



BEWL WATER FISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General Rules

- A permit must be purchased before fishing commences.
- Each permit is valid for one angler only and is not transferable.
- All anglers must complete their catch records (including nil return) by filling out the permit, emailing fishing@bewlwater.co.uk or using the online form.
- Any Method fishing is permitted from boat only and includes the use of worms, maggots, spinners, corn, soft pellets, paste attractors, and artificial lures (including spinners, spoons, jigs and plugs), but does not include the use or the use of fish bait (live or dead). All trout caught using Any Method fishing must be taken.
- Fly fishing is permitted from bank or boat by means of fly rod, line & reel with artificial fly or lure tied with traditional materials.
- Trolling (fishing with a lure whilst the boat is under power) is prohibited
- Only one rod may be used at any given time. Multiple rods may be made up as reserves.
- Only one hook may be used per rod with the exception of treble hooks on spinners/lures.
- Fly fishermen may use a team of flies.
- Loose feeding of particles, maggots or ground bait is not allowed.
- Keep nets are not allowed.
- A Maximum of 8 Rainbow Trout per person can be taken and your session must cease when this limit has been caught. All other fish must be returned alive. You also agree to our penalty charges of £10 per fish caught over the limit and/or wrong species caught, and confiscation of these fish.
- If required to do so by any fishery officer, any angler shall show all the fish, equipment and tackle in his possession.
- Anglers must park in the designated area.
- You must be 18 years or older to hire a boat. Under-18s are not permitted to power the engine. Proof of age may be requested.
- The red kill cord should be attached to the user when the engine is running.
- Life jackets must be securely worn at all times. Hire of such is included in the fee. Should a lifejacket auto-inflate through misuse, being dropped in the water or vandalised, a fee of £60 per lifejacket will be chargeable and payable prior to departing Bewl Water.
- Boats are not allowed within 100 metres of the draw-off tower, overflow tower, dam wall or water sports frontage and are not allowed to enter the Nature Reserve past the 'No

Entry' buoys. Any additional restrictions or special events will be advertised at the Fishing Lodge.

- Anglers may not cast within 50 metres of other boats or bank anglers
- Swimming is prohibited.
- The use of drugs or alcohol by all anglers at Bewl Water is prohibited. Bewl Water staff reserve the right to confiscate alcohol prior to a fishing session and refuse access to the water to anyone suspected of drinking prior to fishing.
- All boats must be back on the jetty by the time displayed on the clock on the jetty.
- Bank fly fishing is only permitted from sunrise until one hour after sunset.
- Standing in the boat is prohibited. Standing causes the boat to be unstable, especially during windy conditions in open water.
- Excessive noise, shouting or amplified music whilst fishing is prohibited.
- Every person visiting the reservoir shall indemnify the Company against loss or damage to the Company's property or any other property that might arise from his or her presence or activities at or on the reservoir. The Company cannot accept liability for loss or damage howsoever caused.
- 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. Serious breaches of rules, regulations or byelaws will result in an indefinite ban for the parties involved.
- Boats must be returned to the jetty at the time specified on the jetty when leaving. Please note that this changes seasonally.
- A maximum of three people are permitted in a fishing boat.
- No fishing in the nature reserve. Please observe the no-entry buoys and the map.
- Do not tie up to the overflow and draw off towers.

Safety and Advice

- Assess the risk, and be very aware of the environment, including (but not limited to) fishing from the bank.
- Be polite and respectful to all other water users.
- Be aware of changing wind conditions. If in doubt, ask a ranger or at the lodge.
- Do not cross in front of a casting line and allow enough space for others to pass behind you.
- All accidents or damage should be reported to the Rangers or lodge staff
- Wear suitable warm clothing.
- Use of sun cream in hot weather is recommended.
- Personal protective equipment and accessories should be considered.
- Some algae found in the water are potentially harmful and may prove poisonous to dogs.
- Always wash after fishing. Weil's disease can cause serious illness.
- Please keep cuts and scratches covered. See your G.P. if you experience flu-like symptoms.
- If in the eventuality of you or your fishing partner falling overboard, operate the RED kill cord and row to the aid of the casualty. Phone for immediate assistance. Climb into the front or rear end of the boat and NOT the sides.

Boat Usage

Start your engine before leaving the pontoon jetty or anchor point. Do not untie the rope until the engine has run for at least a minute. Pull the anchor before putting the boat into forward/reverse.

To start the engine:

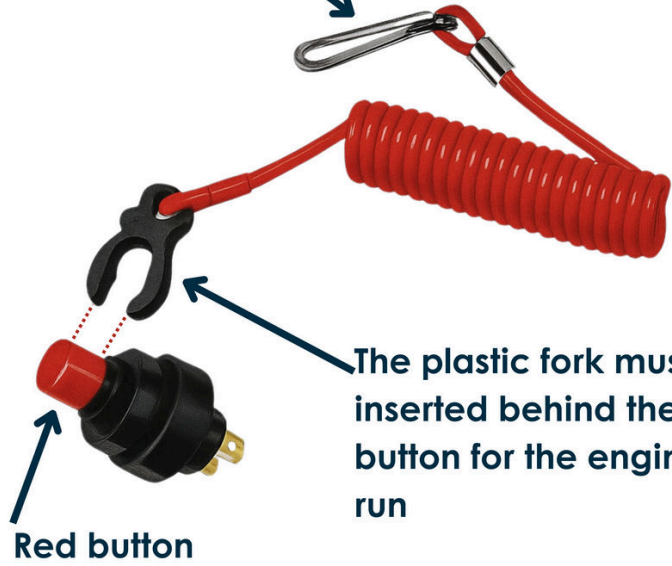
- Ensure the kill cord is attached to both yourself and the engine.
- Ensure the engine is in neutral and the throttle is in the position indicated by an orange arrow.
- Squeeze the lemon-shaped pump several times to aid petrol flow.
- Pull the choke out.
- Pull the starting cord in a firm underarm manner to your waist. It may take a few pulls depending on the engine temperature.
- With the engine running, give a few revs before pushing the choke button back in.
- Allow the engine to run for one minute before leaving the jetty/pontoon.

Use of Kill Cords

Each boat engine has a red 'Kill Cord'. Please use the cord whenever you use the boat engine, but ensure that it is left attached to the engine after use

- One end of this has a plastic fork which must be inserted beneath the red button for the engine to run, while the other end should be worn around the wrist or clipped to a firm point on your clothing whenever the boat is underway.
- In the event of you falling from the boat while underway, the cord will pull the fork from the red button, stopping the engine.
- This will ensure that the boat remains close to you, as well as preventing the uncontrolled boat from injuring you or others.

Clip this end to clothing
or loop around wrist



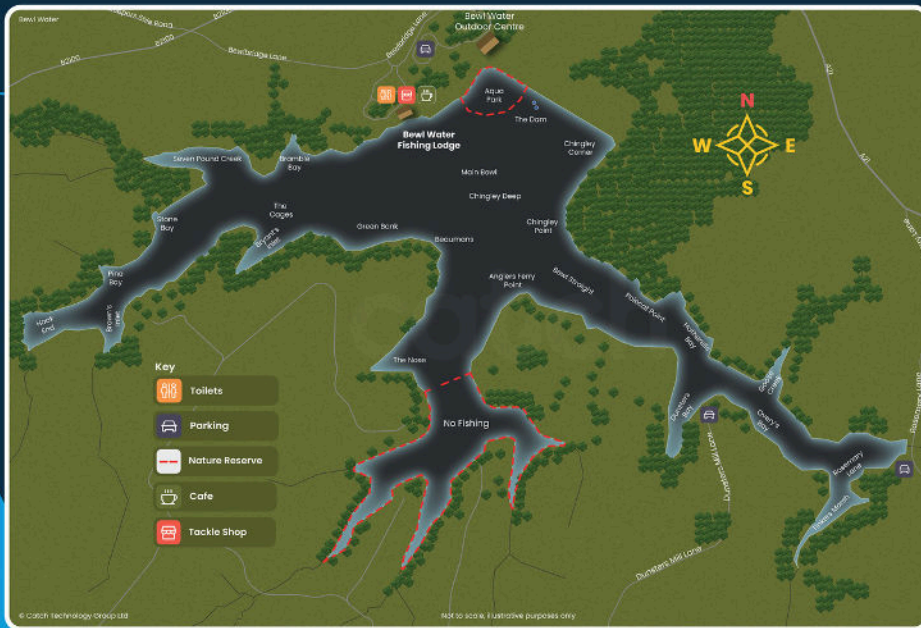
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Red button



catch
Getting everyone fishing!

BEWL WATER ANGLER ADVICE



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- You **MUST** have a valid permit to fish at Bewl Water.
- Fly fishing **ONLY** on the bankside. Any method is **NOT** permitted from the banks.
- Bank fishermen have right of way over boats, so boats must remain a minimum of 25m from bank anglers.
- Bag checks in regular operation on both bank and boat. If you are caught overlimit or with unauthorised fish, you will face a penalty charge and possibly a ban.
- Boats must be returned to the fishing jetty by the time shown on the jetty clock.
- Bank anglers fishing hours are sunrise till sunset.

BEWL WATER RESERVOIR INFORMATION:

- **NO** unauthorised craft can be launched on the water.
- All authorised craft **MUST** launch from the north side of the reservoir in front of the Boat House Bistro.
- Strictly **NO** swimming at any time.
- BBQ's are **NOT** permitted around the reservoir.
- Wild camping is not permitted on Bewl Water grounds.



NO SWIMMING



NO BBQS OR FIRES



NO UNAUTHORISED CRAFT



NO WILD CAMPING

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