

## **Gear List and Recommendations;**

Fishing on the Kern Plateau is small streams and creeks so lightweight gear and tippet will be the name of the game. These goldens are anywhere from 6-12 inches, a 12 inch being considered a trophy trout for the pure strain of Goldens we are after. That being said, here are a few recommendations for gear and flies.

### Gear/Fly recommendations List;

- 2 or 3 weight fly rod, 7-9ft.
- 1-3 or 3-5 weight reel to pair with your rod.
- Standard Floating Line, outside of fly rod I truly believe having a good casting line is the most important part of a well performing fly rod. This is my favorite line, I highly recommend it.
- <https://www.orvis.com/product/hydros--trout/2ZJ1.html> the line option for this set up is WF 3.
- You will want floatant! Again we will have extra but always good to have on you for a quick service. This is my personal favorite. one bottle will last you the whole trip.
- Tippet, 5x/6x/7x
- Leaders 7.5, 5X leaders (I would purchase a couple 3 packs) We will go over leader building while on the water.

Flies; We will be fishing alot of top water or dry dropper set ups! Nothing better than watching em' sip a well presented dry fly! You can pick up most of these flies on the same website just wanted to give everyone some visuals. If you stop by a local fly shop they should have all if not most of these patterns. These are just some recommendations, there are more patterns that will be effective so don't stress or feel like you need to have this exact list. Also remember Andre and I will have flies for you all!

- Dry Flies> **Parachute Adams (size 16-18), Elk Hair Caddis (size 14-18), Blue Wing Olive (size 16-18), Black Ant (size 18-20), Para Hopper (size 12-16)**
- Wet Flies/Nymphs/Streamers> [Small Baetis Nymph \(Size 18-20\)](#), [Chartreuse Copper John \(size 18-20\)](#), [Soft Hackle Nymph \(size 18\)](#), [Mini Prince Nymph \(size 18\)](#)
- [Mini Wooly Bugger, Black or Olive \(size 12-14\)](#)

As far as waders, not recommended.. I recommend wet wading and a simple pair of neoprene socks. You can wear your neoprene socks in your hiking boots or get a specific pair of wet wading shoes. Here is what I recommend. You can also wear your hiking boots and socks if you don't mind getting them wet, we will be doing a lot of casting from the bank and further from the stream to not spook fish. That being said, we will not be standing in the water too often.

- [Neoprene Wading Socks .5mm](#) (these can be provided)
- If you really want to get fancy you can purchase these (we will not be provided) like I said your hiking boots will work fine, but these are killer.
- [Orvis Approach Shoe](#)

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