

# The Beginner Fly Fishing School at the Greater Niagara Fishing and Outdoor Expo

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Lake Erie Chapter of Fly Fishers International {LEC-FFI}

Are you someone who is looking to learn how to fly fish or have you fly fished a little, in the past, and are looking to take your skills to the next level? Then this class is for you. This class is designed for Women, Men, and young adults 12 years of age and older with no or little fly-fishing experience. After taking this class, you will have the knowledge to purchase the correct gear for the style of fishing you are going to be doing. You will know the difference between “Need to Have” and “Nice to Have” tools of the trade. You will learn how to read the water and learn enough entomology to select a fly that will maximize your chances of success right from the start. Last but certainly not least, you will have contact information for the LEC-FFI to assist you in the future with your fly fishing needs. Bottom line, you won't be alone after taking this class.

## Instruction

The class will run from 8:30am through 1:00pm on Saturday the weekend of the show. Any questions you have, will be answered by one of instructors assisting with this class. There will be a number of LEC-FFI instructors assisting to ensure that no one falls behind, and you can get the answers you need to be successful at fly fishing. Also, you will meet people who have the same interests and skill levels as you do when it comes to fly fishing. It's a great way to meet new fishing partners.

## Class Syllabus

### ➤ Introduction {30 minutes}

- Explain the differences between Fly Fishing and other styles of fishing.
- Talk about fly rods and explain the differences and the reason for different weights, and lengths.
- Set up a fly rod, and explain lines, leaders, and tippetts
- Hand Outs will be provided.

- **Knots {30 minutes}** [Hands on tying by each student with assistance from LEC-FFI instructors]
  - Loop to Loop Connections
  - Clinch Knot
  - Surgeon's Knot
  - Perfection Loop
  - Hand Outs will be provided showing how to tie each knot.
- **Basic Entomology {30 minutes}**
  - What is a fly
  - Life Cycle of
    - Caddis Flies
    - May Flies
    - Stone Flies
  - Reading Hatch Charts
  - Selecting the Correct Fly
  - Hand Outs will be provided

## ***BREAK {15 Minutes}***

- **Flies [How to fish] {30 minutes}**
  - Nymphs
  - Streamers
  - Emergers / Dry Flies
  - Hand Outs will be provided
- **Reading the Water {30 minutes}**
  - Discuss the differences and how to fish:
    - Riffles
    - Pools
      - Head
      - Middle
      - Tail
    - Runs
    - Seams
    - Slicks
  - Stream Etiquette
  - Hooking / Fighting / Releasing your fish
  - Hand Outs will be provided

## ***BREAK {15 Minutes}***

- **Equipment – Need to Have and Nice to Have {30 minutes}**
  - A discussion of what equipment the beginner needs to get started in the Art of Fly Fishing.

- Cost vs Quality along with warranties will be discussed.
- The LEC-FFI will be working on procuring Discounts from fly fishing vendors, gift cards, etc.

➤ **Questions & Answers & Wrap-Up {30 minutes}**

➤ **Fly Casting Demonstration at the Casting Pool {30 minutes}**

- Handouts will be provided
  - On making a cast
  - Web sites with videos demonstrating different casts
  - Information from LEC-FFI on our meeting dates where we give free casting instruction.