



TDF SEA RUN BROWN TROUT PACKING LIST

Fishing Gear Checklist for BC Steelhead:

Your daily fishing gear will likely be in (2) bags – a roll top boat or duffel bag, and a portable pack that stays with you. The large bag contains extra clothes (for warmth or if you take a dunk), gloves, stocking cap, extra flies, etc. This will be left on the boat or in the car while fishing. Your fishing pack will be a hip-pack, backpack, or sling style pack that stays with you and contains your tactical items (flies, hemostats, tippet, tips, etc...).

- 6-8 weight Spey or switch rod/ reel with Skagit head system (best for fishing sink tips)
- 6-8 weight Spey or Switch rod/ reel with Scandi head system (best for fishing dries, damp flies)
- 8 weight single hand rod – especially for late season (March/ April) if low water
- Travel rod tube that accommodates spey
- Waders
- Wading boots (Riverbed easy to wade gravel – not like BC!)
- Wading Staff – if you have stability concerns
- Insulated base layers (vest, jacket, hoody) – 3 warm layers minimum
- Dry coat (Quality is important on this piece – Goretex desirable)
- Duffel or large pack that carries extra layers – waterproof desirable
- Backpack, sling, or hip pack – waterproof desirable
- (2) pairs polarized sunglasses (Copper lens preferred w/ tethers – Amber color for cloudy days)
- (3) Tapered Steelhead Leaders – 9' 15+ pound
- 12, 15, and 20 pound Maxima ultrageen for swinging large flies
- 15 – 20 pound fluoro tippet for smaller nymphs
- Variety of 5' to 15' sink tips – labeled and in wallet. The Medium MOW kit is a great start if from scratch
- Fishing gloves or fold over mitts
- Stocking cap
- Good sunscreen/SPF Lipbalm – can get sunny
- Bug spray – depends on time of year

General Packing List for TDF Sea Run Brown Trout Trips:

Your primary gear will be in a “checked” bag. The lodges will do laundry for a reasonable fee throughout the week so don’t overpack.

- (2) pairs fleece fishing pants
- (2) pairs under wader long underwear – tops and bottom
- Comfortable jeans and lodge wear for evenings
- Headlamp
- Insect Repellent
- YETI Type Beverage Cup
- YETI Type Water Bottle
- Lucky fishing hat
- Camera, batteries, charge cords (outlets are standard 110V)
- Passport (Check the EXP Date & Make a back-up copy)
- Ear plugs (in case your bunkmate snores)
- Toiletries/Personal Items
- Pen in your carry-on (for Immigration paperwork)
- Cash
- A good book as no internet
- Powdered Gatorade or Electrolyte Drink
- Imodium AD (just in case!)
- Lens Wipes (the kind in a little package)
- Lens Chamois Cloth
- Laundry Bag for Dirty Clothes
- Garbage Bag for wet boots, waders

Fly List for TDF Sea Run Brown Trout Trips

GENERAL POINTERS: You will notice a significant difference on our recommended fly list than others. We like to use smaller nymph patterns presented low and slow. It's hard to understand how a 20 pound trout may prefer to eat a size 16 Caddis Pupae over a Girdle bugger, but trust us on this one... We like to fish lightly weighted or unweighted flies behind tips, as it allows you to present the fly horizontally to the fish (bigger profile). In low clear water we use smaller flies. We ALWAYS use loop knots to attach Steelhead flies. When using sink tips, you will break flies off or straighten these smaller hooks on fish or "clumps", so we recommend bringing at least (6) each of your favorite patterns.

My TDF box for a week will have 48 nymphs (which I still swing behind a tip), plus 12 traditional articulated swing flies for the early morning or late evening window, along with 6 dry fly skaters.

Use a full tapered leader for fishing dries or skaters, and I use 4-5 feet of straight tippet for swinging flies behind tips.

- (48) Nymphs (weighted and unweighted) sz. 12-16. See our TDF assortment for suggestions
- (12) Traditional articulated swing flies – hoh bo spey and sculpin style – Blk/ Blu, Blk/ Chartreuse
- (6) Dry flies/ Skaters: bombers, wakers, and the newer foam patterns all work. Use a riffle hitch knot.