



# Rocky Ford Creek

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**Event:** Rocky Ford Creek near Ephrata WA

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**Directions:** Near the town of George take Highway 283 NE to Ephrata. Take Highway 283 S from downtown Ephrata and continue for 4.5 miles before turning left onto Highway 17 N. Drive 3.9 miles and take the Hatchery Road/Trout Lodge Road turnoff on the right. Follow the gravel road until you see the creek.

**Transportation:** Carpooling is recommended, it's about 2-2.5hrs away.

**Clothing:** Wading is not allowed, so waders are optional. Dress in layers and if you decide not to wear waders, wear warm boots. Taller boots (mucks or taller rain boots are a great option)

**Food:** Plan on getting home in the evening. Bring a lunch, snacks and anything else you'll need.

**Equipment:** **No lead is allowed, only tin weight.** 5-6wt rods with 3-4x 9ft leaders. Tippet spools of 3x, 4x and 5x as well as a strike indicator. Long handled net (because we can't get in the water, netting the fish can be a little challenging).

**Flies:** **Small** is the name of the game!

- **Dry Flies** – Size 16-22 – Purples Haze, BWOs, Parachute Adams, BWO Emerger
- **Nymphs** – Size 16-20 – Scuds (olive, greens, pink), Zebra Midge (green, black), Pheasant Tails, CDC Emerger Midge, San Juan Worms
- **Streamers** – Size 4-8 - Sculpzilla, Big Gulp Sculpin, LE Marabou Leech (black), Sparkle Minnow, Old School Bugger

“Expect fish to be receptive to small olive Scuds (dead drifted), Egg Flies, Midge, Pupae, San Juan Worms, Leeches, and size 18-20 Pheasant Tails. Of course, they probably won't be receptive to all those options at the same time or on the same day. Take the whole nine yards, and keep switching until you find what's working.”

Scuds are light-sensitive, so expect the best scud fishing to be before 10 a.m. or late in the day. Size 16-18 black midge pupa patterns drifted near the bottom work well.