



Recommended Fishing Gear List

All Clearwater guests are invited to use our waders, boots, wading staffs, rods and reels at no extra charge.

Rods

4-, 5-, and 6-weight rods are all appropriate for our waters. A 9 foot 5-weight rod is the most versatile rod we could recommend bringing.

There are several smaller streams in the area that are perfect for light tackle enthusiasts, and rods from 0- to 3-weight can be used on certain waters.

As the popularity of Spey fishing grows, more and more guests are asking about two handed and 'switch' rods. We do have a few select places to fish with Spey rods and several of our guides are excellent Spey casting instructors. 'Switch' rods can be used on a variety of waters in our area.

Reels

We recommend a sturdy reel that matched to the weight of your fly rod.

Lines

Weight forward and double taper floating lines are standard trout lines. Be sure your line is matched to the weight of your rod and reel.

Some rivers and stillwaters in the area are excellent places for intermediate (clear) lines and deep sinking lines and sink tips. If you are interested in fishing these techniques, your guide will be more than happy to spend time working with these specialty lines.

Waders

Breathable Gore-Tex waders are our top recommendation. It is rarely cold enough to warrant the use of neoprene waders. During the summer months on some rivers, wet-wading is a possibility as well, where no waders are used. Most boat fishing trips at Clearwater do not necessitate the use of waders; comfortable outdoor clothing is all that is required.

Wading Belt

For safety, you should always wear a wading belt around your waist when wearing waders.

Boots

Modern felt or rubber soled wading boots with or without cleats are recommended.



Wading Staff

A sturdy wading staff is an important part of a California fly fisherman's gear. Whether wooden or metal, collapsible or not, a good staff is indispensable on certain waters, especially our local waters the Pit River and McCloud River.

Vest/Pack

Angler's preference will dictate what style of vest or pack to use. We recommend finding one that suits your build and type of fishing you do.

Clothing

Based on the time of year you fish in the Intermountain Area, your clothing needs will change. For early and late season fishing when the chance for cooler weather is likely, a rain jacket with a hood and layers of clothing that can be added or removed is necessary. During the middle of the season, breathable, comfortable clothing that is suitable for sun protection is a must. Socks should be worn in waders. Many of our waters are very cold, even on the hottest day, so having a mid-weight pair of socks is useful even in the summer. Warm, thicker socks are great to have in the spring and fall. Denim is not a good choice to wear under waders. If it gets wet, denim takes a long time to dry and is not comfortable. Good cool weather choices for under-wader clothing are quick dry capilene-style long underwear at a thickness that suits you (can be layered). During the warmer months, shorts are often an excellent choice to wear under waders. Light weight pants are a great choice for some as well. Many anglers like to wear vented fishing shirts that allow air to flow through in warm weather. A good fishing shirt will be light weight and have quick dry properties. T-shirts or long sleeved shirts can be layered underneath in cooler weather. A fleece jacket or vest is a great item to have even in the summer as we are in the mountains and temperatures can vary wildly from near freezing in the morning to 90+ degrees by the afternoon. In the cool months, they are very useful as they dry fast and most have wind-stopping properties and are breathable but warm.

Hats

A hat is necessary no matter what the season. Many choose baseball style hats, but there are great full brimmed hats that protect your whole face, ears and neck as well.

Sunglasses

Polarized sunglasses are critical to your fishing tackle. They allow you to see the fish through the glare of the water, as well as to see where you are walking while wading through rocks in the stream.