

BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

September 2025

Fishy Business Is Booming... Sort Of!

Yes, folks – it's true. Another 3,000 trout swam into Bewl Water last week, straight from the fishy delivery van (probably playing the "Jaws" theme in reverse). That brings the grand total to 9,000 new trout recently added — and that's on top of a solid head of fish already lurking in the depths since July.

Apparently, trout don't like summer either. Most of them went on a deep dive holiday when the heat hit and are now resurfacing with a post-vacation glow and a big appetite.

Another stocking is expected this week too — so it's not over yet!

Fly Fishing: Not Quite Flying Yet

Now, let's address the trout in the room: September has been a bit of a letdown for our beloved fly fishers. Usually, it's the grand kickoff to Autumn/Winter fishing – golden leaves, crisp mornings, fish leaping like synchronized swimmers – but not this year.

To be honest, the fly guys have been putting in the hours but pulling out little more than arm aches and casting practice. A few signs of life have emerged this past week, but it's been a grind. Fly fishers, we salute your patience.

"Any Method" Anglers – Less Poetry, More Fish

The Any Method (AM) crowd has had slightly better luck. One email report came in hot, claiming 9 fish to a boat during the week – not bad considering the tricky conditions. Generally, the weekend warriors (aka the regulars who know every trick in the book) have been most consistent.

If you're using lures or bait, and not fussed about elegance, your odds have been better.

Where to Fish – The Trout's New Hangouts

Due to low water levels – blame the hot summer and dam works – most of the action seems to be between:

- 7lb Creek
- Hook Straight (especially around the Cages)
- Bewl Straight
- Main Bowl
- Beauman's Creek

This is the trout equivalent of a trendy new neighbourhood. Word on the waves is: go there.

Water clarity remains good – especially in the middle and upwind – but beware of any muddy patches from exposed banks. Stirring up mud may make it harder for the fish (and you) to see what's going on.

Perch Patrol – They're Partying!

In other, non-trout news: PERCH FISHING HAS BEEN ON FIRE lately. We've seen a whopping 150 perch to one boat over just a couple of days – and yes, we have photos to prove it (and yes, they're smiling like proud parents).

Best spots? The Copens Reach and Hook & Cages areas have been lit up with perch activity. If trout are playing hard to get, the perch are out here making it rain.

Morning Magic & Jumping Fish

Fish have been seen rising all over the reservoir – especially early in the morning, before the sun gets bossy. So, if you're not a morning person, consider becoming one (or bring extra coffee and a grumpy hat).

Top Tips:

- Fish early. Sleep is for people who don't want to catch trout.
- Focus your efforts between 7lb Creek and Beauman's.
- Watch out for muddied water near the banks – find the clear stuff.
- If fly fishing isn't working, switch it up. The fish don't care how elegant your cast is.

Final Thoughts

We've had a slow start to September, but with more trout being added and cooler weather on the way, things should heat up just as the air cools down. Keep your lines tight, your hooks sharp, and your excuses creative.

See you on the water – and don't forget to send in your catches.

Bewl Phantom