



## Beginner's Fly Fishing Course Curriculum and Booking Information

Hi There!

Thanks for your interest in our fly fishing courses. We are looking forward to hosting our courses this year, and hopefully you joining us! Whilst the courses are comprehensive, there's not always a lot of "fishing" time spent even over two days. This is mostly to ensure you have enough time to acquire the muscle memory required to get you casting and fishing confidently and independently by the end of the weekend. We aren't here to get a bagful of fish, so if that's your plan, try somewhere else!

What we will do is work through the following aspects of learning to fly fish – we try to touch all the bases for your knowledge:

**Casting** – We will spend quite a bit of time on this as it takes the longest time to get sorted. It's also the one that if not sorted from the outset will become very frustrating!

The Basic Cast, with short medium and long casts and their requirements

The "Bow and Arrow" cast. Deadly accurate for the fish at your feet!

The Roll Cast – why to, how to, and how NOT to!

Shooting Line

False Casting

**Tackle** – Fly fishing has specific requirements for casting and fishing. No casting off the reel and no weight to cast (as such, but you'll find out all about this!) We will have a look through the following:

Rods and Lines and their inter-relationship

Reels and their role in fly fishing including good design and bad

Waders and wading

Nets

Bits and Pieces (the paraphernalia that hang on your fishing vest and why you need them)

Fishing knots – the ones you MUST know, not all the rest

**Insects and Trout Food** - What, why, how and when

**Flies** - As above!!!!

**Streamcraft** - Like bushcraft, this is learning the basics of approaching the how of fly fishing. What you need to be considering and how you can apply it. How does trout behaviour influence our fishing behaviour and what you can do to make sure you get to the fish before they know you are there!

Why trout behave the way they do

How to see them in the water better

What to be looking for when approaching the water and why

Which fishing methods will make for successful fishing each day

Finally, we will have a few laughs, be out in the open most times and generally getting busy getting into fly fishing.

**The Nitty Gritty** – Classes run Saturday and Sunday 8.30 to 5 or thereabouts. We'll have a couple of breaks through the day for a quick spell and for lunch, but otherwise hope to be hard at it. Your need to bring: Yourself, any fly fishing gear you have (not required if you don't have it, we'll supply what you need!), warm clothing, sturdy shoes, waterproof jacket, protective eyewear (preferably polarising glasses) and your lunch each day. Whilst minimum numbers apply, classes are limited to 8 participants and unless extremely adverse weather compromises our safety, we run regardless of weather conditions. The total cost of the courses are NZ\$395 per person, with \$150 deposit required to hold your place.

**More Details:** Contact Will Spry for any further details including how to book your place, or complete and return the attached booking form:

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# Booking Form

Please detach and return with your deposit - after completing all sections, home contact details are for our Health & Safety Requirements only.

(Be sure to confirm school availability before returning this form)

To: Spry Fly NZ, P.O. Box 7, TWIZEL 7944, NEW ZEALAND

OR Scan/Photograph then email: [will@spryfly.co.nz](mailto:will@spryfly.co.nz)

Please enrol me for your Beginner school commencing (Delete one, or attend both!!)

30th October/1<sup>st</sup> November 2026 OR

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> December 2026

## HOME CONTACT DETAILS

Name: .....

(In case we need to contact someone in an emergency on your behalf whilst at the school.)

Address: .....

Name: .....

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Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Country: .....

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Phone:(A/H) .....

Postcode: ..... Country:.....

(Mobile) .....

Telephone: (A/H).....

E-mail: .....

(Mobile).....

My deposit of \$150.00 is enclosed. I undertake to pay the balance at the school.

**Deposit Amount: NZ\$150.00 – Total Amount NZ\$595 incl. GST**

Bank Deposit (Please Include your Name and "School" in the reference fields)

**Account Number:** 06 0966 0108044 00

**Account Name:** Spry Fly NZ

**OR:**

Credit Card Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date:...../.....

Signature:..... Your Name as on Card: .....

**Comments or queries:**

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