

Annual Smallmouth Outing

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Recommendations for Equipment

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Rods: *Bass:* 5, 6, 7, or 8 weights – *Carp:* 7 weight or heavier. I use a 6 weight in calm conditions & 8 weight if it is windy out.

Waders: Still early in the season, could be warm or cold; & Chest Waders for sure.

Rain Gear/Wading Jacket: Might be a great idea. Rain is almost a possibility.

Wading Boots: Make sure you have something that will work well on rocks. Since our trek out is across a rock field before you start fishing and you will be fishing in & around rocks & debris

Wading Staff: Very much recommended.

Line: I recommend for flats fishing, either Floating or Intermediate Lines. I use a Floating line if water is down; but if water is up or it's windy I prefer Rio Outbound Short; which is a form of an intermediate line. I **do not** recommend using a full sink tip line; as it won't be practical for the conditions we fish in.

Leader & Tippet: The leader I use is a straight fluorocarbon line (for streamers), for nymphs I like to use the Borger Leader or a Six 6's western leader (great for windy conditions) which also works good for dries if we end up dry fly fishing (very rare though), & the tippet you will want it to be strong enough to hold up with the fish & against the debris that is in the bays.

Important Notes: Remember if the water temp is 60 to 65 degrees, than spawning time is on in the shallows. But if the temp is below 60, than the males will be on the beds and the females in the deeper water (but still able to wade). Also note, **Emerald Shiners and Black Nose Dace's are the main source of food in Lake Huron.**

Flies:

For Smallmouth:

Good color choices for flies would be: Chartreuse, Yellow, Purple, Blue, or a combination of colors mentioned.

Streamers (sizes 3/0 thru 10): *Minnow Patterns* (various Clousers, Griz's CT, Mickey Finn, Black Nose Dace, Emerald Shiner, Griz's Thumper Series, Murdich Minnow or a Darter Pattern). **Sculpin**

Flies in Olive, Brown, Black & Yellow. **Leech Patterns** in colors of Olive, Purple, Brown or Black.

Nymphs (Sizes 12, 10, & 8): Sparrow, Prince Nymph, my Red Headed Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Pheasant Tail, Clouser's Swimming Nymph, Little Black Stones various Scuds; & any type of Hex Nymphs

Attractor Patterns (sizes 8 to 3/0): Sparkle Grubs, Barr's Meat Whistle, Mickey Finn, Foam Bomber, Griz's Nerdy Hillbilly Streamer, Griz's Bad Hair Day, Schultz's Kickin' Chicken, & Lynch's D & D.

Crayfish (Sizes 1/0, 2, 4, & 6): Darkes Sugar Creek Crayfish, Clouser Crayfish, Griz's "DSP" Crayfish or if you have a favorite that will work also.

For Carp:

You can use above Nymphs, (make sure they are weighted though), leeches, Clousers, or even Crayfish.

If you have a favorite fly or flies that you may think will work, bring them

(The above **INFORMATION** is only a **RECOMMENDATION** for getting you going. If you have other preferences or favorites, go ahead and bring them. Hope to see you up on the Flats.)