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Bewl Water Trout Fishery Regulations

General Regulations

1. Persons contravening any regulation or byelaw in force at the time will have all fish in their possession confiscated and will be required to leave the reservoir.
2. Bank fishing is permitted only from sunrise until one hour after sunset.
3. A permit must be purchased before fishing commences.
4. Each permit is valid for one angler only and is not transferable.
5. Fishing is only permitted by means of fly rod, line and reel with artificial fly or lure tied with traditional materials or by Dapping tackle. Spinning or the use of any form of bait or ground bait is prohibited.
6. 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 caught fish are dealt with.
7. Second permits, when available, may only be purchased by an angler returning to the Fishing Lodge to have their first catch recorded prior to recommencing fishing.
8. Any Brown trout caught must be carefully unhooked and returned to the water alive. The Brown trout season runs from 3rd April to 31st October.
9. If required to do so by any fishery officer or other authorised person, any angler shall show all the fish, equipment and tackle in his possession.
10. All anglers must complete their catch records (including nil returns) on the reverse of the permit and place it in a Permit Returns collection box before leaving the reservoir. Locations of boxes are shown on the map overleaf.
11. Anglers are not allowed to fish in certain areas including the nature reserve, the club house watersports frontage and the water frontage and jetty close to the visitor centre when in use. Anglers may only fish from the wall of the dam at certain times and must keep 1 metre clear of the water at all times.
12. No part of any bank may be reserved by any angler.
13. Fishing lines and casts below 4lbs dead weight should not be used.
14. An angler must not cast his line if there is a possibility of it causing danger to any person or fouling any boat.
15. Anglers wading are warned that there are areas of soft mud and deep holes and great care should be exercised. The use of chest waders is not recommended.
16. Follow the Country Code, and in particular, close all gates and take all litter home. Anglers are advised that there are Byelaws made under the Countryside Act 1968. These may be viewed at the Estate Office and must be complied with.
17. The Company reserves the right to exclude anglers at any time from the whole or any part of the reservoir.

Bewl Water Trout Fishery Boat Regulations

18. Lifejackets are available from the Fishing Lodge and must be worn when on the jetty or in boats.
19. Boats may carry up to a maximum of 2 persons.
20. 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.
21. Fishing boats under power, whether driven by motor or oars, must give way to sailing dinghies, canoes or sculling boats at all times.
22. Fishing boats engaged in fishing must give way to sailing dinghies, canoes or sculling boats engaged in racing.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. Fish traps, nets and other fishery management devices must not be interfered with.
26. Thwart boards and clamps may be used only if suitably padded to prevent damage to gunwhales.
27. No leeboards, rudders or other controls are allowed except drogues.
28. Anglers must only moor to buoys with mooring rings.
29. When a boat is under power, whether driven by motor or oars, fishing is not allowed and no line may be left in the water to be drawn behind a drifting boat.
30. Boats may not be hired or driven by any person under the age of 18.
31. Boats are available for hire from 0900 hours and must be returned to the fishing jetty by the time displayed at the Fishing Lodge or at sunset. 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.
32. 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.
33. Breaking of the regulations by one member of a boat party shall reflect equally on all other occupants of the boat.
34. 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