

In the wild world of outdoor recreation, fishing may take the lion's share of the sheer number of little bits and pieces you should bring along for even a daylong outing—and fishing enthusiasts, forever in love with the wide variety of flies, wouldn't have it any other way. Accordingly, what appears below is the packing list for a daylong outing. Combine this list with one of our other lists—sea kayaking, canoeing, backpacking, car camping—if you're aiming to get deeper into the wilderness.



COLD-WEATHER CLOTHING

- Microfiber or wool long underwear (top and bottom)
- Midweight fleece jacket
- Breathable wading jacket or rain jacket
- Wool hat or wind-blocking fleece hat (balaclava for really cold weather)
- Neoprene fingerless gloves (improves dexterity)
- Heavyweight wool socks
- Waders (neoprene or breathable with fleece pants)
- Wading boots

WARM-WEATHER CLOTHING

- Brimmed hat
- Microfiber casting shirt (or other light and cool shirt)
- Microfiber shorts
- Lightweight merino wool socks
- Breathable waders
- Wading boots (or wading sandals for "wet wading" when it's really warm)

FISHING GEAR

- Rod and rod tube
- Reel
- Line
- Flies
- Fly boxes
- Leaders
- Spools of tippet (sizes 3X-6X common)
- Floatant
- Wading belt
- Wading staff (for stability in strong currents)
- Fishing vest or pack
- Net (with soft nylon mesh for safe catch and release)
- Quick-release lanyard for net
- Polarized sunglasses and floating security line
- Headlamp, pinch light, or small flashlight
- Nippers
- Forceps
- Stream thermometer
- Strike indicators
- Zingers (allows for quick access to tools)
- Camera (waterproof, single-use variety is an economical option)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Water bottles/hydration pack
- Fishing-specific bag or pack with waterproof compartment for boots, mesh bag for waders, reel pockets, etc.