

Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0

Introduction

California is home to some of the best stillwater fly fishing in the country. With over 1,000 lakes and reservoirs, there's a stillwater fishery within reach of every angler in the state.

Stillwater fly fishing is a unique challenge, but it's also a rewarding one. Stillwaters are home to large, healthy trout that are willing to eat flies if they're presented properly.

In this book, we'll cover everything you need to know to fly fish California stillwaters successfully. We'll start with the basics, like choosing the right gear and flies. Then, we'll move on to more advanced topics, like how to find fish and how to present your flies effectively.

We'll also cover the different types of stillwaters in California, from high-elevation lakes to lowland reservoirs. We'll provide detailed information on the best stillwaters in each region of the state, so you can plan your next fishing trip with confidence.

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler, this book will help you catch more fish in California stillwaters. So grab your rod and reel, and let's get started!

Stillwater fly fishing is a great way to enjoy the beauty of California's lakes and reservoirs. It's also a great way to catch some of the biggest trout in the state. If you're looking for a new challenge, give stillwater fly fishing a try. You won't be disappointed.

In this book, we'll cover everything you need to know to get started with stillwater fly fishing in California. We'll start with the basics, like choosing the right gear and flies. Then, we'll move on to more advanced topics,

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Book Description

Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0 is the definitive guide to fly fishing California's stillwaters. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler, this book will help you catch more fish.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to know about stillwater fly fishing, from choosing the right gear and flies to finding fish and presenting your flies effectively. We'll also cover the different types of stillwaters in California, from high-elevation lakes to lowland reservoirs.

We'll provide detailed information on the best stillwaters in each region of the state, so you can plan your next fishing trip with confidence.

Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0 is packed with tips and techniques from some of the best stillwater fly fishermen in California. You'll learn how to:

- Choose the right gear for stillwater fly fishing

- Select the right flies for different conditions
- Find fish in stillwaters
- Present your flies effectively
- Catch more fish!

If you're looking to improve your stillwater fly fishing skills, **Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0** is the book for you. Grab your copy today and start catching more fish!

Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0 is written by Pasquale De Marco, a lifelong fly fisherman and author of several other books on fly fishing. He has fished California's stillwaters for over 20 years and has a wealth of knowledge to share.

Fly Fishing California Stillwaters 2.0 is the perfect resource for any angler who wants to catch more fish in California's stillwaters. Order your copy today!

Chapter 1: California Stillwaters

California's Stillwater Fisheries

California is home to a diverse range of stillwater fisheries, from high-elevation lakes in the Sierra Nevada mountains to lowland reservoirs in the Central Valley. These stillwaters offer anglers the opportunity to catch a variety of trout species, including rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout.

Some of the most popular stillwater fisheries in California include:

- **Lake Tahoe:** Located in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Lake Tahoe is one of the largest and deepest lakes in North America. It is home to a large population of rainbow trout, brown trout, and lake trout.
- **Lake Shasta:** Located in the Shasta Cascade region of Northern California, Lake Shasta is the largest reservoir in California. It is home to a

large population of rainbow trout, brown trout, and kokanee salmon.

- Lake Oroville: Located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, Lake Oroville is the second largest reservoir in California. It is home to a large population of rainbow trout, brown trout, and kokanee salmon.
- Trinity Lake: Located in the Klamath Mountains of Northern California, Trinity Lake is a deep, clear lake that is home to a large population of rainbow trout and brown trout.
- Clear Lake: Located in the Coast Range of Northern California, Clear Lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in California. It is home to a large population of rainbow trout, brown trout, and largemouth bass.

In addition to these popular stillwaters, there are many other smaller stillwaters located throughout California.

These stillwaters offer anglers the opportunity to find solitude and catch fish in a more remote setting.

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Stillwater Fishing Techniques

Stillwater fly fishing is a unique challenge, but it's also a rewarding one. Stillwaters are home to large, healthy trout that are willing to eat flies if they're presented properly.

There are a few basic techniques that every stillwater angler should know. These include:

- **Stripping:** Stripping is the most basic stillwater fly fishing technique. It involves casting your fly out and then stripping it back towards you in short, quick jerks. This is a good technique for searching for fish and for getting your fly down to the fish's level.
- **Mending:** Mending is a technique used to keep your fly line from drifting away from your fly. This is important because it helps to keep your fly in the strike zone.

- **Setting the hook:** Setting the hook is the process of driving the hook into the fish's mouth. This is done by lifting your rod tip up quickly and firmly.

Once you've mastered these basic techniques, you can start to experiment with more advanced techniques.

These include:

- **Nymphing:** Nymphing is a technique that involves fishing with a fly that imitates a nymph. Nymphs are the immature stage of aquatic insects, and they are a major food source for trout.
- **Dry fly fishing:** Dry fly fishing is a technique that involves fishing with a fly that floats on the surface of the water. Dry flies imitate adult aquatic insects, and they are a good choice for fishing in calm conditions.
- **Streamer fishing:** Streamer fishing is a technique that involves fishing with a fly that

imitates a baitfish. Streamers are a good choice for fishing in moving water or in areas where there are a lot of baitfish.

Stillwater fly fishing is a great way to catch trout, and it's a technique that can be mastered by anglers of all skill levels. With a little practice, you'll be able to catch more fish and have more fun on your next stillwater fishing trip.

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Stillwater Fly Fishing Gear

Stillwater fly fishing gear is similar to that used for stream fishing, but there are a few key differences. The most important difference is the rod. Stillwater rods are typically longer and heavier than stream rods, which gives them the power to cast larger flies and lines. They also have a softer action, which helps to cushion the impact of the fly on the water.

In addition to a longer and heavier rod, stillwater anglers also use a heavier line. Stillwater lines are typically weighted to help them sink quickly, which is necessary to get the fly down to the fish.

Finally, stillwater anglers often use a floating fly line. Floating lines are less likely to spook fish than sinking lines, which is important in clear water.

Here is a more detailed look at the different types of gear used for stillwater fly fishing:

- **Rods:** Stillwater rods are typically 9-10 feet long and weigh 8-10 ounces. They have a medium-fast to fast action, which gives them the power to cast large flies and lines.
- **Reels:** Stillwater reels are typically large arbor reels with a drag system that is strong enough to handle large fish.
- **Lines:** Stillwater lines are typically weighted to help them sink quickly. They are also available in a variety of colors, including clear, green, and blue.
- **Leaders:** Stillwater leaders are typically made of fluorocarbon or nylon and are 9-12 feet long.
- **Flies:** Stillwater flies are typically larger than stream flies and are often weighted to help them sink.

With the right gear, you'll be well on your way to success when fly fishing stillwaters in California.

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