

# Fisheads Guide Trip Packing Lists

## What’s provided on guide trips?

Unless you’re on a wade trip, you basically only need to bring yourself, weather-appropriate clothing, and personal items. If you’re wading, you’ll need to bring your waders and boots or else rent waders in town ahead of your guide trip. Otherwise, **we’re happy to supply rods, leaders, tippet material, flies, lunch (on full-day trips only), and an ice chest with plenty of water.**

## Want to bring your own stuff?

You’re more than welcome to bring your own setup. Our guides will still supply the leaders, tippet, flies, and basically most items found in a well-stocked fly vest. Here’s our suggested rods:

- 4wt or 5wt rods between 8.5 - 10 ft for normal dry fly, nymph, and streamer fishing
- 6wt rods can be used for extra “oomph”, but aren’t necessary

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# Summer Float Trip Packing List

Our summers generally have morning temps in the 50s with highs in the 80s. Be prepared for heat, though, as July and August can get into the upper 90s. Sun protection is the main focus, but don't forget a lightweight jacket for our cool mornings. Nearly all days are sunny with a chance of rain in the afternoon, so a rain jacket is must. With rain comes mosquitoes. Good bug spray can come in handy.

**Note:** No need to wear waders on float trips during this season. We can maneuver the boat to any wade-able spot. You'll just be hot and sweaty in our summer sun.

## Clothing

- Lightweight quick-dry pants
- Lightweight long sleeve sun hoodie or vented fishing shirt
- Light wicking socks (wool or polypro)
- Water repellent outdoor/hiking shoe
- Light jacket or hoodie for cool mornings
- Rain jacket
- Baseball cap or full-brim hat
- Sun gloves
- Buff (Optional)
- Rain pants (Optional)

## Non-clothing

- New Mexico fishing license (Needed for all who are ages 12+. Available online or in our fly shop)
- Polarized sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm SPF 20+
- Bug spray
- Small Day Pack (For any personal items you may have)
- Dry Bag (optional)
- Snacks (Optional. Lunch is provided on full-day trips)

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# Spring/Fall Float Trip Packing List

Both spring and fall mornings tend to start cold, but give way to warm, sunny afternoons. Plan on temps in the 30s and 40s to start the day with temps hitting the 60s and 70s in the afternoon. Spring is our windy season, with gusts appearing after lunch. Rainy and snowy days are possible in both seasons. **Be sure to monitor the weather as your trip approaches. You might also need to pack items from the winter checklist.**

**Note:** No need to wear waders on float trips during this season unless they help you stay warm and dry on cold days. We can maneuver the boat to any wade-able spot.

## Clothing

- Light or mid-weight base layer bottoms
- Light or mid-weight base layer top
- Lightweight quick-dry pants
- Lightweight long sleeve sun hoodie or vented fishing shirt
- Light or medium weight wools socks
- Waterproof outdoor/hiking shoe
- Warm mid layer (lightweight fleece, sweater, sweatshirt, quarter zip, etc.)
- Water resistant jacket (For cold mornings or overcast days)
- Waterproof rain jacket
- Waterproof rain pants, bibs, or waders (For cold, rainy days)
- Baseball cap or full-brim hat
- Knit cap/beanie
- Lightweight gloves
- Sun gloves (Optional)
- Buff (Optional)

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# Winter Float Trip Packing List

Our winters days are generally mild, but they still start off cold. Plan on mornings in the 20s that give way to afternoon highs in the 40s and 50s. When our high desert sun is out, 40 degrees feels nice and toasty. Like any high-elevation environment, we can still get snow storms, so watch the weather as your trip draws near. Don't worry if it snows. We've had some of our best days when the flakes are falling.

**Note:** No need to wear waders on float trips during this season unless they help you stay warm and dry on cold days. We can maneuver the boat to any wade-able spot.

## Clothing

- Mid-weight or heavy base layer bottoms
- Mid-weight or heavy base layer top
- Lightweight quick-dry pants (Work nicely over base layer on warm sunny days)
- Waterproof pants (Ski pants, bibs, and waders work well on cold or snowy days)
- Medium or heavy weight wools socks
- Waterproof outdoor/hiking shoe
- Warm mid layer (Thick fleece, sweatshirt, quarter zip, etc.)
- Warm, water-resistant jacket (3-in-1 jackets work well)
- Waterproof rain jacket
- Baseball cap or full-brim hat
- Knit cap/beanie
- Lightweight liner-type gloves
- Thick, waterproof gloves to go over liners
- Balaclava/neck gaiter (Optional)

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**Note:** The water is a frigid 42 degrees year-round. Warm clothing underneath your waders is a must!

## Clothing

- Mid-weight or heavy base layer bottoms
- Thick wool socks
- Waders (available for rent in town, no jeans allowed in rentals)
- Wading boots (also available for rent in town)
- Wading belt
- Lightweight long sleeve sun hoodie or vented fishing shirt
- Light jacket or hoodie for cool mornings
- Rain jacket
- Baseball cap or full-brim hat
- Sun gloves
- Wading staff (Optional, but our riverbed is extremely slick)
- Buff (Optional)

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- Waders (available for rent in town, no jeans allowed in rentals)
- Wading boots (available for rent in town)
- Wading belt
- Light or mid-weight base layer top
- Lightweight long sleeve sun hoodie or vented fishing shirt
- Warm mid layer (lightweight fleece, sweater, sweatshirt, quarter zip, etc.)
- Water resistant jacket (For cold, overcast days)
- Waterproof rain jacket
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- Mid-weight or heavy base layer bottoms
- Thick wool socks
- Waders (available for rent in town, no jeans allowed in rentals)
- Wading boots (available for rent near lodge)
- Wading belt
- Mid-weight or heavy base layer top
- Warm mid layer (Thick fleece, sweatshirt, quarter zip, etc.)
- Warm, water-resistant jacket (3-in-1 jackets work well)
- Waterproof rain jacket
- Baseball cap or full-brim hat
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- Lightweight gloves
- Thick, waterproof gloves or mitts
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