

# **What to Bring**

You should bring your own fishing gear. However, we offer an array of rental rods, reels, waders, boots, etc. for clients who don't bring their own fishing gear. Terminal tackle (leaders, tippet, indicators, etc.) and flies are very situation-specific. We suggest waiting until you arrive in Island Park to purchase these items. Our advice is to bring the terminal tackle and flies that you have, and be prepared to make some additional purchases if your guide advises. It's hard to bring too much clothing to Island Park. Our shop is at 6100 feet elevation, and the weather can surprise you at any time of year. In general, you should come prepared for varied weather. Please see below for a checklist of essentials for fishing the Island Park area.

## **Fishing gear**

- Fly rod: 8 1/2 or 9 feet long for a 5 or 6 weight line
- Fly reel & line, balanced to suit your rod
- Polarized sunglasses with sunglass retainers ("Croakies")
- Selection of tapered trout leaders, 7 1/2 to 9 feet in length, with 3x to 6x tip
- Selection of trout tippet, ranging from 3x to 6x
- Fly floatant
- Strike indicators & split shot
- Breathable chest waders & sturdy felt-soled wading boots

## **Clothing**

- Hat (wide brims are good if you sunburn easily)
- Long pants (lightweight or convertible pants are nice during the summer)
- Long underwear of the wicking type (Patagonia Capilene or Simms Waderwick are good choices)
- Fleece insulating layer (at least a jacket or pullover, and possibly fleece pants)
- Good quality rain jacket
- Socks & extra socks
- Fingerless gloves or convertible mittens

## **Other**

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Camera, film, & batteries
- Dry bag

All of the above items are available for purchase in our retail store. Our expert staff will be happy to assist you in selecting the proper equipment to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. You will also find an excellent selection of books, gift items, men's & women's clothing, and a solid selection of other accessories to fill any needs that you might have while visiting the Last Chance area. We are proud of our shop. We think that you will be, too!