



BEWL WATER FISHING REPORT

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Opening day at Bewl — what a day it turned out to be.

From first light there was a real buzz in the air, and it didn't take long to see just how much people had been looking forward to the start of the season. Every single boat was booked out, something we haven't seen for quite a few years, and it really set the tone for what became a fantastic day all round. The weather played its part too — bright and clear with just a bit of wind to keep things interesting, but nothing that put anyone off.

It was great catching up with so many familiar faces, alongside plenty of new ones eager to get out on the water. Anglers were spread everywhere, boats drifting across the reservoir, fly fishers lining the banks, and even half a dozen kayak anglers making the most of the conditions. It felt like a proper celebration of the sport.

The fishing itself didn't disappoint either. Most people managed to get into fish, which always makes for a good atmosphere back at the end of the day. Rosemary fished particularly well, as did 7 Pound Creek, both producing consistently. Ferry Point also saw its fair share of action, with several anglers reporting good catches from that area.

On the lure and bait side, power bait and soft lures proved to be the standout methods. Meanwhile, fly fishers had plenty of success with a more classic approach. A floating line paired with a 15-foot leader and 8lb fluorocarbon seemed to be the go-to setup. Many anglers fished a black buzzer on the first dropper, with a black and green weighted tadpole on the point — and it was that point fly that did most of the damage throughout the day.

Early on, the fish were tight into the banks, often within a rod's length, making for some exciting close-range takes. As the sun climbed higher, they began to move out into deeper water, and anglers had to adapt accordingly. It was a great example of how conditions can shift even within a single session, and those who adjusted their tactics were rewarded.

What stood out most, though, was the variety of approaches. Everyone had their own methods, their own ideas, and their own way of working the water — and that's what made the day so enjoyable. There wasn't just one "right way," just plenty of happy anglers figuring things out and making it work.

By the end of the day, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Smiles all round, good catches, and that shared sense of a season off to a brilliant start. It's clear that the opening days are as popular as ever — boats are already booking up fast, and the excitement is only just beginning.

A big thank you to everyone who came.

— **The Bewl Water Fishing Team**

