



*Take me out to the ball game, take
me out with the crowd...*



Last month the W&A team took a trip to Coors Field to enjoy a day together and a Rockies win against the San Diego Padres.

Our seats were great, the skies clear, the ballpark franks yummy and the chance to strengthen our work family relationships was a definite highlight.

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Fly of the Month · October 2021



What is Fly Fishing? It seems like a straightforward question and as defined by the Oxford Dictionary is equally simple: **fly fish·ing** is “the sport of fishing using a rod and an artificial fly as bait.” While I would have expected the gents behind the Oxford Dictionary to tightly define fly fishing as sight fishing to rising trout with the use of a single dry fly, the actual definition of fly fishing is left wide open for interpretation and innovation. In this definition there are no limitations around the types or number of flies used, what the rod is made of, or if the angler uses an indicator, euro nymphs, or drop-shots. Like a painter’s pallet of color and each cast of the angler’s line a brush stroke, **“What is Fly Fishing?” is a unique expression and different for everyone, but equally true and right for all.**



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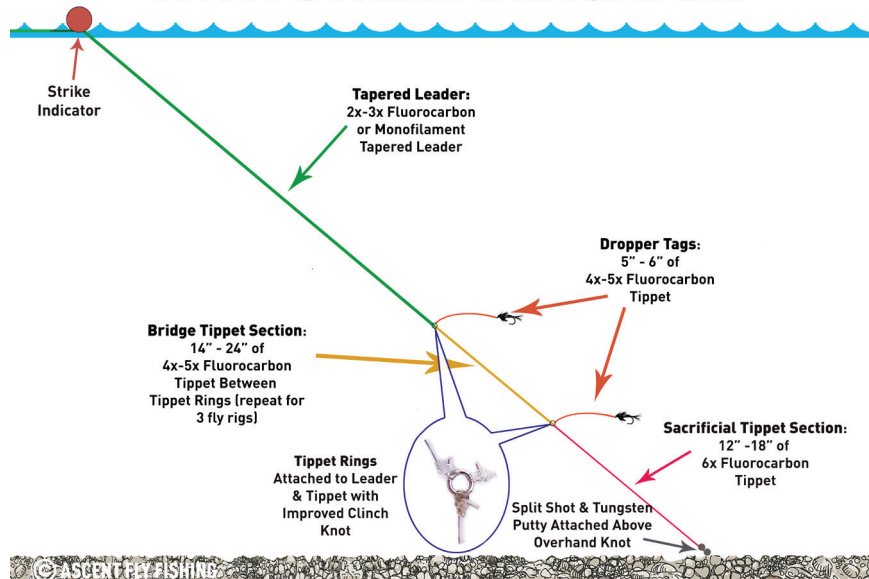
What is Fly-Fishing?

By: Peter Stitcher - Ascent Fly Fishing

What motivates each of us to pick up our fly rod and wade through the morning misted waters is an integral element of our unique definitions of "What is Fly Fishing?" We might fish to connect with ourselves and let loose the inner child who gets lost behind full inboxes and the responsibilities of life. There may be a primal connection for you as you return to nature, or a peace that settles in you enabling you to meet with God. Conversation flows a little easier with family and friends, the beer is colder and tastes better after it has chilled in the river, and there is always the hope that the next cast will tie you into a great fish! This simple definition of fly fishing is an invitation to fish 1,000 different ways, using 1,000 different combinations of line, weight, fly, and technique, across 1,000 different waters!

There are those who shackle this free and personal expression of fly fishing. That is done when the question, "What is fly fishing?" is flipped and weaponized by the statement, "That is not fly fishing". The "controversial" rig that started the discussion is a dropshot rig using a strike indicator. I read through several negative Instagram comments from folks exclaiming what is and what is not fly fishing because of the use of an indicator. One comment saying, "Honestly this is not fly fishing. Sorry. Buy a spin rod."

FLY FISHING DROPSHOT RIG WITH STRIKE INDICATOR



Those making rash statements might as well try to mandate "what is beautiful". Just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so too "what is fly fishing" is solely defined by the individual so long as they are "using a rod and an artificial fly as bait". This is what I said on Instagram when a vocal critic decided to inform our community "what is not fly fishing":

"There is a big difference between saying 'I wouldn't use that rig on my waters' to making the judgement statement 'that isn't fly fishing' and in turn creating a caste system among anglers. It wasn't that long ago that tweed jacketed Englishmen in their clubs were denouncing the use of nymphs, let alone the ungodly bead headed nymph as 'not fly fishing', yet here we are today, and that innovation is commonly accepted. I'm all for talking about the merits and disadvantages of different rigs and techniques but draw the line at judgement statements that create an US vs. Them line in the river. All anglers are welcome here and we look forward to the dialogue and to learning from each of you! Tight Lines friend."

Among fly fishers the judgment "that is not fly fishing" need never be spoken again! The diversity of technique, personal preference, innovation, and motivation reflect the uniqueness and beauty of the individuals we share the water with and should be celebrated as we each enjoy and practice our unique definition of Fly Fishing! With that said, should we meet on the water, I look forward to learning what fly fishing means to you and trust that your practice and pursuit of the sport will only add new color to my own definition of fly fishing!

FLY OF THE MONTH • BARR'S FLASHBACK PMD EMERGER • SIZES 16 - 18

The Barr's Flashback Emerger has earned its stripes in the field and on the water, making it one of the most popular and effective mayfly emerger patterns on the market. Tied small, in olive or cream, the Barr's Flashback Emerger is one of our favorite patterns for matching the emerger life cycle of the BWO, PMD, Sulphur, and Cahill mayfly families.

Dry/Wet: Wet | **Fly Category:** Generalist
Pattern | Family: Mayfly | **Species:** Blue Winged Olive, Light Cahill, Pale Morning Dun, Pale Evening Dun, Sulphur Mayflies
| Life Stage: Nymph, Emerger

