

Red, “Sockeye” Salmon



Red, “Sockeye” salmon begin to appear in Lake Creek near the end of King season. Small preliminary schools precede the major run of fish typically around the 20th of July. Fishing is phenomenal for Reds when they first enter the creek in large numbers. A beautiful metallic green fish, Reds are acrobatic fighters and a superior game fish on the fly. Reds run continuously and rapidly up Lake Creek and abandon the lower river typically by the 1st of August. These fish reach an average size of 6-10 lbs., but several fish exceed the 10 lb. category.

Equipment

-Spinning/Bait casting:

- **Rods:** Typically 3-3 1/2 oz. Spinning rod geared to 8-10 lb line
- **Reels:** Bait casting - we suggest Abu Garcia’s Ambassador C3 5500 series.
Spinning – size = 120yds/8 lb test, ie. Shimano Spirex 2000 FD
- **Line:** Berkeley Trilene XL – for castability 10# test
- **Lures:** -Blue Fox Vibrax Spinners 3/8 oz
-Blue Fox Pixee spoons 1/2 oz.

-Fly-fishing:

- **Rods:** We use 7-8 weight fly rod/reel outfits
- **Reels:** Ross Gunnison sz 4 reels are a favorite with Sage rod, 7-8 wt.

We usually fish reds in shallow water on the in seam of mid-river channels. Floating fly line with 4 foot, 10 lb. monofilament leaders and slightly weighted flies present extremely well.

Fly line / leader: Typically use a floating fly line with 3-4 ft. Maxima mono leader

Flies: Lake Creek Egg-sucking leech, purple and/or black w/ pink head.

Flash flies! Silver/Red Silver/Purple are killer patterns (Size 2).
Marabou streamers with crystal flash..
A popular pattern is the “Victoria’s Secret”



Flash Fly



Gunnison



Blue Fox Vibrax