

GETTING READY FOR YOUR GUIDE TRIP



Being prepared can make a huge difference in how much you enjoy your time on the water. Before you head out, refer to this info sheet.

2026 RATES

Half Day (4 hours)

One person \$350

Two persons \$400

Full Day (7 hours)

One person \$450

Two persons \$500

Gratuity

A gratuity is customary and discretionary. The standard is 20%.

Payment

Cash or check only.

Rates vary for outings outside the Farmington River.

What to wear. Weather in the northwest hills can be unpredictable. Dress for the current weather and the possible weather. The Farmington River is a tailwater, so it usually runs cold. Summer air temps in the 80s and water temps in the 50s is not unusual. Dressing in layers is a good idea. In summer there may be a cold fog over the river. Bring an outer layer!

River gear. Spring-summer-fall I like breathable stockingfoot waders with studded wading boots. I wear bootfoot neoprene waders in winter. **If you have a wading staff, bring it.** A hat with a brim and polarized glasses are essential.

Personal items. Sunblock, insect repellent, lip balm. If you have a cigar I may join you.

Food/Water. Clients are responsible for their own food, snacks, and water.

Tackle. You must have your own fly rod, reel, and line. I suggest the rod that you are most comfortable casting and mending. Generally, longer is better. A 10' 5-weight is a good all-around rod. Bring a floating line. For streamer fishing, a full-sink integrated line is good to have in addition to the floater. Bring a backup rod. Sorry, I can't supply clients with rods and reels.

Leaders/flies. Clients are responsible for leaders. If we are doing a wet fly lesson, you'll need a leader butt section (3x or 4x, 9' tapered). I will have flies, but you can use your own flies. There's nothing better than catching a fish on a fly you tied.

Miscellaneous. Clients are responsible for obtaining a valid Connecticut fishing license (with Trout Stamp), available at UpCountry Sportfishing or online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CT-Fishing>. Clients are responsible for their own transportation. Clients must sign a waiver.