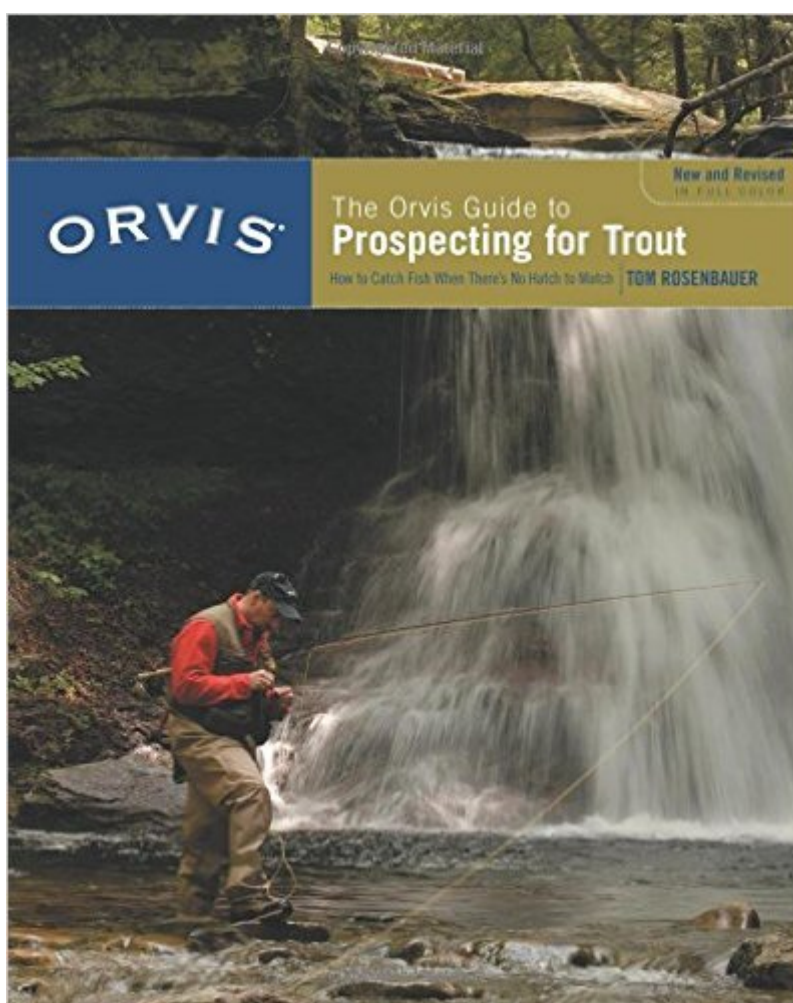


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The Orvis Guide To Prospecting For Trout: How To Catch Fish When There's No Hatch To Match, Revised Edition



Synopsis

In this comprehensive and readable guide, Tom Rosenbauer shares his vast knowledge of fly fishing when there is no hatch. Written for both the novice and the seasoned angler, *The Orvis Guide to Prospecting for Trout, New and Revised* explores how trout live and feed, and how to make them strike, with a thoroughly updated text that addresses state-of-the-art approaches, and all new color photography. There is expert advice on how to fish with dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, and streamers—supported by many detailed illustrations and photos. This is the guide no trout fisherman should be without.

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Customer Reviews

Let me first start by saying that I am a self-taught fly fisherman and without this book I wouldn't know half of what I know. The book starts with a section about how trout feed including how they move in the water column and why they find specific areas of the stream attractive. Next, the book talks about the different kinds of streams (freestone versus spring creeks), their characteristics, and why it is important not to try to fish the two different types in the same way. In this section Rosenbauer also talks about fish distribution in the different type of streams and where you may find them. The last several chapters of the book are dedicated to the different types of flies: streamers, nymphs and wet flies, and dry flies. Each type of fly has it's own chapter and the author covers what type of flies have worked best for him, why, their characteristics, and then several methods of fishing the broad category of fly. Each chapter on the flies is incredibly thorough and I really enjoyed hearing about the authors experience with a few flies of each type and how they have worked for

him. Finally, the last chapter of the book is dedicated to approaching trout and how to avoid spooking them in those tough slow pools. Overall, the book includes excellent information grounded in science. It isn't heresy with a bunch of stuff just thrown together into a book. The author does like to tell his anecdotal stories, but if you're a fly fisherman get used to hearing them because everyone has their fishing stories. This is probably one of the best fly fishing books that I have read and as I said, I am self-taught and without this book I wouldn't know nearly as much as the little bit that I do know.

I have many FF books, but I must admit this one is special. I don't know what parts I like most, but there is A LOT of great advice for people fly fishing for trout, and I would say especially if where you are fishing there are no or few predictable hatches or sight fishing. There is a chapter about reading water, one about dry fly fishing, one about nymph fishing, and more. And Tom has made it easy to understand what he suggest we do to improve our catch and enjoyment rate when on the water. What I also like very much is how his advice is backed by scientific observations, often illustrated in a very entertaining way. Rigs and techniques are simple yet effective and not necessarily conventional. Every year, early in the season, I dig out this book and read through it. Every time I learn or understand something better, that I will want to put into practice as soon as I hit the water... I have been ff for about 13 years; this book will satisfy the trout angler of every level. I hope to get the chance to go fishing with Tom myself one day...

This book has more useful info and is easier to understand than any other book on trout fishing I've found. Thanks Tom.

I've been fishing since I was 6 years old. I started fly fishing when I was 15 and now I have 36 years old... Most of the time I spend my fly fishing days at Chile and Argentina all the way down to Tierra del Fuego, so as you can see, in my opinion I do have a background on fly fishing or at least I think I have. For me this book is a great read on fly fishing and also it's a revelation on methods I've already use... Down here in South America (Chile) it's very rare to see hatches, so it's a must read if your planning a trip down here. For beginners this book it's a must, it's going to teach you things that in the stream takes years to develop and learn using observation and trial and error. For intermediate fly fisherman this book is a nice read to give you confidence in what you do and give you new ideas to bring up into the mix when you are fly fishing for trout. For advanced fly fisherman this book is very nice, well written and also a pleasure to read, it also makes you to remember forgotten tricks and

tactics that allows you to enjoy the river in a different way

Excellent tips and easy to understand whether you are a seasoned pro or a novice at fly fishing. Well written and great illustrations, a must have for your fishing library. Orvis does a great job with the books they produce for the fly fishing industry.

Unlike other books that claim to be the "Ultimate" book on fly fishing, this one focuses on trout, focuses on trout habitat, focuses a bit on entomology, focuses a bit on casting techniques, focuses a bit on time of day - it's fewer than 200 pages long, but it is jam-packed with information. This not a field guide and it's not full of minutia. It's all practical stuff. It's the kind of book you'll pull out again and again as you try to use your mighty human brain to capture an animal with a brain the size of a pea. Just kidding. This is almost a recipe book for trout fishing. And if you have only one trout fishing book, this should be it. This is a case when tmi is a GOOD thing! Seriously.

Tom and the Orvis guys have taken fly-fishing to a new level with this book. It takes some conventional fly-fishing knowledge and turns it on its head. After reading this, I felt like a guide when buddies would come along--it's that good. My wife has also taken a lot from this book, and it is helping her to consistently catch trout. I couldn't recommend this book enough.

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