

RECOMMENDED GEAR, TACKLE, AND FLIES

GEAR

- Polarized sun glasses, binoculars
- Breathable waders, felt or rubber soled wading boots **without studs**,
- Good quality breathable rain jacket
- Capilene fleece pants
- Sweaters, fleece jacket, capilene underwear (layering system)
- Fleece or wool fingerless gloves and stocking hat
- Wool wading socks for waders and neoprene wading socks for wet wading
- Long sleeved quick dry fishing shirts, quick dry fishing pants, and shorts
- Fishing hat, sun gloves, sun block SPF 30+ and lip sunscreen
- Personal medications, ibuprofen, allergy medicine, etc.
- US Currency, credit cards, valid passport, and copies of passport
- Camera and film, or digital camera and battery charger with spare batteries

We recommend new or bleach washed boots to prevent the spread of whirling disease and New Zealand mud snails.

TACKLE

- Rods: 4 to 8 weights. A fast action 6-weight is ideal for Patagonia. A 4 or 5 weight can be used for spring creeks when calm. A 6, 7 or 8 weight for sink tips and streamers.
- Leaders: 7.5 foot or 9 foot 0X and 3X (3 of each)
- Tippet: 0X - 5X regular monofilament and 3X – 5X fluorocarbon
- Sinking Lines: Rio, Scientific Angler, or Teeny 200 grain sinking tip line (one will do)
- Floating Lines: New or Like new RIO or Scientific Angler weight forward floating lines
- Small hip pack or vest with nippers, forceps, fly floatant, line cleaner, etc.

FLIES

- Beetles: (8-16) Black and peacock**
- Chernobyl Ants: (6) black/tan**
- Grasshoppers: (8-10) a good variety**
- Flying Ants: (14-16) Black**
- Dragon Flies: (a few will do)**
- Elk Hair Caddis (14 and 16)**
- Parachute Adams: (14-18) with high visibility posts**
- Bead Head Prince: (14-18)**
- Bead Head Pheasant Tail: (14-18)**
- Bead Head Copper Johns: (14-18) copper and red**
- Scuds: (14-18) Olive**
- Midge: (18-22) various nymph patterns olive/black**
- Wooly Buggers: (2-4) black, brown, and olive**
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- Zonkers: (2-4) olive, black, natural, grey**
- Double Bunnies: green/white, grey/white, natural/white (a few will do)**
- String Leeches: Heavy lead eyed dark colors (a few will do)**

Dry flies for Patagonia are probably larger than you are used to. Flies tied with foam and rubber legs work great in our fishing areas. The best colors seem to be black, peacock, and tan. That being said, it is often times necessary to match a particular hatch and some small dries are also needed. Try to buy (or tie) dry flies that are highly visible for your benefit. If you bring a good selection of the flies listed to the left, you'll be in great shape!

Although we dry-fly fish most of the time, it is necessary at times to nymph fish and streamer fish depending on rivers and fishing conditions. Nymphs will normally be dropped under a dry fly and also will be used for sight fishing. A good selection of nymphs and streamers could make your day or even your trip. Remember big flies catch big fish!!!

Note: Patagonia River Guides provide flies, leaders, and tippet for our clients. Bring a good selection—if you want--and we'll fill in the gaps you might have.