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Re: Tips for fighting/landing big trout

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Quote:

Fishidiot wrote:

Always have a landing net.

When fighting the fish, as he gets closer and tries to run, fight him with your rod low and to the side - swing you rod so you are pulling him the opposite direction that he's trying swim. As he turns, then swing your rod to the opposite side. This is how tarpon guys "break" a big fish - by constantly turning his head. It works on small stream fish like trout and bass as well.

And don't forget the net.

This is really great advice - always keep switching to put side pressure on in the opposite direction, it demoalises the fish much quicker, than one you let race around and around a pool.

Never let the fish rest or go doggo, if he's not pulling you pull.

Despite what other people have said - let the fish decide if you put him on the reel. When you are learning its better to gently hold the line and let him pull, run etc. You'll get the feel of how a brown, bow, brookie etc each fight differently.

I have seen so many good fish lost as the novice angler is trying to get the fish on the reel or is adjusting the drag as the fish runs and pops the tippet or the hook pulls.

Always try to get the fish into slack water to land, and if he runs downstream in heavy water let him. I never chase a fish unless there's a better landing spot below me. People forget that with 30-40 yards of fly line out that there's a fair bit of stretch and shock protection, so if he runs and stops way downstream then I tighten up the drag if the fish has put me on the reel, and keep him there. Then I slowly horse him up.

IMHO if you c&r fishing you have a responsibility to that fish to fight him as hard as you dare and horse him in as quick as you can.

I now use the same method for Stripers, Atlantic salmon, landlocks , and all trout. I never play a fish for more than 4-5 minutes.

The method is called Down and Dirty and it was promoted first by FL tarpon guide Stu Apte.

Touch wood I haven't lost a Salmon or a Striper yet, but I lose a trout or two occasionally, but I feel better about the ones I do land.

Cheers

Mark