

Fly Fishing Tactics 2



On the Stream

- Describe Stream, where to find fish
- How to approach stream, trout
- What are they eating?
- Mending and casting to prevent drag and compensate for stream flow conditions
- Setting hook and playing fish
- How to free snags
- Demo fish handling, catch & Release

If you don't know what is hatching, look at hatch charts...

| Brodhead Creek Hatches | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Insect | Size(s) | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | |
| Blue Quill | 18 | | █ | | | | | | | |
| Quill Gordon | 14 | | █ | | | | | | | |
| Hendrickson | 14 | | █ | █ | | | | | | |
| Tan Caddis | 16 | | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | | |
| Gray Fox | 12,14 | | | █ | █ | | | | | |
| March Brown | 12 | | | █ | █ | | | | | |
| BWO | 14 | | | █ | █ | | | | | |
| Sulphur | 16 | | | █ | █ | | | | | |
| Light Cahill | 14 | | | █ | █ | | | | | |
| Terrestrials | | | | | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | |
| • Ants | 16-20 | | | | | | | | | |
| • Beetles | 12-18 | | | | | | | | | |
| • Caterpillars | 12 2XL | | | | | | | | | |
| • Grass Hopper | 10 2XL | | | | | | | | | |
| Light Cahill | 18 | | | | | | █ | | | |

Small Stream - Riff into Pool

- Riff into a small pool ~3 ft deep
 - Fish from downstream up, work from in close to far bank as I move up
- Probably will not use split shot
- Riff water above may be 5-8" deep – fish it



Bend Pool



Wading Common Sense

- **Polaroid Glasses – Helpful for Judging Water Depth – Can See Shallow Areas To Cross.**
- **Cross In Riffles, Avoid Swift/Deep Water.**
- **Wear Boots With Studs For Traction.**
- **Use Wading Staff (Or Stout Stick)**
- **Wear Wading Belt**

Two Dangers to Avoid

- **Sweeper Are Killers - Stay Far Away From Downed Trees. If Get Swept Into A Tree – Do Everything To Crawl Over It. Do Not Stand Or Let Legs Get Trapped Under Water.**
- **Avoid Mud Bottoms – Especially in Slow Backwater – Can Get Sucked Into And Stuck In Bottom. Can Be Like Quick Sand.**

Wading Video

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SIMMS Wading Safety

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Fish Handling for Catch & Release

- **Recommend landing net if possible**
- **Wet hands before handling fish**
- **Handle fish gently and they'll relax**
 - **Hold fish upside down**
- **Use forceps to remove flies**
- **Revive fish before releasing**
 - **Face fish upstream in current so water runs into mouth, through gills**
- **Keep fish in water, don't let it bang its head on land**

Catch & Release

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Catch & Release



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