



Bewl Water Health and Safety statement.

Bewl Water is an expansive country park with miles of paths, tracks, areas of meadow, woodland and a 770 acre lake.

Bewl Water is committed to ensuring health and safety is given a high priority to allow our visitors to experience an engaging and enjoyable visit whilst being exposed to an acceptable level of risk.

Bewl Water will always, as far as reasonably practicable, ensure our visitors are not put at risk of harm.

It is not possible, or desirable, to eliminate all risks associated with visiting a country park. Control measures will be put in place to ensure that the risk of severe harm is removed. Bewl Water takes the view that a balance needs to be found between risk removal and providing access and freedom to explore.

There is a need to ensure measures put in place do not significantly reduce the benefits of access to our countryside environment and maintain the essence of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Bewl Water expects that visitors will take responsibility for their own safety and that of their group by following warning signs, acting responsibly and supervising children in their care.

A countryside environment has a number of risks and these must be noted before visiting Bewl Water. There are examples below but these are not exhaustive.

- Path surfaces are varied and uneven and often contain tree roots, rocks and puddles that can become slippery in wet conditions.
- In the woodland areas visitors need to take care as there can be fallen and/or low lying branches, or wood that can fall from trees without notice.
- The water is deep, cold and has hidden dangers such as poisonous algae, undercurrents, submerged rope and chain, sudden drops and is regularly used by motor and other boats. Swimming is strictly prohibited except within an organised Open Water Swim session.
- The Round Reservoir Route is 12.5 miles and in areas emergency access is difficult. The route takes approximately 6 hours to walk and walkers should wear appropriate footwear, clothing and bring adequate water and food alongside a mobile phone.
- We always recommend staying on the designated paths when cycling and walking.



Bewl Water Visitors' code of conduct

- Always respect the countryside code, Bewl Water staff and fellow visitors.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Keep dogs on leads, unless you have immediate recall. Dogs are not allowed in our play areas or main picnic areas.
- Do not drop any litter.
- Do not play amplified music or make unnecessary noise.
- Fires and BBQs are strictly prohibited.
- Always follow safety advice, signage and warnings.