

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

Week ending Friday 15th July

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Due to holiday my report this week has been based on information received, which has resulted in a very similar picture to that of last week which doesn't surprise as very little has changed on the weather front.

The majority of trout are swimming or lying deep in the cooler water which can vary during the summer from 15ft to the bottom, which at the tower can be 60ft. To date I have caught mostly at 30ft but it does vary. In cloud they are prepared to rise higher and some surface to seek midge or fry, but not that often and being preoccupied on their lunch they are difficult to catch.

Certainly, this last couple of days most of the action has been to the any method rods fished at anchor with bait on the bottom and those on the fly could well copy that approach using sinking lines with buzzers and/or boobies (the latter on short leaders).

Most of the boats are continuing to fish in the main basin and the deeper water of Bewl and Hook straight, I am sure this is where the majority of trout are. We do not have the areas of flourishing weed in 15ft of water stuffed with natural food as some of the Midland Reservoirs do, hot summers and water draw down over the years have eliminated that luxury. Nevertheless, we have the deep cool water to provide fish with sanctuary resulting in very little heat fatalities. Rarely do you see dead fish lying on the bottom here.

FISHING

Location, depth, speed... Location. Concentrate on known fish holding areas with at least 15ft - 20ft of water which include the bubbles, chingley point, the towers, the old cages, beaumans point, off hook house and seven pound creek. There are two big exceptions to that which are...the dam. Fish will come up the slope there and take fry and natural debris where it laps up the edge. The Aqua Park, I think the fish see this huge disturbance as a large feeding pen, they are often drawn there.

DEPTH

We have mentioned that as primarily being deep, but there are always exceptions so be aware and if you see fish at least have a go for them!

SPEED

In my experience this month on the fly, deep, slow and stop has been the best here with buzzer, booby, nymphs and blobs being the best for me using international size flies, but for those who use weighted or bigger flies, the minkie cat's whisker, minkie booby or goldhead in orange or olive do well. Whatever, get the flies right down and retrieve vertically, if possible, very slowly until you get a take. Game on.

FORECAST

This weekend we will get much the same and although it may be frustratingly difficult it will give good sport if you can find the fish. Of course, that is always the case but at this time of year when fish are unlikely to show much, that is more difficult. Certainly, on the fly, but whatever, try the options mentioned above as your first choices.

Next week could well get even hotter for a couple of days but providing there is a bit of wind and whisks of cloud to keep me cool I don't mind at all. It's the blazing sun and flat calm that finishes me.

Anyway, I shall be back at Bewl Water on Wednesday and Friday, can't think of anywhere I would rather be than out in a boat, fishing...yes even in summer!

Tight lines...

Ray F.