

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 handy list.

2024 RATES

Half Day (4 hours)

One person \$325
Two persons \$375

Full Day (7 hours)

One person \$425
Two persons \$475

Gratuities

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

Cash or check only. Rates may vary for non-Farmington River outings.

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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 cleft 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 and water. There is a sandwich shop located next to UpCountry Sportfishing.

Tackle. Bring a fly rod and reel. I suggest your favorite rod, or the one 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. If you want to use your own flies, you can. 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.

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