



Local flies that work well & others custom to the Snowy Mountains region are pictured on the right, below these are other flies that are definitely worth having in your selection.

- UW** = Unweighted  
Best used for shallow & surface feeding
- BH** = Bead Head  
Slow sinking, best used in slow water
- TBH** = Tungsten Bead Head  
Fast sinking, best used in fast water to get nymphs down deep.

## DRY FLIES

- Black Spinner
- Humpy Royal
- Wulffs (Grey, White & Natural)
- Stimulators (Various Colours)
- Elk Hair Caddis (Natural, Grey & White)
- Stimulators (Royals, Red & Yellow)
- Indicators

## NYPHYS

- Stick Caddis
- Olive - UW, BH & TBH
- Brown - UW, BH & TBH
- Black - UW, BH & TBH

## WET FLIES

- Bushy's Horror
- Green Matuka
- Fuzzy Wuzzy's (Especially Olive)
- Woolly Bugger's (UW & BH)

## "MATCH THE HATCH"

Having the right fly makes all the difference depending on your location. Watch for surface insect life such as moths, mosquitos & midges particularly in warmer weather conditions. Select a fly that best replicates the size, colour & appearance of local insect life in & around the waters edge, for best results.

## LOCAL FLIES



*Parachute Hopper*



*Thredbo Klinkhammer*



*Snowy Mountains Hopper*



*Kosciuszko Dun*



*Jindy Special*



*Red Mayfly*



*Black Beetle*



*Black Ant*



*Brown Ant*



*Stick Caddis*



*Olive Nymph*



*Black Nymph*



*Brown Nymph Seals Fur BH*



*Olive Nymph BH*



*Black Nymph TBH*



*Jindabyne Goldfish*



*Tom Jones*



*Woolly Bugger Olive*



*Woolly Bugger Brown*



## ESSENTIALS

- Waders
- Fly Vest
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Landing Net
- Fly Line Cleaner
- Line Clippers
- Strike Indicators
- Floatant & Sinkant
- Polarising Glasses
- Fly boxes (wet & dry)
- Hook Remover / Disgorger
- Spare Leaders 3x 4x 5x
- Spare Tippet 3x 4x 5x
- Fast Sink Polyleader
- Needle (untieing tangles)
- Water / Sports Drink
- Energy Bar / Gel

## ACCESSORIES

- Toilet Paper
- Torch
- Fish Bag
- Knife
- Retractors
- Spare Clothes
- Leader Straightener
- Split Ring Pliers
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Walking Shoes & Socks
- Small Split Shots
- Hook Sharpener

## SKILL LEVEL & RIVER FLOW

With possible high water levels & flow in rivers & streams in spring, due to snow melt, only wade up to your knees when your starting your fly fishing journey, as you gain more confidence you can choose to wade deeper if necessary. Make sure your feet are steady & you have good footing on the river bed before you cast.

## CLOTHING

Correct clothing for trout fishing is important so your not seen by the fish. Good colours are plain dark green & brown, so you blend in with the background flora. Here in the Snowy Mountains blue is a bad colour as march flies are attracted to it. They will bite through it, even thick jeans. A sensible hat & polaroid sunglasses is important to shade your eyes, making it easier to spot fish. It's better to layer your clothes so you can strip down when they day warms up. If you intend on wading, take a change of clothes in a waterproof bag, it's easy to fall in.



Booted Waders  
( & thick socks )



Stocking Foot Waders  
( & Wading Boots )



Fly Vest



Thigh Waders  
( & thick socks )

## SURGEON'S KNOT

The Surgeons knot is a very simple & reliable knot to tie. Used to tie main line to leader or tippet & paternoster rigs during seasonal spawning times when using egg patterns & glow-bugs.

MAIN LINE      LINE / LEADER



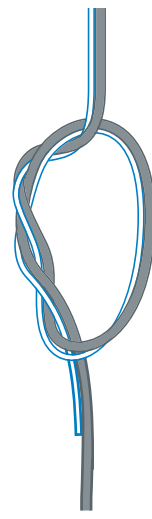
**1** Overlap the working ends of the lines.



**2** Make a loop holding both lines.



**3** Pass both lines through the loop, pulling the leader all the way through.



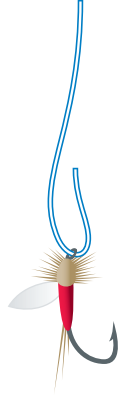
**4** Pass both line through again.



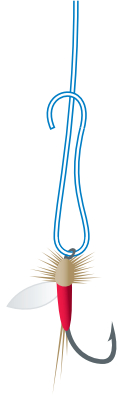
**5** Pull all four strands tight & trim tag ends.

## DAVY KNOT

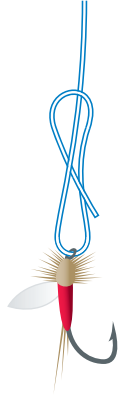
Invented by Davy Wotten, this is a very simple & strong knot that minimises wastage, after some practice you shouldn't need to trim the tag at all.



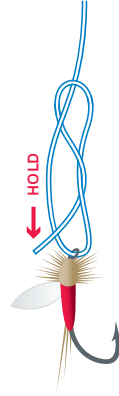
**1** Feed line through the eye.



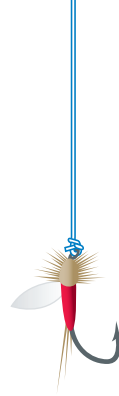
**2** Place working end over the leader.



**3** Wrap around the leader & through the loop that is made.



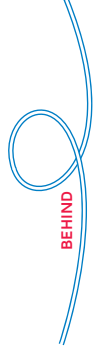
**4** Wrap around the bottom line & back through the main loop.



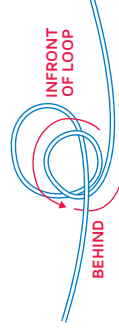
**5** Hold the tag, pull the leader & keep tag end at 90° to the knot. Trim the tag end if necessary.

## LEADER LOOP

The Leader Loop aka "Perfection Loop" is used to tie a loop in the end of your knotless leader to attach to your fly line, via a handshake knot.



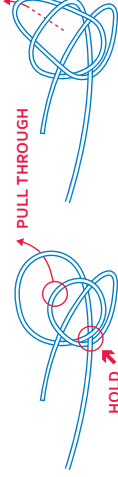
**1** Make a loop in the thick end of the leader.



**2** Make a second loop in front of the first.



**3** Pass the thick end between the two loops.



**4** Pull the second loop through the first.



**5** Hold the main line & tag, pull tight while keeping the knot flat.