



Fishing Trout



Most trout fishermen fish for reasons other than merely catching trout. Reasons such as the opportunity to see the beauty of a trout in its brighter-than-nature colors resting in a sagging landing net. The sound of gurgling water, or the silence of slow moving water through a cedar swamp are other reasons. Or, it may be the opportunity to see a deer feeding in the river or a mink poking along the shore line. If it's a meal the angler is looking for, a freshly fried batch of pan-size trout or a freshly grilled lunker is hard to beat.

Early Season Trout Tactics - No matter what your reasons for trout fishing, the satisfaction is greater when you catch fish. A terrific time to fish trout is during the first month of the season. Fish slow moving water with logs, boulders or other cover. A deep, slow pool at the foot of a rapids or fast run is also a good place to start. Use small spinners; no larger than a size #1. In clear water, stick to bright colors, like silver or rainbo scale. Darker waters call for Mepps Black Furys in either yellow dot or fluorescent red dot. Copper and brass are perfect for waters that are off-color, but not too dark.

Summer Tactics - As the season progresses, trout tend to move into deep holes at the foot of rapids. They'll lay behind, or sometimes in front of, an obstruction that's breaking the current. The key is to be able to identify, and effectively bring your lure over these pockets. The best time to catch summer trout is the first hour or two following sun-up.

The most important factor in summer trout fishing is rainfall. A heavy rainfall raises water levels, darkens water color, and puts big trout on the feed. Under these conditions, use larger spinners; sizes #2 or #3. Copper and gold blades produce best. There's nothing better than the old reliable Mepps Aglia for it's flash and vibration. Aglia Longs can also be effective, as can Black Furys. Tie on a Mepps XD if you are fishing fast, deep water. It's engineered to drop deep and stay deep throughout your retrieve.

After a heavy rain, fish begin gorging themselves. Trout will move from cover to feeding positions. Often, big trout will move into shallow areas during this binge. Open water near undercut banks or other cover is prime feeding area, as are both ends of a deep hole.

Differet Techniques - Don't follow the well worn paths. You can improve your success by casting from locations not used by everybody else. Approach a hole or run from a different angle. Or, better yet, go beyond the well beaten trails made by other anglers.

Presentation - Wade upstream so you're facing into the current just as the trout are. Now, you're approaching fish from their tail. Continually cast upstream and across current, bringing your lure directly downstream, or down and across. This allows it to tumble along with the current just as a trout normally sees its next meal.

One final note. Rainbow and brook trout will hit a lure when it's traveling downstream with the current; and, also, when it's coming upstream. On the other hand, sizable brown trout rarely, if ever, hit a lure that's being pulled upstream with the current. With all three species, the larger fish are more apt to hit a spinner that's tumbling downstream with the current. Keep this in mind if you're after trophy trout.



Mepps® Master Angler Awards

It's easy and fun to enter your catch in the Mepps Master Angler awards program. You can either visit our web site: www.mepps.com or call us toll-free at: **800-713-3474** to learn more about the program, and get your **FREE Mepps Fishing Guide**. You'll find the rules and an application both on our web site and in the Guide. All you need to do is send us your completed application along with a photo of your Mepps catch, and we'll send you a handsome embroidered Trophy Fish Award patch along with a chevron identifying the species of fish you caught.

After you've caught four different qualifying species of fish you'll become a **Mepps Master Angler**, one of the highest honors in our sport. Once you've caught 10 different qualifying species you'll be awarded a **Mepps Expert Fisherman patch**, identifying you as one of the best fishermen in the country. There are fewer than 500 Mepps Expert Anglers worldwide.

CATCH MORE FISH
 Outfish your buddies. Get your **FREE Mepps Fishing Guide**.
www.mepps.com/catalog