



Intro to Fly Fishing Ages 16+



CLASS INFORMATION: Come join our Adult Intro to Fly Fishing class to learn everything you need to know about fresh water fly fishing from rods, reels, line and knots. This class is perfect for beginners or those looking to increase their knowledge. Fly fishing can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, move your body and does not have to break the bank! This 6-week course will cover all the basics you need to get started, stay tuned for our supplemental course following Intro to Fly Fishing, “Fly Tying”! For more details on what will be taught in this class, please see reverse side of page.

INSTRUCTOR: Vance Evans brings more than 55 years of experience and enjoys learning as much as he can about fly fishing. His expertise is in persistence, first doing it wrong and then not giving up until getting it right. Vance has been been tying his own flies for over 30 years and in his words, “may have made enough mistakes along the way to fill a book, so I wrote one”, on fly tying materials. Vance has also published articles in “Fly Rod & Reel” and “Fly Fishing New England”. He has been teaching fly tying privately for over 20 years. His fly-fishing library contains several hundred titles covering everything “fresh water” fly fishing. Saltwater fly fishing is not part of his experience.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required (space is Limited). Registration is open to Exeter and surrounding towns, on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations are accepted at the Exeter Recreation Office during our business hours, on-line, mail or by phone. (4) Minimum, (8) maximum.

LOCATION: Classes will be held downstairs at 32 Court Street Exeter, NH.

Thursday, February 1 – March 7, 2024		
Class	Time	Fee
Intro to Fly Fishing	6:00-7:00pm	\$25/6 weeks

EXETER PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
32 Court Street, Exeter, NH 03833
Phone: (603) 773-6151
Website: www.exeternh.gov/recreation
Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:15am-4:15pm

Fly-fishing (Tools)

The Uniform- The “Vest” most see it as a requirement. Pros and Cons

How many trinkets will it hold? How many do you need?

Waders, Hip boots, Water shoes

Hat- wide brim, Sunglasses,

Sun Screen, BUG REPELLENT, doggie bag

Wading staff, Net, Kleenex, water bottle

Rods- What to consider before buying. What kind of water do you plan to fish? What is your target species? Cost? - everyone's main question.

Materials used in construction and how the construction effects use (show bamboo, graphite/carbon fiber, fiberglass rods)

Rod length, weight and spine also effects use (show different rods)

Personal preference- Grip. Reel seat, guides...

Maintenance.

Reel- The least important piece of fly fishing gear.

Size, weight, Drag

Left vs Right wind

Spare spools

Cost & Maintenance

Line- The most important component.

Floating, sinking, sink tip, reversible

Weight matched to rod

Backing, Leader, Tippet (see diagram)

(load line then backing to measure the amount of backing for the reel, then unwind and spool backing and line, practice even winding)

Leader tapered vs built, tippet weight to match species

Maintenance

Knots- You only need a few but you want to be able to tie them blindfolded

Backing to reel- simple slip knot, two half hitches

fly line to backing- water knot, unequal diameter

leader to fly line- super glue

tippet to leader- water knot (wet before tightening)

hook to tippet- Improved clinch knot (wet before tightening)

Maintenance

Fly? What fly do I use? The most asked question in fly fishing.

What kind of water are you fishing?

Watch the water first, are fish rising? Can you see fish?

Where are the best lies and can you position yourself to fish them effectively?

Are they taking flies off the surface? Or just under?

Searching patterns? Keep changing, Reposition,

Color, size, type, position, depth, speed, light, shadow, noise, drag.