



FISH:	<p>Pike come dressed for the part...perfectly camouflaged, greedy appetite, and keen eye-sight for prey, and whenever you hook a pike, you're bound to see fantastic leaps and explosive energy unrivaled amongst freshwater fish.</p> <p>Where pike inhabit the waters...Look for under water structures such as boulders, rock piles, weed lines and man-made structures...and be ready for a strike. Don't forget to strip-strike!</p>
ROD:	<p>Thomas & Thomas Fly Fishing SOLAR or Exocett 8 wt, 9wt, or 10 weight fly rod.</p>
REEL:	<p>A large arbour reel with smooth drag is essential for big trophy pike. Reel should hold at least 100 yards of gel spun backing plus fly line. I use Abel super series in 9/10 and the Ross Evolution R. No matter what reel you use – just be sure it's capable of handling big fish.</p>
LINE:	<p>CORTLAND Fly line specialty floating line , and I also recommend COMPACT SINK / or Quick decent line in 250 – 350 grain for deeper water.</p>
LEADER:	<p>Wire coated SST leader from Cortland 20 lb to 45 lb test . Link https://www.cortlandline.com/collections/leaders/products/sst-10-stainless-steel-leader-material</p> <p>Another excellent wire leader is MUSTAD titanium wire with a heavy duty snap for easy fly connection.</p>
FLY'S:	<p>I use 6 to 10 inch fly's – some matching bait fish like perch, and some are just crazy colors that work and it really matches nothing natural!</p>
OTHER ESSENTIALS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunglasses by: Costa Sunglasses – amber lens • SPF Bandana: Hoo-Rag

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rain Gear – rain or shine a trophy pike awaits – Realtree makes amazing rain gear• Sungloves: Simms Fishing Products• Pliers and nippers : I use both from Abel Reels• Jaw spreaders should be in the boat – just in case the fly is difficult to remove• PFD from Onyx Outdoor Gear• Excellent water proof boots by KEEN – I wear Durand waterproof hikers• Waders / rubber bottom wading boots – river fishing, to cold weather days on the lake – waders should be a part of the essentials.
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