removable after snipping barb off.

Barbless or semi barbless trebles are recommended for bait rigs.

Since the floor of the boat is painted with a rough, anti-slip coating, some form of padding is required to protect the fish. Unhooking mats should be at least 36" x 24". An old piece of carpet or underlay of these dimensions or larger is also ideal. Fish to be weighed should be placed into a proper sling or into a landing net/keep net or sack. They should not be weighed by hooking the scales under the gills. The staff carry weighing equipment on the patrol boat.

The staff will patrol the fishery with fuel and are able to offer assistance when needed. Raise an oar in the air to signal if you need them to assist you.

### Emergency Precautions for Bewl Water Anglers

**Carry a mobile telephone at all times** – Wear a mobile phone in a waterproof holder where it can easily be reached. Store Bewl's emergency help numbers for easy dialling:

**Bewl Water Fishing Lodge: 01892 890352**

**Bewl Water Estate Office: 01892 890661**

**Bewl Water Ranger's Radio link: 01892 890486 (10 rings before connecting)**

**In emergency ring for help** - Do not put yourself at risk by entering the water to recover victims.

*Remember*

- ❖ **Reach** (with a stick, branch or oar)
- ❖ **Throw** (a rope, rescue line or joined clothing)
- ❖ **Wade** (only where you know it is safe to do so)
- ❖ **Row** (rescue from a boat)

**If you see anyone in difficulty ~ Find out what is wrong and help if you can**

**Do not put yourself at risk ~ Telephone for help immediately**

## General Safety for Bawl Water Anglers

**Wear lifejackets** - All anglers must wear lifejackets when in boats or on jetties, or when close to deep water. Lifejackets are available from the Fishing Lodge for boat anglers

**Swimming is prohibited** - Even on a hot day the water in a reservoir can be very cold. There is a risk of drowning or injury from other users

**Protect yourself** - Always wear sunglasses and a hat to prevent injury from hooks to your eyes and head. Remember that prolonged exposure to the sun's rays may be harmful – protect yourself from them

**Wear suitable clothing and footwear** – Always ensure you are dressed appropriately for the weather protecting yourself from the harmful effects of sun, rain, wind and cold

**Know the hazardous areas** - Check map at the Fishing Lodge or ask staff and never wade on the wall of the dam

**Do not short cut** – Areas of mud exposed at low water may be hazardous. If you get stuck try to work your way back the way you came

**Avoid wading** - If you have to wade, use a stake or landing net pole to feel your way and note the no-wading areas on the map

**Do not wade on the wall of the dam** - Keep at least 1 metre away from the water as the wet concrete may become slippery

**Check all around before casting** - You may be about to injure someone close to you or you could be close to overhead power cables

**Avoid algal blooms** - Algae, particularly when decaying, can cause stomach upsets and skin rashes and can be poisonous to dogs. Keep away from areas where algae has accumulated and wash thoroughly in the event of contact

**Weil's Disease** – All participants in water sports should be aware of the risk of Weil's Disease. Keep cuts and scratches covered, avoid ingesting water and wash thoroughly after contact with water. In the event of serious flu-like symptoms your GP should be made aware that you participate in water sports

## Safety for Boat Anglers

**Minimum age** – Boats may only be hired by anglers of 18-years old or over. Proof of age may be required

**Ask for advice** – If doubt about use of boats, weather conditions, operation of the outboard motors and how to get help in an emergency please ask the Fishing Lodge for a safety briefing before departing

**Lifejackets** - Lifejackets are available from the Fishing Lodge and must be worn when on the jetty or in boats. Moving between jetty and boat is one of the more hazardous areas

**Always use engine kill cord** – When under power the red cord should be attached to the boat operator to ensure engine cuts out in the event of a fall

**Start engine before casting off** – Always ensure engine is running before casting off or retrieving anchor, particularly in deep water areas close to the dam

**Wear suitable clothing and footwear** – You may be exposed to sun, wind, rain or cold for long periods

**Avoid studded boots and waders** - These can slip in glass fibre boats

**Avoid accumulation of rainwater** - Keep boats baled

**Do not stand up in boat** - Standing in a boat is unsafe – you will catch just as many fish sitting down

**Keep well clear of the dam wall** – Keep clear at all times especially when the wind is blowing onto it. Under no circumstances attempt to land on the dam wall, it is very slippery due to algae/slime

**Engine Failure** - If the boat is drifting towards the bank in rough weather and the engine cannot be started throw the anchor over to slow you down

**Anchoring** - The anchor provided is suitable for most conditions if used correctly. The top eye of the anchor should be fastened to the loop on the anchor rope using the green string provided on the cleat. In the event of a snagged anchor, the weak link will break under a firm pull and the anchor will free. If you cannot retrieve the anchor DO NOT CUT THE ROPE. Leave the anchor and its buoy intact in the water for the staff to retrieve. Spare anchors are available on the jetty or from the patrol boat. It may be advisable to bring your own anchor, especially if it is likely to be very windy or if you wish to fish the deepest parts of the reservoir

**Rights of Way** - Boats under power give way to sailing boats/rowers at all times

**Man overboard** - If you fall overboard try and get out of the water as quickly as possible. Stay with the boat even if it has capsized. It will act as a life raft and you will be seen more easily. If someone else falls overboard - **If the boat has an engine, stop it at a safe distance from casualty and row. When you are near enough pass them the end of the oar. If you need to throw them a rope – detach the anchor rope from the boat and throw the free end. Help them into the boat near the front or back, not in the middle**

**How to get back into the boat** - If the boat is not full of water it is possible to get back in but always attempt re-entry at the front or back of the boat and not the middle. You will find it easier to get back in if you make a short loop or stirrup (2-3 feet long) from the rope fitted to the boat. Make sure the rope is tied to the boat then drop it over the side, put your foot in the loop and push yourself up into the boat

**Keep warm** - If you have fallen in make sure you keep warm once you are out of the water. Reduce heat loss as you come ashore by putting on any spare clothing. It is easy to suffer from exposure if you are wet in a cold wind

**If weather conditions deteriorate suddenly** - Do not take chances, seek shelter and ring for help. Make for the nearest bank or sheltered area and wait for conditions to improve or for the safety boat to arrive

**Stay warm** – If you become cold return to the Lodge before your decision-making abilities are affected. Should you become very wet/cold, there are hot showers at the clubhouse (see map), there are also first aid facilities. A hot drinks machine can be found at the side of the lodge

**Avoid alcoholic drinks** - Alcohol and boat use is a dangerous combination

## **Bewl Water Fishery General Regulations for Pike Anglers**

1. No live bait may be used
2. No natural bait other than dead fish may be used
3. Dead bait must be over 5" in length. Fresh water fish must not be used.
4. Any plug, spinner or spoon used must be over 5" in length, excluding the hook; smaller spinners connected together must not be used. Spinner baits and similar types of lure should be over 5" from point of attachment to trace, to point of attachment of hook
5. Wire traces must be used, and a minimum line strength of 12lbs breaking strain is recommended
6. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE TROUT TO BE FISHED FOR. Any trout caught must be carefully unhooked and returned to the water alive
7. Spot checks will be made, particularly on size and type of bait, plug, spinner or spoon. In the event of an infringement of the rules occurring Bewl Water staff have been instructed to remove those responsible from the water; no refunds will be given.
8. No gaffs - landing nets only
9. No artificial flies regardless of size to be used.
10. All fish caught are to be returned to the water alive
11. Persons contravening any regulation or byelaw in force at the time will be required to leave the reservoir
12. No bank fishing is permitted
13. A permit must be purchased before fishing commences
14. Each permit is valid for one angler only and is not transferable
15. Anglers are bound strictly by the terms and conditions stated on their permit relating to number of fish that may be caught and the manner in which fish are dealt with
16. If required to do so by any fishery officer or other authorised person, any angler shall show all the bait, equipment and tackle in his possession
17. Anglers are not allowed to fish in certain areas – see map
18. An angler must not cast his line if there is a possibility of it causing danger to any person or fouling any boat
19. Follow the Country Code. Anglers must comply with Bewl Water Byelaws made under the Countryside Act 1968 which may be viewed at the Estate Office
20. The Company reserves the right to exclude anglers at any time from the whole or any part of the Reservoir

## **Bewl Water Fishery Boat Regulations for Pike Anglers**

21. Lifejackets are available from the Fishing Lodge and must be worn when on the jetty or in boats
22. Boats may carry up to a maximum of 2 persons
23. Boats are not allowed within 50 metres of other boats or bank anglers, nor within 100 metres of the draw-off tower, overflow tower, dam wall or water sports frontage. They are not allowed to enter the Nature Reserve and must keep outside a ring of buoys around the fish rearing unit. Any additional restrictions or special events will be advertised at the Fishing Lodge
24. Fishing boats under power, whether driven by motor or oars, must give way to sailing dinghies, canoes or sculling boats at all times
25. Fishing boats engaged in fishing must give way to sailing dinghies, canoes or sculling boats engaged in racing
26. Buoys with flags on identify a sailing course in use that day. Boat anglers must keep well clear of such buoys and in particular avoid drifts which may take them close to the buoys as racing dinghies will not be able to alter course easily
27. Drifting boats must not be set on a course which will interfere with boats previously anchored. Likewise boats must not anchor in the path of boats already drifting
28. Fish traps, nets and other fishery management devices must not be interfered with
29. Thwart boards and clamps may be used only if suitably padded to prevent damage to gunwhales
30. No leeboards, rudders or other controls are allowed except drogues. Anglers may use their own electric trolling motor but do so at their own risk
31. Anglers must only moor to buoys with mooring rings.
32. Boats may not be hired or driven by any person under the age of 18
33. Boats are available for hire from 0900 hours and must be returned to the fishing jetty by the time displayed at the Fishing Lodge. Issue of boats may be delayed or boats may be recalled early in adverse weather or for other reasons at the discretion of the Duty Manager
34. The hire of the boat ceases when it is returned to the fishing jetty. During the period of the hire, the boat is not transferable to another angler
35. Breaking of the regulations by one member of a boat party shall reflect equally on all other occupants of the boat.
36. Every person visiting the reservoir shall indemnify the Company against loss or damage to the Company's property or any other property which might arise from his or her presence or activities at or on the reservoir

**In these Regulations 'the Company' means Bewl Water Management, 'officer' means an officer of the company or a police officer, 'other authorised person' means a person acting under instructions from the Duty Manager, 'licence' means a valid rod and line licence for trout, and 'permit' means a valid permit of any type usually issued by the Company for use at the reservoir. Further information telephone Bewl Water Fishing Lodge 01892 890352**

# BEWL WATER FISHING PIKE FISHING 2011

## APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF FIRST ANGLER: .....

ADDRESS: .....

..... Email \* : .....

TEL NO (DAY): .....

NAME OF SECOND ANGLER: .....

ADDRESS: .....

..... Email \* : .....

(\* Note Email address will be used for sending out late information plus advance booking invitation for 2012)

I WISH TO BOOK BOATS ON THE DATES INDICATED BELOW – PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS ARE MADE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. PLEASE INDICATE FIRST CHOICE 'A' or SECOND CHOICE 'B'

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<input type="checkbox"/>		

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to BEWL WATER FISHING in full payment or will telephone Fishing Lodge with credit card payment 01892 890352

I confirm that I have read and understand the safety information and fishing regulations attached and I shall ensure these are understood and complied with by all boat partners.

Signed:

- Applications will only be accepted if signed and accompanied by the correct payment.
- Cheques should be made payable to Bewl Water Fishing
- **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT MAY BE MADE IN PERSON BUT CAN ONLY BE MADE BY TELEPHONE AFTER FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY FISHING LODGE ( MARK FORM 'CREDIT CARD BY PHONE TO FOLLOW')**.
- Bookings may only be considered as confirmed after payment has been cleared by Bewl Water.
- Once booked payment is non-refundable

Please return this form to:

The Fishing Lodge Bewl Water Estate Office Bewl Water Lamberhurst Kent TN3 8JH

Telephone 01892 890352