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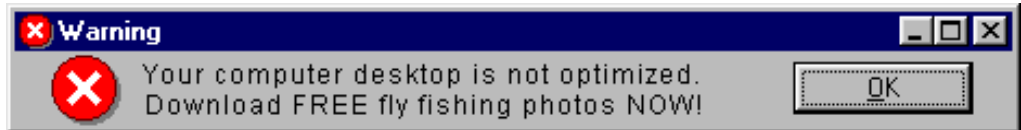
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Drift Trips For Tailwater Trout

"Look at all of them" Bonnie exclaimed from her seat in the canoe as I beached my trusty Old Town on a sand bar upstream of the rising fish. Gathering up my 4-weight, I eased in at the head of the riffle, a good cast above the rising fish. It took several drifts to connect, but when I did I could tell it was a very good fish. The 4-weight bowed and the big brown took

flight. "This is the biggest trout I've ever hooked on a dry fly" I said as Bonnie watched me play the fish, "and one of two things is going to happen, I'll land him or I'm going to lose him and feel real bad about it." The fish performed several aerial maneuvers and some good reel-singing runs trying to free himself of the size #18 Sulphur Dun in his upper jaw before I finally brought him to hand. He was a beautiful wild brown trout and the colors and markings on his side were incredible. . . . [More](#)



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Buyers: Please be sure you have adequate and verified contact information before making a purchase. . . Caveat Emptor!

[Ron Howard](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: 92 Clackacraft Drift boat, trailer, oars, spare breakdown, foot anchor system, spare tire & cover. \$3000. Mid-Tenn. area. Thanks Grumpy

[Front Range Colorado](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: Multipiece Scott G905-4 and custom 8ft 2 weight(blank made by G.Loomis) flyrods. Scott rod is in mint condition with like new case and bag for \$290. 8ft 2 weight 2 piece,green colored blank with Winston like action and Nickel Silver reelseat with maple insert. This is a true 2 weight rod. \$140 firm, e-mail for pics of 2 weight.

[Scott](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: Quality hand tied flies for sale. I have a large selection of nymphs, wets, dries, and streamers. E-mail me for a complete list and for my web site address.

[Matt Mickey](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: 2 High end flyrods must go!!! Orvis "Trident TL" 9' #4,2pc. Mid-flex 8.0 Orvis' top of the line rod, and a very good all around trout rod. Very lightly fished for 1 year.....1 small scratch near logo, otherwise excellent condition. Retail for \$470.00.....sell for \$200.00 Sage SP+ 9' #5 3pc travel rod.....Sage's discontinued and highly sought after fast action SP. The rod is a cannon, and will handle any #5 or #6 line you can put on it.... Small thin scratch in reel seat, and normal fishing wear to grip and metal, but otherwise very good condition.....blank is spotless. This rod reatailed for \$600.00, will sell for \$325.00. Both rods include shipping to lower 48 (insured), and original factory tubes and socks. If you'd like references, please e-mail me. Money order payment only.

[Frank](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: Marryat MR 7.5, black anodized, 2 7/8" diameter, never fished, original zippered case and instruction booklet, made in Japan, \$180 or reasonably close offer. Ross Colorado 1 unfished in box with warranty card \$75....\$5 shipping per reel.

[Bamboo](#) -11/25/00- Wanted: Leonard Bamboo Fly rods in mint condition. Also Leonard parts rods needed for restoration project. Private collector, does not resell your items.

[jerry](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: Sage xp 590-4 piece in very good condition no scratches or smudges tube and sock included \$375.00 shipping in lower 48 included.

[titeloop](#) -11/25/00- For Sale: S/A System 2 10-11 w/30# backing and S/A wet cell WF 9 S. Used one time, MINT not a mark. \$250.00 value for sale \$150.00 or trade. Spare spools for ISLANDER reels (1) FR 4 G and (1) FR 5 B forsale or trade. (1) cortland 333 WF 9 F bass taper \$15.00 or trade.(sold)

jc -11/25/00- For Sale: Check out my Loomis GLX spinning rod with the blank warranty card on VFS auction at www.flyshop.com Reserve is less than \$200 for this \$320 rod. Great Christmas present!

Hardy Perfect -11/25/00- Wanted: I am looking for a good conditioned HARDY PERFECT for 5-6 weight. Willing to pay reasonably for it or trade for my mint condition SAGE LIGHTLINE 8'9 3WT 3 piece rod. Thanks.

John -11/25/00- Wanted: Spool for a Ross Gunnison G3 (pre-1998). Please advise of condition and price. Thank you, John

Yukon -11/25/00- For Sale: Lamson LP1 disc drag reel c/w original neoprene bag & box, spool has been loaded with SA backing. Purchased new last year and never used. \$155. + postage, sorry not interested in trades.

ed -11/24/00- For Sale: Heddon #20 Bamboo Rod. This rod is 8'6", 3 piece, two tips, 5wt. MOVED TO VFS AUCTION - Thanks!!!!

Wayne -11/24/00- Wanted: Sage 590RPL Graphite III- 2 piece

Flyvise -11/24/00- Wanted: Regal Medallion Base series fly vise.

Bob -11/24/00- For Sale: Sage 9ft. 2pc. 4wt. Light Line (LL). A classic! Regarded by many as one of Sage's best all around flyrods. Great for dries, sensitive enough for nymphs, great roll-casting medium progressive action. So popular that when it was dropped from the line continued demand prompted Sage to come out with a comparable line now called the VPS Light. This original rod has much nicer components than it's replacement. Sage burgundy blank, cocobolo wood insert with nickle-silver hardware and winding check. It is a beautiful factory rod in excellent condition with Sage tube and sock. Selling because I have 2 of them and I need to buy new toys. Price of \$185 includes insured delivery to you in lower 48 only.

Don Deaton -11/24/00- For Sale: St. Croix Legend Ultra, 9', 5 wt. 4-piece, in tube w/ blank warranty card. Fished one time. \$200 and \$10 shipping. Sage 9', 8-wt. RP, 2-piece. Custom-built by FlyBox, Bend, OR, beautiful Struble hardware. Fished twice, as new condition in tube. Sacrifice for \$150 and \$10 shipping.

Rich Margiotta -11/24/00- For Sale: Cortland Clear Creek Lines For Sale. Have WF3F, WF4F, and WF6F -- all new in box. Olive green with extended front taper for delicate presentations. \$25 each, includes postage.

d buck -11/23/00- For Sale: Homer Jennings bamboo rod. This is an extremely nice rod! It is an 8ft 3 inch rod and is rated as a 5wt. It is a two piece, one tip rod and is in excellent shape. The rod is a light colored cane and has orange wraps, a beautiful wood reel seat and nickle hardware. It comes with a Hardy Bougle reel, extra spool and an orange 5wt floating line. If you enjoy bamboo rods, this rod will not disappoint you. I can e-mail photos if you are interested in the rod/reel. I am asking \$1100.00 for the whole package.

LLC -11/22/00- Wanted: 9 weight lines in floating, 10 ft sink tip, and 30 ft wet heads or full sinking, any densities

frank -11/22/00- For Sale: 9ft, 7-8 weight, 2pc, gloss black early fisher blank with progressive action, gray tipped red, fuji strippers and single foot guides, western grip, alum. dnlock with 6" removable butt, bag and alum tube, this rod has been used, but is in very nice shape. \$100.00 shipped

BSW -11/22/00- For Sale: Penn International 1.5G. Neverfished, in box with papers and warranty card. \$175 plus \$10 shipping/insurance.

DT-5 -11/22/00- For Sale: QUALITY FLY FISHING MISCELLANY - Bogdan Large Trout (3 1/8") EXC++ \$1,595.....Wheatley 100th Anniv. LTD Edition Fly box (6" x 3 1/2" x 1") - Engraved as # 49/100 1890-1990. UNUSED! 16 spring loaded window compartments and foam top. With original leather storage bag, velvet covered presentation box and paperwork. \$595..... Wheatley "Silver Seal" #1609 (6" x 3 1/2" x 1 3/4") - Silver double compartment - 32 spring load windows (16 on top half- 16 on bottom half). Never used! Opened and closed a few times with mark from swing latch visible on side. Otherwise, perfect. Former owners name and date engraved on top. Former owner was a Trout Unlimited Chapter President and this was a gift to him. Comes in original Wheatley box. \$90.....(4) Thomas & Thomas leather reel cases \$60 ea..... ULTRA RARE! Hunters HMH vise with 5 jaws. EXC \$795.....Wheatley # 1642 (6" x 3 1/2" x 1 1/2") - Black dual sided foam compartments. Minor surface scratches on top & bottom, otherwise looks unused. Comes in original Wheatley box. \$65.....Wheatley "Silver Seal" #1302 SP (3 1/2" x 2 3/8" x 3/4") - Silver with 6 spring loaded windows. Inside cover has a Contents section to label flies if desired (not used). EXC ++ condition. Also comes with the original Wheatley box. \$50..... Buyer pays shipping and any desired insurance.

AndyD -11/21/00- Wanted: Spair spool for Teton #4 preferably Blue in good to excellant condition

Loop #3 -11/20/00- For Sale: used LOOP#3 TRADITIONAL in good shape,w/loop pouch ready to fish loaded w/ cortland

444 wf8f 100yds 20lb backing \$185 will ship in USA

[scott](#) -11/20/00- For Sale: Orvis 6'6" Superfine "One Ounce" 2Wt. This rod has been hardly used and very well taken care of. If you really want to put some fun in your trout fishing, then this is the rod for you. Original Black and Brass tube. Pics upon request. \$175 plus shipping.

[SAGE 389-3LL](#) -11/20/00- Wanted: I want to trade my new SAGE 389-3LL flyrod, with warranty card, sock and tube. Never had a reel on it. Will trade for any 5wt multi-piece, 9 foot SAGE SP, RPL, VPS, LL or G-LOOMIS GLX and IMX (your rod does not have to be mint, just in clean great shape). No other offers please. Fish-on!!!!

[browntrout](#) -11/20/00- Wanted: trade;Scott G 905-2 in excellent+ condition w/tube,sock and warranty card, plastic still on cork. will trade for a G 904, G864, LPS 904,LPS 864, Winston IM6 490,486,480,G804, or similiar 4wts? all rods must be in mint or as new condition and warranty card a + .

[Matt](#) -11/20/00- For Sale: Beautiful custom built 6'6" #2 weight Hook and Hackle flyrod. Comes complete with Teton #0 weight reel with Orvis Floating line, fished once ...\$275 Email for photos

[Rollo](#) -11/20/00- For Sale: Sage RPLXi 890-2 and Cabela's Cordura case for sale. Rod is factory built and not a blemish on it. Comes with factory sock and tube. Always case kept when not in my hand. Case is green in color. Both rod and case same as new without a scratch. \$400 for both rod and case.

[JD](#) -11/20/00- For Sale: Winston 4wt 8' 2pc in great condition. I will sell for \$300 + shipping.

[Steelheadsky](#) -11/20/00- For Sale: Hexagraph 8'0", 5-6wt, with tube and sock, asking \$400. Scott G-903, 9'0" 2pc, tube and sock, asking \$250. Marryat REEL 9A, good for 8,9,10wt, asking \$180. Ross San Miguet #1, asking \$200. Byer Pay shipping. Send me a e-mail for detail. Picture will be sent.

[john](#) -11/19/00- For Sale: or TRADE, 9' 5w Cabelas-SLi, 4 piece, single foot fuji hardloy guides, black color blank and thread, custom made, 1 year old on 25 year warranty. 9'6" 6/7w 3 piece LLBean, cobalt blue blank with blue thread, fighting butt, single foot fuji hardloy guides. both of these rods new retail \$300+. TRADE for fly reel with street price ~\$150.

[David M](#) -11/19/00- Wanted: I'm looking for a Scientific Anglers System 2L 2/3 weight reel. Does not need to be in brand new condition but should be in excellent mechanical shape. Please email me at dmummert@cbf.org if you have one that you would like to sell. Thanks very much. David

[Keith](#) -11/19/00- For Sale: Orvis 7'9" Rocky Mountain 2 wt, great little rod, throws a 2 or 3 wt just fine, good shape used one season--180.00 Also DT2F line, barely used 15.00

[Joe](#) -11/19/00- For Sale: Orvis Vortex Gold 9/10. For SALE excellent condition w/ 250 yds 30 backing. 450.00 & 10.00 SHIPPING. Will possibly trade for Abel Big Game #4 or Super 10.

[Larry Tamiyasu](#) -11/19/00- For Sale: Winston 10 wt. Boron, 3pc., Used one season, excellent condition. Beautiful green color, lifetime warranty. \$350.00

[Fly Lines](#) -11/19/00- For Sale: Three used Cortland(?) floating lines: 3WF, 6WF and 8WF. \$15 each or \$40 for all three, I'll pick up shipping to the Lower 48. These lines are certainly still fishable, or can be used a lawn casting practice lines.

[Jungle Cock Neck](#) -11/18/00- For Sale: JUNGLE COCK NECK AND KINGFISHER If you want please contact us

[Pheasant](#) -11/18/00- For Sale: ONLY PHEASANT: Golden pheasant, Lady Amherst pheasant, Ringneck pheasant, Silver pheasant, Red pheasant, Reeve pheasant, Crow pheasant, If you want any item please contact us KAMAL

[Toni](#) -11/18/00- For Sale: For Sale or Trade: Orvis CFO3 anniversary model, silver, with case-never used \$200.00; Abel PT-5 reel with case, small scratches on back, gloss, not ported \$175.00; Orvis battenkill pro guide vest 2x, new \$75.00. Will consider fly rod trades, or CFO123. Buyer pays shipping.

[cs](#) -11/18/00- Wanted: Wanted-Leonard,Paul young,Winston(sf) bamboo rods-collector paying highest cash price!!!

[Larry](#) -11/18/00- Wanted: SAGE RPL 9100 2 piece blank or rod; name your price

[Ted Sherburne](#) -11/17/00- Wanted: Spool for Lamson LP4

[Jamie Crona](#) -11/17/00- For Sale: Orvis Rocky Mountain Silver Label 8' 6wt. 2 piece fly rod. Good all around rod for trout, panfish, & bass - thats what the catalog says. Only used 4 times with original tube, sock and 25 year guarantee card.

\$120.

[David Hoffman](#) -11/16/00- Wanted: 8.5' to 9'- 3 or 4 piece, 3 weight fast to moderately fast fly rod.

[pelcrk](#) -11/16/00- For Sale: Sage RPL 9ft for 4wt(2pc) in excellent condition with original tube and sock.asking 240.00(OBO) or trade for comparable quality 7 to 8ft 3wt.

[JTT](#) -11/16/00- Wanted: St.Croix UF 904, Legend Ultra 9 ft., 4 wt., 2pc. OR Legend Ultra UFT 904/905 4 pc. Excellent condition or NIT.

[maurice mahler](#) -11/15/00- Wanted: Able reel anti rev rt hand ret. for 7wt.an

[James Graham](#) -11/15/00- For Sale: St. Croix Imperial 9ft 6in 7/8 weight 2 piece. Purchased last year, fished a few times. Perfect condition. Good clearance for wading, lifetime unconditional warantee from St. Croix likely to be honored. First \$100 Jim

[lindsay](#) -11/15/00- For Sale: Scott HP 889-3 never fished \$400 with tube/sock,Thomas and Thomas HS912S Horizon 9' 12wt. 2 piece with tube/sock \$300

[3wt Fiberglass](#) -11/15/00- For Sale: Nice Scott & Hardy balanced outfit. Rod is a Fibertouch 7', 3pc, 3wt with factory tube & sock, reel is a baby Hardy Marquis with reelbag. Excellent condition. Email for info/pics. Trades of similar values considered (\$630 retail), will separate.

[Michelle Abdo](#) -11/15/00- Wanted: Looking for a Flyrod and reel, for saltwater bonefishing. Scott, Wintson,Sage 3 peice,Lomus

[Lamson LP](#) -11/14/00- For Sale: Lamson 2 LP for 4,5,6 weight with extra spool. Mint, no scratches. \$175.

[EMP](#) -11/14/00- For Sale: Never fished Hardy 4" Bougle Spey reel. Zip case, card box, elegant design, more line capcity then you'll ever need... \$ 345 delivered to your door.

[Andy Stouppe](#) -11/14/00- Wanted: I have an Orvis Trident 908-2 Tip Flex I want to trade for an Orvis Trident 908-2 Mid Flex. The rod is too fast for me. Email if interested.

[Bear](#) -11/13/00- For Sale: Used Sage 1190-3 RPLX custom built fly rod. Has Struble U9 wood insert reels seat w./ftg. butt an cocobolo wood. Ceramic stripper guides and fuji single foot hardaloy fly guieds with over sized tip top. Wrapped in dark green with a sunburst trim. Come with sage bag and PVC rod tube. Selling for \$275.00 plus \$10.00 shipping. Original retail value of \$425.00+-. Also, have a used Valentine Planatary reel No. 350 with 2 extra spools and 600 ds. 20 lb. backing for sale at \$410.00 plus \$10.00 shipping. Regular retail value of \$710.00. Email with any questions.

[Aaron](#) -11/12/00- For Sale: LL Bean insulated wader liners, size L. Although they are size "L", they are slightly small for my 9 1/2 feet. Great for the late fall season. Email for pictures. \$25 plus shipping

[Mike Rivers](#) -11/12/00- For Sale: Diamondback Backwater DSG800 8wt/3pc w/case fished once.I have too many 8wts. \$150.+10.pack and ship.

[Abe Lee](#) -11/11/00- For Sale: R.L. WINSTON custom FIBERGLASS fly rod in 7ft 4wt 2/1 configuration. Excellent plus condition. Jungle cock feather inlays, witness marks, nickel silver hardware. eBay Item #1101196910, or cut and paste "http://cgi.ebay.com/aw-cgi/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1101196910".

[Billy Pate](#) -11/11/00- For Sale: Never fished,NIB, Billy Pate LH retrieve, Antireverse Trout model flyreel. Make offer or perhaps a trade.List price \$345. Reel weighs 6oz. Saltwater ready if necessary. Holds a WF7F and 150 yards of backing. Top of the line reel. This particular reels is satin gold and black.Location-Colorado.

[pike](#) -11/11/00- For Sale: G-Loomis Premier (PMR10812) 9' #12 DEMO. Got for Christmas three years ago. Used a couple of times. Nice rod-way too big for local waters. I also have a couple of twelve weight shooting tapers and a hard tube. Fighting butt and graphite reel seat. \$150 includes UPS ground in the 48 states.

[cos](#) -11/11/00- For Sale: G H Howells Bamboo fly rod- see ebay # 495736545.

[Jim](#) -11/10/00- For Sale: Aurora Suntech 9/10 Reel, excellent condition, includes Abel style pouch. \$75 delivered to US address. Reel has same drag system as Redington machined reel.

[Jim](#) -11/10/00- Wanted: Wanted - G Loomis GLX 9'6wt 4pc, please email

Frank -11/10/00- For Sale: MOVING MUST SELL. Aire Super Puma Raft. Self Bailer with air floor, and 2 thwarts. Has NRS fishing frame, 2 swivel seats, rowers seat, NRS anchor system, and custom anchor, NRS ice chest brackets, Cargo bag, 3 Carlisle oars, Spare oar keeper, pump, patch kit, extra cam straps, 2 life vests. Also comes with custom B&W raft trailer. Both raft and trailer are in excellent condition. Over \$4500.00 invested, a steal for \$3300.00 or trade? Located in Bozeman, Mt.

Cedarkill -11/10/00- For Sale: Custom G.Loomis GL3, 6'6" 3wt (2pc). Blank is flat black with black wraps and gold G.Loomis decal. Woven graphite reel seat with black hardware. Reversed halfwells cork grip. Titanium Carbide single foot guides. Rod is covered by a limited factory warranty. Rod also comes with a heavy aluminum tube and rod sock. Asking \$175 obo. Thanks, Cedarkill

Victor Babbitt -11/10/00- Wanted: flyshop employees for summer months in the Tahoe area! Also quality fly fishing guides with experience! Great money and great place to hang!

DON -11/10/00- For Sale: Orvis 5/6 Battikill disc drag reel in good condition with case a few minor scratches in good overall shape 75.00 6 1/2 foot Silver label orvis flyrod 2pc used several times over a year period in excellent condition minor soiling on cork with case and rod sock 125.00 shipping included to the lower 48.

pat freeman -11/08/00- For Sale: Brookside Classic model 7004 bamboo rod. 7'2/2 for DT3/4. fished twice. email for further info. \$750

Gary -11/08/00- Wanted: Wanted: A spey reel for a spey rod.

wayne -11/08/00- Wanted: Sage 590 RPL

Robert -11/07/00- Wanted: I am interested in a Thomas and Thomas Horizon 4pc 12wt rod. Let me know if you have one to sell or trade. Thanks, Robert

pike -11/07/00- For Sale: Caddis PT pontoon with oar package and a rear cargo net. Bought this spring. Works great. I am upgrading to an 8 foot model. \$200/OBO. Price includes UPS ground in the 48 states.

DD -11/07/00- For Sale: Abel 3N, Ported, black coral, just about mint condition, with 30# backing \$395.00. Islander Saltwater Reel #FR1 - for 6/7/8, gold, r/l convertible, hardly used, with 30# backing \$275.00.

DD -11/07/00- Wanted: Scott Heliply 888-3, 889-3 or 8810-3, reasonably priced, ALSO Billy Pate Bonefish or Salmon, left crank, solid spool OK. Thank you.

Mo Ron -11/07/00- For Sale: compulsive need to flood classifieds with multiple ads under multiple names and keep my ad at the top. Repeated and flagrant violations of the stated rules of this page are annoying. The rules state ONE wanted and ONE for sale ad per person. Using multiple names to disguise your identity does not allow you to violate these rules. Grow Up after all these years!!!

Dave Dewees -11/07/00- Wanted: Lamson 3.5's and/or spools

TMski -11/06/00- For Sale: G.Loomis Nautikos 9ft. 9wt. 3pc rod with aluminum tube and rod sock. This G.Lexpediter replacement has never been fished and still has the bar code label on the reel seat. A beautifully crafted fast action saltwater rod that can handle WF and sinking lines equally well. Asking \$290 plus shipping cost for a rod that retails at \$460. Thanks for your interest.

Wee Hooker -11/06/00- For Sale: Rods- Factory Fresh 2000 Redington SW 9', 10wt, 4pc. Never fished factory replacement has DFR taper, upgraded hardware and unconditional warranty. (Slightly used tube.) \$200 shipped. Custom H&H IM6 6'6" 2wt. (Unfished as I'm just finishing the coating on this one.) Feathery 1.7 oz rod w trans green IM6 blank and sliding band cork reel seat. Sweet for small trout or bluegill! \$110 shipped. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Terry Francis -11/05/00- For Sale: SAGE RPL 590 2pc, custom rod with sock and tube, in great condition, asking \$200. LAMSON LP1 reel with backing, great condition, asking \$95 for it. Cortland VISTA RS reel with Cortland 444-5wt Line and Cortland bag, used twice, asking \$50 for the outfit.

Kirk -11/05/00- For Sale: Sage XP. Rod is a never fished 9', 4 piece, 6 weight, factory rod with warranty card. \$400 obo.

giddelygoo -11/04/00- For Sale: SAGE RPL 6-weight, 2-piece, graphite III, 9-foot rod and case. Great condition, awesome fast action rod. A great upgrade from an entry level medium action rod for a great price. \$215.00. Contact me soon. Will accept money order or cash. Location: Maryland.

css -11/04/00- Wanted: COLLECTOR paying HIGHEST CASH PRICE for H L Leonard bamboo rods-must be all original

and 8 feet or less.Please email price and phone#

Adventurer -11/03/00- Wanted: Good buyer is looking for the best price(s) on the new G.Loomis Adventurer reel. Interested in the 5 and the 7. Thanks!

Chris -11/03/00- For Sale: Two Old Florida #55 saltwater reels and a spare spool. \$150 for each reel, \$250 if you buy both. \$80 for the spool. Willing to make a deal if you would like to purchase the whole package. These are great reels, machined from bar-stock aluminum, cork disk drag. They show a little wear, but you have to look close.

Bill Trout -11/03/00- For Sale: Hardy Ultra-Lite Disc#5 & Hardy ultra -Lite 9ft.6wt. 3piece both with Hardy bags but no case. Used twice for sale \$450.00 Both are in perfect shape.

jps -11/02/00- Wanted: 8Wt.Multi piece Sage,Scott or Winston for Bone Fishing

Randy -11/01/00- For Sale: Hardy Fly Reels...Marquis #8/9 used once with backing & line. EX cond \$150 + shipping. Marquis #8/9 Multiplier, never fished \$200 + shipping. Both come with Hardy vinyl cases & papers.

wind knots -11/01/00- Wanted: A decent steelhead-tough reel for a 7 weight rod- looking for something similar to an Orvis Battenkill Disc 7/8. Will also consider Ross C-4 spools for reasonable prices (post 98)

Tony P. -11/01/00- For Sale: Like new! Fisher Presidential III 3pc 9' 9wt. This is a great travel rod. It has been fished about a 1/2 dozen times & looks like I just bought it. It is a 3pc 9 foot 9wt in a beep blue finish & it comes with the original rod sock & tube. \$200.00 Plus shipping. Also I have a Custom Sage 490 RPL 2pc 9' 4wt thats never been fished & has no rod tube. Asking \$175.00 plus shipping.

kengor -10/31/00- For Sale: Handmade furred leaders turn over where other leaders fail. Linear taper from flyline to tippet. Can be greased to float or sink. 7'-6' 6x leaders for the most delicate presentation possible. \$8.00 each, E-mail for details KENGORIFIC@AOL.COM

Jim -10/31/00- For Sale: Penn International 4G (gold) fly reel, unfished, unlined with all paperwork, blank warranty, case, and box. \$275 I pay delivery in USA

Mike Moore -10/31/00- Wanted: 2.3mm tungsten beads in larger quantities.

greendrake -10/31/00- For Sale: G.LOOMIS-GLX 8'6" 5WT 2-PCE "nit!!" great rod needs someone to finally fish it!!sells for \$555 selling for \$400!!

jerseyangler -10/31/00- For Sale: ALL RODS NIT!! Scott STS 908-3 worth \$550 sell for \$425,Sage VPS 865-2 worth \$325 sell for \$275,Powell SSL 804-2 worth \$335 sell \$250

matukamike -10/31/00- For Sale: Teton flyreels Tioga #4 w/line worth \$150 sell \$90,Tioga LA #6 w/line worth \$170 sell \$110,Teton #6 LA w/line worth \$240 sell \$150 all 3 tetons nib!!

mjd1961 -10/31/00- For Sale: PHOS Yukon large arbor 9/10 "big game" series plus spare spool nib w/teeny 200 and wf8i lines total worth \$414 asking \$250

Mike Donovan -10/31/00- For Sale: Loomis Syncrotech 3/4/5 nib plus extra spool and 2 Cortland lines worth \$550 (\$300-reel,\$160-spare spool,\$90 2 lines=\$550)asking \$325 Flylogic FLO 456 large arbor w/wf5f line,nib worth \$355 asking \$250

JD -10/31/00- For Sale: WINSTON 4wt 8' 2pc. This rod is in great condition and shows only small signs of use. I am selling the rod, sock, and tube for 325 + shipping. This is a great offer. First offer takes it!

Perry -10/30/00- For Sale: Redington AS 5/6 reel. Unfished.Black with original box and papers. \$100 includes shipping.

dave -10/30/00- Wanted: Loomis IM6 6'6" 3wt factory rod with sock and tube

P.W.L. -10/30/00- For Sale: Loop SeaTrout w/ custom gold anodized spare spool includes leather and wool pouch. right or left hand retrieve.\$500 + shipping e-mail for pic. or call 907-677-8895.

bill seaman -10/29/00- For Sale: Scott 2 piece powerply 9ft. 4wt and 6wt fly rods both in excellent condition. \$225 each

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Wade Fishing, Florida Tarpon

Terry and Wendy Gunn deliver a lesson in shoreline tactics for "Big Sky" rainbows. Stillwater expert Denny Rickards reveals the secrets of his most famous fly, the Seal Bugger. Shallow water tarpon, in the "10,000 Islands" region of Florida conclude this aerobatics edition of FLY FISH.

A FINE SPOTTED TROUT

The Fight to Save a Species

The compelling story of the fight to save the Fine Spotted Snake River Cutthroat Trout is revealed in this beautifully photographed edition of FLY FISH. Learn the tale of a species that was once threatened and is now recovering. Also catch this first part of Jack Dennis's mini-series on "How to Cast"

OF SOLITUDE & TROUT

Float & Fish Idaho's Salmon River

On this edition of FLY FISH come down the magnificent Middle Fork of Idaho's Salmon River. It's your chance to experience some of North America's greatest dry fly action, and see the wonder of wilderness. Jack Dennis returns with help to improve your fly casting ... a simple rubberband does the trick.



LEE'S FERRY ANGLERS

Rainbows in The Grand Canyon

The top of the Colorado River's Grand Canyon is the spectacular destinations you'll visit on this edition of FLY FISH. Terry and Wendy Gunn take us to Lees Ferry showing us how to fish big water rainbows. Also Jack Dennis explains, from a trout's eye-view, how to fish streamer patterns.



STILLWATER TACTICS

Techniques for "Big Sky" Trout

Denny Rickards, our most famous Western stillwater fisherman, guides us through the basics for fly fishing lakes. He shares with us the subtle approach needed to consistently fool big trout. Denny will also reveal one of his deadliest flies, and Jack Dennis reviews for us his lessons on fly casting.

ANGLES ON ALASKA

A Short Course on Alaska Salmon

An Alaskan salmon fishing trip requires some special gear and "know how". Terry and Wendy Gunn deliver the tips and techniques you need if your headed to the Far North. In addition, on this episode of FLY FISH, Wendy opens her four part series titled "A Women's Fly Fishing Seminar".

KINGS ON A FLY

50 Pound Chinook Challenge

On this edition of FLY FISH join a Northwest salmon fishing legend, Jim Teeny, as he tackles huge Kings on Alaska's Alagnak River. Discover an effective but simple fly for fishing chinook, and join Wendy Gunn for another detailed installment of "A Women's Fly Fishing Seminar".



***GOING TO THE DOGS* Tactics for Alaska's Chum Salmon**

They are called dog salmon or chums, and are some of Alaska's most overlooked game fish. See Jim Teeny's approach to fishing these ferocious fighters from the North . On this edition of FLY FISH you discover a deadly salmon pattern that's easy to tie. And we continue "A Women's Fly Fishing Seminar".



SOCKEYE SENSATION

The Secret for Red Salmon

The most aerobatics of Alaskan Salmon are the challenge as Jim Teeny discloses his sure-fire system for enticing strikes. Stunning underwater photography captures the action and the drama of the annual spawning migration. And Wendy Gunn completes her mini-series on "A Women's Fly Fishing Seminar".

CREEK CREEPERS

The "How To" of Small Creeks

On this episode of FLY FISH we get the basics on how to fish the small creeks of the West. Terry and Wendy Gunn explain the tackle and tactics required for this delicate angling adventure. Also Denny Rickards starts his instructional series on Stillwater Tactics for Trophy Trout.

DREAM STREAM

Catching the Drift of Streams

Back this week for another exercise in patience and stealth, Terry and Wendy Gunn help you refine your skills in this informative look at solving the riddles of stream fishing. From here this edition of FLY FISH brings you more of Denny Rickards and his great series on Stillwater Tactics for Trophy Trout.



BIG WATER WONDERS

The Challenge of Fishing Big Rivers

The current of a big river can frustrate the best of anglers, Wendy & Terry Gunn unravel the challenge in this weeks FLY FISH. Also learn how to make an effective presentation when faced with big moving water. This show ends with Denny Rickards series on Stillwater Tactics for Trophy Trout.

MONSTERS AND WOGS

Trout and Top-Water Salmon

FLY FISH heads this week to a lake called monster for huge rainbows and cutthroat trout. We're joined by two experienced professionals in the fly fishing world to catch fish and reflect on the changes the sport has seen. In addition you learn of the sensational wog fly, a top water pattern for silvers.

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HENRY'S LAKE CUTS

Learn the Little Flies for Big Idaho Trout

Travel to beautiful Henry's Lake in the Northeast corner of Idaho and join Denny Rickards as he shows us how to fish one of the greatest stillwater destinations in the West. Catch the first of Jay Fair's flies and lessons in trolling for big trout, it's the opening part of this series with a fishing legend.

"OLD MOE" ON THE GREEN

Drift Fishing below The Flaming Gorge

Jack Dennis joins one of the rivers most experienced guides, Terry Collier, for a float on the the famous Green River. With thousands of fish per mile they have no trouble hooking up or reminiscing on the changes this fishery has undergone. Jay Fair's series on trophy trout fishing and flies continues.

EARLY SEASON TACTICS

Get a Lesson in Springtime Lake Fishing

Learn what does and what doesn't work when you head out to an early season lake fishing destination. Denny Rickards shares a little of what he knows about fooling early season trout in the high mountains of Oregon. Jay Fair, the crafty legend of California's Eagle Lake, returns with more flies and tips.

INTRO TO FLY FISHING

"How-To" Start Fly Fishing

Wendy and Terry Gunn start their series, "An Introduction to Fly Fishing", taking us step by step through the basic gear you'll need if you're contemplating learning the sport. We return to the water with Jay Fair as he concludes his trolling tactics and trolling flies for trophy trout.

SALMON RECOVERY

Joint Efforts to Restore Spawning Streams

Private timber companies, bolstered by government support, start to reclaim once productive salmon waters. Giant logs are pulled through the sky and laid to rest where they can do the most good. Denny Rickards shares his calibaetis nymph and The Gunns return with an "Introduction to Fly Fishing".

BUG BUDDIES

A Short Course on Tailwater Flies

Two of our most gifted fly tiers look at Western tailwaters and the insects that inhabit them. Share some time with Jack Dennis and Gary La Fontaine observing, fishing, and tying a few of their favorite flies. Terry and Wendy Gunn return to FLY FISH with more of "An Introduction to Fly Fishing"

INSECTS DOWN UNDER

See What a Bugs' Life is Really Like

On this edition of FLY FISH go underwater and get a trouts-eye view of the insects they prey upon. Join Jack Dennis and Gary La Fontaine for their expert observation and opinions on flies and fishing. Stay tuned as Wendy and Terry Gunn hit the water for their "Introduction to Fly Fishing"

KING CONNECTION

Hold On as Alaskan Kings Come to the Fly

Venture to Alaska's Nushagak River and one of the last great salmon runs in the world. Jim Teeny takes us out for a first hand look at hooking and landing Chinook. Denny Rickards also joins us with his AP Emerger and Wendy and Terry Gunn have another edition of "An Introduction to Fly Fishing".

EMERGING DESCHUTES

Discover the "Smirf Emerger" and it's Creator

Take a lesson from Jack Dennis on how to learn about new water and his sneaky approach for getting the most out of the local fly shop. We'll venture to the Deschutes River in Oregon for a lesson from expert John Smeraglio. Wendy and Terry Gunn conclude their series "An Introduction to Fly fishing".

OF NYMPHS & REDSIDES

The "How To" of Getting Down to Trout

On this episode of FLY FISH we get the basics on nymph fishing for native trout. Jack Dennis is back again to tie another fly with Gary La Fontaine, this time it's Gary's famous twist nymph. Also we join Jim Teeny for the start of an exciting and informative series on fishing Alaskan saltwater.

TAILWATER TECHNIQUES

Get the Scoop on Fishing Below Dams

Terry and Wendy Gunn help you refine your skills for fishing the tailwaters of the West. They go over techniques and flies that can be the most productive in these unique fisheries. We'll also meet an expert at tying huge and bizarre flies and Jim Teeny returns to fish Alaskan saltwater out of Seward.

INVITE TO STILLWATER

Take up the Challenge of Fishing Lakes

Denny Rickards gives us an abbreviated lesson on fishing stillwater. It's a whirlwind review of what you should know to get started fishing lakes. We get another look at the fantastic "Fantasy Flies" of Don Ordes and then

return to Alaskan saltwater for another adventure with Jim Teeny.

WHEN ONE'S NOT ENOUGH

Multiple Fly Rigging and Fishing

Wendy and Terry Gunn take you through the subtle and tricky multiple fly rig. They go over how to assemble and cast your presentation. Don Ordes returns for a final glimpse at his amazing "Fantasy Flies" and Jim Teeny wraps up his journey to Alaska with great saltwater fly fishing action.

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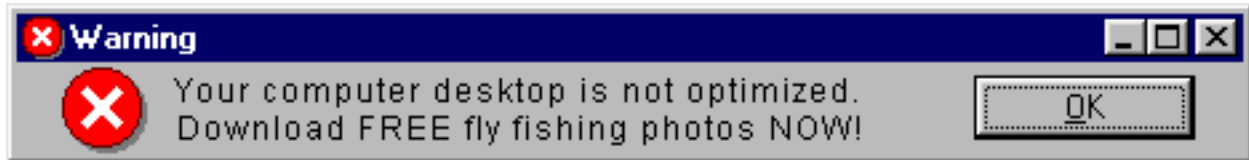
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New to Flyfishing?

Q: What is Flyfishing?

A: Webster defines flyfishing as "Fishing by casting artificial flies using a lightweight, resilient rod". The fly generally has little weight so the flyfisher is actually casting a specially designed line and the fly just follows behind. The fly is attached to the flyline by a [monofilament leader](#) three to twenty feet long. This leader is larger in diameter at the flyline end and the small end attached to the fly is called the [tippet](#). Flies are hand tied to represent insects, small fish, crustaceans, and many other food items. Some of these flies are fished dry on the waters surface and many are fished wet or sub-surface.

Q: What equipment do I need for flyfishing, and how much does it cost?

A: The minimum equipment needed and starting prices:

- Fly rod - \$65.00 Size the rod to the fly and the fish.
- Reel - \$40.00 I would recommend a name brand and metal rather than plastic.
- Fly line - \$30.00 Buy the best you can afford!
- Leader - \$3.50 Tapered knotless leaders are the most popular.
- Flies - \$1.00-\$3.50 ea, many tie their own.

- Fishing regulations - This is not only the key to your freedom, but can help you find some quality fishing. *Hint:* look for restrictive regulations.

That's the short list and I admire anyone who can get by for long with only those items. For most of us the list gets longer all the time. For a slightly longer list, I would add the following.

- Fly box - Can be as simple as a cough drop box.
- Nippers - Fingernail clippers work if you're not good with your teeth.
- Waders - In most fishing spots you'll want to get wet.
- Wading boots - Some get by with an old pair of boots, if you're float tubing, you'll want fins.
- Vest or chest pack - Soon you'll need a place to organize all the necessities.

From here the list goes in many directions...have fun.

Q: Where can I get more information about fly fishing and fly tying.

A: I recommend you contact a [flyfishing store](#) near you, try posting your questions to a [bulletin board](#), a [newsgroup](#) or join a local chapter of the [Federation of Fly Fishers](#) or [Trout Unlimited](#).

Where to go

Q: I'm going to be in the _____ area and would like to know about the flyfishing possibilities.

A: The best resource for this type of information is a [flyshop in the area](#). Most are anxious to help with recent [fishing reports](#), [hatch information](#) and [guides](#) and accomodations for their local. When you're in their area, stop in and buy something from them. In that way you help ensure they will be around the next time you have a question. A [bulletin board](#) or a [newsgroups](#) can also be an excellent resource for flyfisher to flyfisher help.

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Since 1995, we and the internet have changed alot. More people visit our site every day asking about gear, destinations, fly tying and other flyfishing subjects. Our forums have been visited by many new anglers and we are grateful to all the flyfishers who have taken their time to answer those sometimes tricky questions. Recently we have been upgrading the site thanks to our partnership with Fly Fish TV Magazine. We have new images, information, and friends, not to mention some television advertising exposure. Look for more additions in the future as we try to respond to your suggestions with more fly patterns, personal fishing reports and other great stuff.

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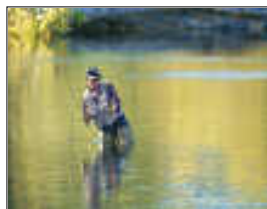
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"Look at all of them" Bonnie exclaimed from her seat in the canoe as I beached my trusty Old Town on a sand bar upstream of the rising fish. Gathering up my 4-weight, I eased in at the head of the riffle, a good cast above the rising fish. It took several drifts to connect, but when I did I could tell it was a very good fish. The 4-weight bowed and the big brown took flight. "This is the biggest trout I've ever hooked on a dry fly" I said as Bonnie watched me play the fish, "and one of two things is going to happen, I'll land him or I'm going to lose him and feel real bad about it." The fish performed several aerial maneuvers and some good reel-singing runs trying to free himself of the size #18 Sulphur Dun in his upper jaw before I

finally brought him to hand. He was a beautiful wild brown trout and the colors and markings on his side were incredible.

This scene is probably common on many rivers in the West, but a brown that size on a dry fly is not an everyday occurrence here in New York State. That fish is a good example of the excellent fishing that can be had on tailwater rivers like the West Branch of the Delaware River where I found him. Outflows from a dam, in particular those that are released from the cold water at the bottom of the impoundment, can provide fantastic trout fishing throughout the summer months, even during hot weather.

The best way to enjoy one of these rivers is a summertime drift trip. Drifting a tailwater can get you away from crowds of anglers working the pools and riffles at the places along the river with the easiest automobile access, and it is a lot of fun for other family members who might want to tag along for the scenery.

Driftboats are a common sight on many western trout rivers, but they aren't as common here in the eastern part of the country. Most anglers do not have access to a driftboat, unless they hire a guide. My favorite method of drifting is by canoe. It is also possible to run solo, or group drift trips using kickboats. Either way is fine. Of course, if you own a driftboat, that is certainly the most comfortable way to drift and fish a river.





The first problem with drifting a tailwater river is a logistical one, how do you go and have a vehicle waiting for you where you want to get out? If there is a local fly shop on the stream, chances are that they will offer a shuttle service for anglers who want to float the river. If there isn't a nearby fly shop, check the campgrounds in the area for shuttle services. A shuttle service will drop you and your equipment off upstream, and then park your vehicle at the designated pull-out point.

There are a couple of items that can make for a much more pleasurable drift. First of all, rig the canoe with an anchor that is capable of gripping the cobble bottom found on most trout streams. If you spot a pod of rising fish in the middle of a deep pool, you can stop the boat and cast to them. There are several companies that sell roller devices similar to those found on driftboats where you can drop anchor quickly when fish are spotted. A similar rig will work on a kickboat as well.

An approved personal floatation device for everyone onboard the canoe, or for yourself in the case of a kick boat is a must and is required by law in many areas. I prefer inflatable vests, but any type will do.

Obviously, anchoring a canoe or kickboat in a section of river with a lot of current is a bad idea and it has gotten some people killed over the years. If the pool is calm and flat, anchoring is OK. Never try to anchor in a strong current. The results can be disastrous, and no trout is worth that.

Another item that is indispensable is a map of the river you are going to drift. It is tough to get lost on a drift trip, but the map allows you to track your progress along the river and better estimate how much time is left in the drift. It also points out side channels and other areas of the river that might not get much pressure. Side channels can provide some great fishing.

Don't forget your camera!. Often you will come around a bend in the river and spot a Great Blue Heron or some other form of unusual wildlife that offers a good photo opportunity. It's also handy in case you catch a nice fish.



When drifting a river, etiquette is important. Bank anglers should be given as wide a berth as possible when you pass them. I try and stay as far from a wading fisherman (or woman) when I pass with the canoe as I possibly can. Sometimes they can't be avoided, and if there are a bunch of anglers on a pool, you can often pull up and pull the canoe through the shallows behind them. A drifting angler has way more access, and shouldn't bother other anglers who have limited portions of the river to fish. There are always more trout around the next bend!



big trout are very good.

As far as the fly fishing goes, tailwaters are different than the natural flows. During July and August, many trout streams are too warm to fish. Not so with tailwaters. In fact the air temperature can be 90 degrees, but the water can be so cold that a pair of neoprene waders is needed to fish comfortably. Because of the temperature variation, fly hatches on tailwaters often differs from the hatches found on natural flow trout streams at the same time. Checking ahead with area shops for hatches and conditions is a must.

The really nice thing about the tailwater rivers in the Eastern United States is that the trout typically have better growth rates than those in other waters so the chances of catching

A relaxing drift trip down a tailwater river is a great way to enjoy a summer afternoon. Seeing scenery that is unavailable to wading anglers, in addition to having a chance to catch a couple really nice trout, makes for great fun on a warm summer day.

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Better Bugging for Bass

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Sometimes everything comes together. Such was the case in one of my recent smallmouth outings on the Mohawk River. My brother Bill is way into tournament bass fishing, while my game has always been fly fishing. We were on the river in Bill's bass boat under the perfect conditions; an overcast evening, and very clear water. We were working the surface over a channel about 12 feet deep, my brother using a Zara Spook, and I flinging a big hairbug. My yellow diver bug had just hit the water when a heavy smallmouth rocketed from underneath to take the fly. This bass and several other good-sized smallmouths, made for a very memorable evening of fishing as I kept up with the bass pro using fly tackle.

The Right Conditions

One of my favorite fly fishing pursuits is going after the local smallmouth bass population with surface bugs. I have several great bass areas right near my home, and pursuing smallies with bugs is great fun, while the nearby largemouth population at times also gets my attention.

In my bass bugging over the years, I've discovered first that knowing when to fish with surface flies saves a lot of fruitless hours of flailing away with a heavy fly rod and a big, wind-resistant bug. Bass, like many species, are sensitive to light, smallmouths even more than largemouths, and will go very deep during the summer. For this reason, the bug fishing in the early portion of the season and again in the fall is the most consistent because the sun isn't as intense on the water.

During the summer months when the sun burns brightest, the very best bug fishing comes during the early morning and late evening hours. The rest of the time, trying to draw a bass to the surface is just about impossible. They will just ignore most surface presentations, the only exception being cloudy summer days, and days when there is a light rain, both of which can be very good for bug fishing.



Finding the Right Bug



In addition to knowing when to fish a surface bug, knowing the best type of bug will result in more landed fish. I have had smallmouths and largemouths hit darn near every type of surface bug in my fly box, including saltwater skipping bugs that I bought to go striped bass fishing. I prefer to use hairbugs most of the time. Smallmouths and largemouths can crush a hairbug in their jaws easily, and will tend to hold onto it for much longer than they will hold a hard-bodied popper. Hairbugs have their disadvantages, being harder to cast, but they definitely result in more hooked fish.

When I do fish with a hard-bodied popper, I downsize it a little bit. My favorite hard popper is the Sneaky Pete, and I usually will fish a size #6 or #8 for smallmouths. By going to a smaller size, it is much easier to get a good hookup on a bass. With largemouths, getting a good set on the hook isn't so much of a problem. Even a scrappy sized largemouth can easily inhale most bugs.

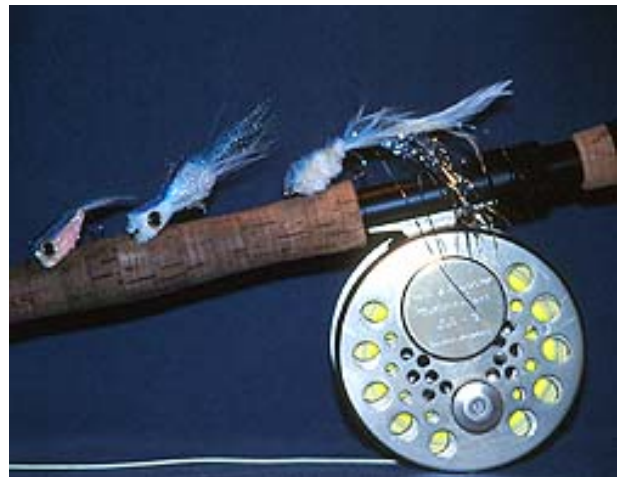
I generally get by with three fly patterns for most of my surface fishing. As I mentioned above, a Sneaky Pete is usually with me on all of my bass trips. For hairbugs, I use a frog pattern of my own design

with a tail made out of grizzly saddle hackles and a frog colored body made of spun deer hair that is white along the belly and green, yellow, and black on the back. I also use Dahlburg Divers, usually in a yellow/black color combination.

The Right Retrieve

Varying the retrieve makes a big difference in getting fish to strike a surface bug. The best way to determine what retrieve will work is to match the retrieve to the weather and the mood of the fish. If you get to your favorite bass river or lake, and the fish are "popping" for bait all over the place, then an aggressive retrieve is the best. Should the weather be really warm, and the fish a little on the sluggish side, then going with a much slower retrieve, covering the same water in a lot more time is the best.

Many times, bass will attack a fly as soon as it hits the water, or shortly thereafter. When the fish are a little on the sluggish side, let the fly sit for a while. Wait until the rings that the bug made when it hit the water are gone, and then give it a slight twitch. Often that will bring a strike during hot weather, especially with largemouth.



When to Set The Hook

One thing that I learned from fishing with my brother, is to wait slightly when a fish hits before setting the hook. When a bass hits a bug on the surface, setting the hook the instant the fish blows up on the bug will usually result in yanking the bug right out of the fish's mouth. A lot of times the bass's first hit is to kill its prey, then it quickly repositions it and swallows it. My brother's trick is that he counts to one before he sets the hook.

Bass hit a surface bug in a variety of ways. They can blast it from below, they can slam it from the side, or grab it from the rear. The toughest fish to hook are the ones who blast it from below and launch up in the air with the fly in their mouth. It takes a lot of control to let that fish hit the water before setting the hook.



Being alert is very important when bugging for bass. When bass are really on the bite, they attack the fly the instant that it hits the water. It has also been my observation that bass hit during the first half of the retrieve. Consequently, I only work the fly half way back to the boat, and try to keep my concentration up, and then let off while I cast. That way I am not focusing when nothing is going to happen, and I am also covering more water in a productive manner. There is nothing worse than being asleep at the wheel when a big bass hits.

Bugging for bass is one of the most exciting things you can do with a flyrod. The explosive surface strike of a smallmouth or largemouth is an incredible thing. Many people who are very adept at fly fishing for trout and other species give bugging a try and are not successful. Knowing when to fish, the right patterns, how to present them and when to set the hook give an angler a big advantage when it comes to successful bugging.

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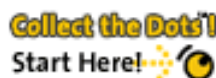
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Bloodworm . . . [Nymph](#)

Submitted by: Kevin Leasure
Hook: Nymph 6 to 12
Thread: 3\0 to 6\0 red
Body: Dark to light red floss with a silver rib
Wing:
Tail: Marabou to match body
Hackle:

Tying Instructions

Tie in thread at the bend of the shank and clip excess.

Tie in a tail of marabou.

Tie down floss and silver tinsel.

Wrap floss over the shank in 2 layers if possible for a full body and tie off, trimming the excess.

Wrap over silver rib in 8 to 10 turns depending on the size of the hook. More for a long hook, less for small one.

Tie off and trim excess.

Whip finish head and cement.



Presentation

Fish as nymph dead drift or suspended under a strike indicator. Weight as needed to sink the fly.

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Adams . . . [Dry Fly](#)

On the banks of the Boardman River in northern Michigan, the Adams was designed in 1922 by Len Halladay for a friend named C.F. Adams.

Submitted by:

Hook: 14-20

Thread: 6/0 black

Body: Grey dubbing

Wing: Grizzly hen hackle

Tail: Mix of brown and grizzly hackle

Hackle: Brown and grizzly

Tying Instructions

Start the thread at the front of the hook, behind the eye. This will be the spot for the wings.

Tie in two grizzly hen hackle tips for the wings.

Wind the thread back to tie the tail.

Strip fibers from both brown and grizzly hackle for the tail. Align the ends with a stacker.

Tie the hackle fibers in at the bend of the hook to form a tail. Use soft loops to make sure the fibers don't flair around the hook shaft.

Trim excess hackle and cover with thread.

Apply dubbing to the thread. Use wax to help the dubbing adhere better. 3 or 4 inches of dubbing should be enough. Wind the dubbing forward, making sure to taper the body and make it thicker toward the front. Make sure you leave enough space behind the wings for the hackle.

Pick out two similar sized hackle feathers, one brown and one grizzly. Trim the fluff from the bottom and tie the hackles in pointing back towards the bend of the hook. Make sure to wrap the thread forward at this point to just behind the eye of the hook. This will help to tie off the hackle later.

Grab either of the hackles with hackle pliers and wrap it three times behind the wing. Wrap it three times in front as well and tie it off, snipping the excess. Do the same for the other hackle and you're ready to finish the fly.

Make sure the fly is all trimmed and neat, then tie it off with either half hitch knots or a whip finisher. Apply the head cement and you're done. Make sure not to get head cement on the hackle.

Presentation

This is a good all around dry fly. One variation is what is referred to as an Au Sable Adams. This is where an orange barred pheasant feather is substituted for the tail.



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