

Stream Tackle Check List

Our stream trips are geared towards catching trout in small streams in pristine environments.



• Rods

Small stream fishing demands delicate presentations using light rods and fine tippets. As a result we recommend rods in the 1-wt to 3-wt range in lengths ranging from 7½' to 8½'. Rods shorter and longer than these lengths become impractical for stream fishing in South Africa. Sage's X, and PULSE rod series are ideal and there are many different length and line weight combinations available. If you do not wish to break the bank then the Horizon rod range offers some affordable options.

• Reels

We recommend that your reel matches your rod choice. There are many excellent reel options that we offer including reels from Abel, Sage, Galvan and Ross.

• Lines

You will only need a floating line for the fishing you will be doing at Three Falls. We prefer the Scientific Anglers' Wavelength GPX, Mastery MPX or the Trout taper fly-lines in WF tapers, or the Mastery DT fly-line for those who prefer double taper fly-lines.

• Leaders and Tippet

Due to the clarity of the water, we recommend using fluorocarbon material which is less visible in water than monofilament. We recommend Scientific Anglers' fluorocarbon tippet material. For floating lines you will need leaders of 9ft tapered in diameters from 3X to 5X. Tippets should be in the 4X to 7X range.

• Clothing

Although we are in the mountains, we run our trips during spring and autumn when the conditions are not as extreme as they are during winter. That said, the mornings and evenings remain fresh and there is always a chance of rain and showers.

You will require:

- Quick drying technical shirts. SIMMS Guide shirts are our shirts of choice.
- Quick drying technical long pants. SIMMS Guide pants are our pants of choice.
- Lightweight rain jacket. SIMMS offers a variety of rain jackets to suit all budgets.
- Medium weight fleece top. The SIMMS Waderwick fleece top is our preferred fleece top.
- Sun Gloves. SIMMS Solarflex sun gloves are our sun gloves of choice.
- Cap or wide brimmed hat.

• Boots

You will be on your feet for most of the day so comfortable footwear is important. The boot should have a Vibram rubber sole and good ankle support. SIMMS offers a variety of angling-specific boots that are ideal for South African fly-fishing conditions.

• Polarised Sunglasses

Polarised sunglasses are a must as they will cut the surface glare off the water, allowing you to see fish. They will also protect your eyes from the sun and any errant fly-patterns. SPOTTERS polarized sunglasses are without peer in the marketplace – there are no better sunglasses available.

• Flies

Flies are a personal thing, but prior to the trip, anglers will be briefed on what flies to buy or tie (if you tie your own).



▪ **Other items you will need**

- Vest
- Snips
- Sunscreen
- SPF30 lip balm
- Camera
- Camera battery charger
- Aloksak (waterproof plastic bag) to keep your camera dry
- Spare camera batteries
- Toiletries
- Casual clothing



Check/Packing List



Rods	Lightweight stream rod	
Reels	Lightweight reel to match the rod	
Lines	WF or DT floating fly-line	
	9ft Leaders tapered to 3X, 4X and 5X	
	Fluorocarbon tippet material – 4X - 7X	
Clothing	Quick drying technical shirts	
	Quick drying long pants	
	Lightweight rain jacket	
	Mid-weight fleece top	
	Sun gloves	
	Cap or wide brimmed hat	
	Casual clothing	
Glasses	Polarized sunglasses	
Equipment	Fly boxes	
	Vest	
	Nipper	
	Forceps	
	Floatant	
	Sunscreen	
	Lip balm	
	Camera	
	Chargers (phone and camera)	
	Toiletries	
	Flies	

