

# Colorado Fly Fishing



## Gear List

The best way to stay comfortable on any active adventure is going lightweight. Wearing the right versatile layers will insure a system with great ventilation and maximum protection in any conditions. The items on this list are just suggestions, however traveling with these items will give you the best chance for comfort and protection while in Colorado against any and all conditions. Your local Backwoods employee would be glad to help determine which product is right for you!

### ➔ Gear and Clothing

- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Fleece pants.
- Synthetic or wool long underwear - tops and bottoms.
- Wading jacket.
- Wood / synthetic warm socks.
- Warm hat or balaclava.
- Sun hat.
- Gloves - fingerless and regular.
- Comfortable shoes for house.
- Comfortable clothes for non-fishing times.
- Sunscreen.
- Lip balm.
- Personal toiletries.

### ➔ Fishing Equipment

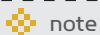
- Rod and reel - 4 or 5 weight rod with reel that balances well with rod (a back-up rod if you have one).  
Reel should have a decent drag, preferably disc drag (the water is fast and fish can get downstream in a hurry).
- Lines and leaders - Weight forward floating line that matches the rod weight is ideal (this is for windy conditions).  
A selection of leaders from 4x to 6x are necessary.  
We prefer 9 ft leaders, but a couple of 7.5 footers will be handy for chunking lead. Tippet in sizes 4x to 7x are the norm for Spring conditions.
- Waders and boots - the type of wader is not as important as the condition the waders are in. However, we strongly discourage neoprene waders for this time of year. The daytime temps can easily reach 60 or 65 degrees. Also, neoprene waders restrict movement and are heavy.  
Felt soled or sticky rubber boots are a must for grip 'n slip rocks.

### ➔ Flies

- 12-Humpy yellow sz 12.
- 6-Hoppers sz 10-14.
- 12-Blue Winged Olive sz 18-22.
- 12-Adams sz 18-22.
- 6-Adult Midges blk/olive sz 22-28.
- 6-Elk hair caddis olive sz 18.
- 12-Pheasant tail sz 16-20.
- 12-Copper John green/chartreuse/copper sz 18-22.
- 6-BWO emerger sz 20-22.
- 12-Wooly Bugger olive/black sz 6-12.
- 6-Tung Teaser sz 12-16.

### ➔ Accessories

- Strike indicators.
- Split shot (bb and smaller).
- Nippers.
- Forceps.
- Knot tying tools.
- Leader straightener.
- Floatant.
- Flies.
- Landing net.
- Polarized sunglasses.



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