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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I'M A BEGINNER AT FLY FISHING—ARE THESE TRIPS FOR ME?**

We pride ourselves on teaching. You're not alone, we take out beginners all the time, we've all got to start somewhere right? Hiring a guide is one of the best ways to learn.

### **WHAT SHOULD I BRING ALONG?**

See our [What to Bring Checklist](#) for trip-specific information.

### **WHAT SIZE ROD DO I NEED?**

This depends on the type of fish you'll be catching:

Brown Trout: 5-weight, 8.5-9 ft. length

Steelhead and Smallmouth: 7-8 weight, 9 ft. length

### **DO WE STILL FISH IF THE WEATHER IS BAD?**

Weather is uncontrollable, that's the bottom line. Bad weather doesn't always mean bad fishing however. Some of our best days have been on some of the most challenging days weather-wise. We will fish rain or shine as long as we are safe (no lightning). If there is wiggle room to reschedule we will allow you the option. This is on a trip by trip basis. Come prepared to fish in whatever mother nature throws at us and if we are fishing in cold weather make sure you are bringing warm layers.

### **SHOULD I TIP MY GUIDE?**

Generally, as a starting point, consider tipping your guide 10% of the trip cost. If the guide went above and beyond it wouldn't be unusual to increase your tip to 15% or even 20%.

### **WHEN AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THE TRIP?**

We require a 50% deposit to hold your date. Upon deciding on a date(s), we will send you an invoice to an email provided. The invoice can be paid via mailed check or electronic bank transfer. Full payment is due prior to entering your guided session.

### **IS THERE A REFUND FOR CANCELLING MY TRIP?**

Cancellations made at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date will receive a full refund. Cancellations made within 13-7 days prior to the scheduled date will forfeit 50% of the cost of the trip. Cancellations made less than 7 days prior to the scheduled date of the trip will forfeit the full cost of the trip. If we have to cancel a trip for reasons beyond our control (for example weather conditions), you will receive a full refund. Ideally, we will reschedule the trip on a mutually available date.

### **I HAVE A FOOD ALLERGY OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

First thing is to inform us of your concern. We will do our best to fit your needs but cannot guarantee it. You may be asked to provide your own food option.