

Equipment and License Information

Middle Fork of the Salmon

Fishing the Middle Fork of the Salmon River through the heart of Idaho's River of No Return Wilderness is truly a world-class experience. Expert fly fishers consider the Middle Fork of the Salmon to be one of the best wild cutthroat trout fisheries in the world.

Designated a "catch and release" river more than 30 years ago has protected this clear stream and the wild cutthroat trout population. There has never been any hatchery or nonnative fish introduced into this "Blue Ribbon" fishery. The wild nature of the Westslope Cutthroat in this river is rare and found in only a few places in the world. The abundant cutthroat population insures success for even the novice fisherman.

Suggested Fishing Equipment

Fly Rods: A six or seven weight rod, 8 to 9 feet in length is ideal. Some fishers like a second rod for days when casts are short and there is little or no wind. A 3 or 4 weight rod is a good second choice for those days.

Spin Caster: A short lightweight-spinning rod with 6 lb. test line works well.

Rod And Reel Cases: It is very important that all rods and reels be kept in hard cases when not in use.

Fly Line: A good weight forward or double tapered floating line, such as Cortland 444 SL or Scientific Anglers Ultra 2 is recommended. Make sure your fly line matches your rod and reel.

Leaders: Tapered leaders approximately 9 feet long are best. We recommend 3X or 5X sizes.

Tippet Material: You should have a variety of tippet strengths. 4, 5, and 6 pound tippet material should suffice.

Flies: You should have a good selection of single barbless flies on hand. The following are some suggested patterns to consider:

- * Elk Hair Caddis, Light and Dark. *Sizes 10-14*
- * Elk Hair Hopper. *Sizes 6-10*
- * Royal Wulff. *Sizes 6-12*
- * Humpy, Red and Yellow. *Sizes 6-8*
- * Joe's Hopper. *Sizes 6-12*
- * Stimulator, Orange, Yellow and Green. *Sizes 6-12*
- * Chernobal Ants. *Sizes 6-8*

Lures: We recommend Panther Martins and Mepps. The guides will be happy to cut the barbs off your lures.

Miscellaneous Items: You will also need a hook file, nail clippers, fly floatant, and a pair of forceps or pliers.

Idaho Nonresident License

All guests need to pre-purchase their Idaho licenses before arriving for their trip. License and permits can be ordered online. To order your Idaho Non-Resident license and permits go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/>.