

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT.
Week ending Friday 17th March.
by Ray French.

BEWL OPENING BONANZA...

Yes, just two days into the season and already the talk is of quality fish and quality fishing on both boat and bank.

What is good this year is that not only has there been two major stockings, at the Main Bowl and Rosemary Lane, but the Rangers have also trickle stocked a third batch by boat around the reservoir in both the main straights and bays. This, together with a healthy fill of overwintered fish, has given us the season start with which Bewl is famed.

Below is a map showing the two main stocking areas marked with red circles, together with red lines showing the path taken by the stocking boat.

I was out in a boat on Wednesday with regular partner John Turner. We fished flies on the drift with a drogue at different places. We started from the 'Playground' just up from the Fishing Lodge and ended up at Rosemary Lane dam via Bewl Straight and caught steadily all day. Certainly, the Any Method lads were doing ok at Chingley, a favourite area for them and usually at anchor, as they were whenever we saw them.

The majority of fly rods were fishing the banks at Ferry Point, Dunstars, and Goose Creek with the largest contingent at Rosemary Lane. Always a favourite because it is freshly stocked early season and easily accessible.

METHOD

Look, it's early season and freshly stocked. Fly or AM it's not critical what you use. Bait, fly or lure if the fish see it, they will grab it. Pretty much every one I saw had a fish bag and/or a rod bending. With the weather mild, depth is not important either with the stockies moving up and down in the water.

We did catch most of our fish close to the bottom but that is where we targeted and we're never in more than 20ft if water.

What is important is that in the early season the majority of Bewl fish are attracted to the banks and I tend to concentrate on the area no more than 80 yds out and drifting in with the wind.

Reports in the last couple of days have reported no change. The fishing is good, and the fish are giving a good account of themselves. For those fishing the weekend, the fish tend to shoal up at this time year so if there is no action where you are, move and keep your eyes open for bending rods....

Tight lines and enjoy....
Ray F.

MAP: See below for the main stocking areas.

