

Learning Trout Behavior

<https://youtu.be/BwcRXHvilbE>

Fishing knots:

- **Tippet to fly:** Davy Knot. <https://youtu.be/-NTVZAZ0xQA>
- **Leader to Tippet:** Surgeons Knot. <https://youtu.be/ttiDcgvaDo4>
- **Line to Leader:** Perfection Loop. <https://youtu.be/7HeILNIwm00>, and then ...
- **Connecting 2 Perfection Loops together:** <https://youtu.be/L3YBTzr5iDI>

Wading safety: Very Important, Respect the Force of Water, Live to Fish Another Day

Part 1 -

<https://youtu.be/1pNFU1-EEqU>

Part 2 -

<https://youtu.be/K2HkpfQzMAI>

Part 3 -

<https://youtu.be/2ZqR5grsKil>

Part 4 -

https://youtu.be/_fS7bzcZZDM

Part 5 -

https://youtu.be/Dw8LBdvWA_k

Part 6 -

https://youtu.be/P7_Nljg-eHA

Recommended rod/reel combinations sets: (get a 5 weight, 9 foot rod, more pieces = packable)



Cabela's Three Forks/Prestige® Plus Fly Combo

Item No: IK-324649

COMBO MODEL: 3 FORKS 905-3 PRTSG

Availability: Backorderable

Qty:

\$99.99 each

Not Yet Rated



Cabela's Three Forks/Wind River Fly Combo

Item No: IK-322367

ROD MODEL: THREE FORKS 865-4 WR

Availability: In Stock

Qty:

\$84.99 each

★★★★☆ (7)



Copper River Fly Combo

Item No: IK-324404

ROD MODEL: 905-4

Availability: Backorderable

Qty:

Reg:\$69.99 each

Sale:\$48.99 each

★★★★☆ (5)

Recommended waders:

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|  | <p>Cabela's Men's Premium Breathable Stockingfoot Fishing Waders with 4MOST DRY-PLUS™ – Tall
Item No: IK-832991
SIZE: LARGE
COLOR: LIGHT BROWN</p> <p>Availability: In Stock</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$129.99 each</p> <p>Not Yet Rated</p> |
|  | <p>Cabela's Men's Bluestream Stockingfoot Waders
Item No: IK-831879
SIZE: LARGE
COLOR: TAN</p> <p>Availability: In Stock</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>Reg:\$99.99 each
Sale:\$69.99 each</p> <p>★★★★☆ (25)</p> |
|  | <p>Redington® Men's Palix River Stockingfoot Fishing Waders
Item No: IK-832858
SIZE: LARGE
COLOR: CANYON/BOULDER</p> <p>Availability: In Stock</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$169.99 each</p> <p>Not Yet Rated</p> |
|  | <p>Compass 360™ Men's Deadfall B.A.P. Stocking-Foot Fishing Waders
Item No: IK-833007
SIZE: LARGE
COLOR: COFFEE/STONE/STRMGRY</p> <p>Availability: Ships Directly from Manufacturer</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$119.99 each</p> <p>Not Yet Rated</p> |
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Recommended boots:

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|  | <p>Cabela's Men's Ultralight Wading Boots – Felt
Item No: IK-832466
SIZE: 13
COLOR: BROWN/DARK BLUE</p> <p>Availability: In Stock</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$79.99 each</p> <p>★★★★☆ (29)</p> |
|  | <p>Simms® Rock Creek Felt-Sole Wading Boots
Item No: IK-832213
SIZE: 10
COLOR: MINERAL</p> <p>Availability: Ships Directly from Manufacturer</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$99.99 each</p> <p>Not Yet Rated</p> |
|  | <p>Compass 360™ Men's Stillwater Wading Boots – Felt
Item No: IK-833027
SIZE: 10
COLOR: COFFEE/STORM GRY/BLK</p> <p>Availability: Ships Directly from Manufacturer</p> | <p>Qty: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <p>\$49.99 each</p> <p>Not Yet Rated</p> |

Other resources for waders, rods, and boots:

CraigsList.com
OfferUp.com
eBay.com
Amazon.com

With some of these sites, you can save your Search and have the website notify you when new items are offered for sale, via your email. VERY HANDY.

Boots - Your wading boots should be 1-2 sizes bigger than your normal shoe, to accommodate the neoprene bootie of your waders. So a size 10 foot would want a size 11 or 12 boot. TRY them on WITH a neoprene sock or your waders. Cabela's will have extra booties to borrow for this.

Consider buying JUST the neoprene booties for hot, summer fishing, when the waders are too much, but you still want the grip of the wading boot.

Also, the best grip I have found are FELT bottomed wading boots, with cleats. I buy hardware store machine screws, 3/4" long, pre-drill small holes around the inside edge of the boot, and use a small socket to emplace them. They last a season easily, are easy to replace, and a lot cheaper than what they sell at the Fly Shops. Make sure you don't penetrate to the inside sole of your boot. This will tear into your neoprene bootie and ruin it's waterproofness.

Waders - make sure you have a waist belt so if you take a plunge, you restrict how much water gets in. A chest cord is very helpful, too. I prefer waders that can fold down from chest high, to waist high, for those warmer days. Also, breathable fabric, like Goretex, is best. It's cooler in the summer and in the winter you can wear synthetic sweat pants or long johns underneath when you want insulation. Neoprene waders are bulky, heavy, and hot in the summer.

Rods - for starting out, there are GOOD deals on rod/reel combinations that come with the line and leader pre-wound, ready to go. Don't spend \$60 but you don't need to spend \$200 either. To start, get a MEDIUM action rod until you learn your style. Or have the local fly shop help you test out SLOW, MEDIUM, and FAST action rods. If you're an over-caffeinated spaz, find yourself going thru brake pads on your car frequently, and have caught yourself wondering why there isn't anything quicker than a microwave oven, get a FAST action rod. It's stiffer and is for casters who cast faster, farther, and have road rage issues, or who fish rivers known for a lot of gusty/windy conditions. However, if you judge the usual pace at your local DMV office as 'frantic', get a SLOW action rod. You will be able to cast more precisely, at a slower, more relaxed pace, but less farther than a fast action rod. A MEDIUM action rod is a good compromise.

WHERE to Find the Fish? Reading the Water: SUPERIOR, easy to understand instruction, with GREAT graphics: <https://youtu.be/2iilfYWT7U0>

CASTING - Practice, Practice, Practice!! See the last 5 minutes or so of the video above.

WHAT Fly to Use? This website has a WEALTH of knowledge. Find the River you're fishing, select the time of year, see what's supposed to be hatching at that time, and click on the suggested flies to the RIGHT side of the screen to see PICTURES of the flies to BUY!!

<http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/index.php/fishing-reports>

Select what river you'll be fishing, then see the different hatches down the left side. Click on a bug and it takes you to a description of it. Scroll down and it shows you WHAT PATTERNS IMITATE THAT bug!

WHERE to BUY Flies?

Sportsman's Warehouse - Tanasbourne - \$1.10 per fly, or .99c each for a dozen or more

StreamFlies.com - .50c a fly, + shipping (\$3-\$4). Good quality flies. If you're buying 9 flies or more, shop here. Otherwise, go to Sportsman's Warehouse for 1 to 8 flies.

BIMART - 1.39 a fly, a small, basic selection of flies.

RIVER CITY FLY SHOP, Tigard - \$2.00 or more per fly. GREAT Selection for advanced fishermen.

FISH FIELD - Tigard Downtown - price = ?? GREAT Selection.

CABELAS - Tualatin - \$2.00 and up per fly. Pretty good selection.

What does a Green Butt Stick fly look like? And many others: <http://www.west-fly-fishing.com/index.php/fly-patterns>. (There are three choices here. Look for the third one down)

Great books:

The Curtis Creek Manifesto - a little dated but a good, all-around basic description of all you need to know to fish rivers for trout. Available at Fisherman's Marine. \$13?

The Total Fly Fishing Manual, by Field and Stream - available at Costco, \$20. More than you needed to know, including saltwater fishing, and much more, but you might grow into it.