

Casters Fly Shop has teamed up with local guide Ryan Dunne to offer guided float trips down the tail waters of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee. We offer float trips the Tuckasegee , Watauga , and South Holston rivers.

The Rivers:

Watauga River

The Watauga is located in and around Elizabethton Tennessee; there are several sections to float on this river. The time of year and river flows will dictate the section we float. The Watauga is a great fishery with heavy numbers of trout throughout, which makes it a great place for beginner and intermediate fly fisherman. We float this water year round, and at times fishing can be epic!

South Holston

The South Holston aka “So Ho” is located near Bluff City, Tennessee. The South Holston is known for its large brown trout, and epic hatches of Sulphurs, Black Flies, and Bwo’s. With the highest fish count in the South East draws anglers from all over. We prefer to float the river on high water and wade on low water. Fishing in the So Ho is year round as well, but we primarily float/wade her spring thru fall due to river closures when the brown trout spawn.

Tuckasegee River

Another float option is the Tuckasegee River in Sylva, NC. This is a great option for the beginner as well. The Tuck as she is known is a tail water fishery, and it is managed under North Carolinas Delayed Harvest program. Delayed harvest regulations make this fishery catch and release from Oct 1st thru the first Saturday in June of each year. The state stocks heavy numbers of Brook, Brown, and Rainbow trout in October, November, March, April, and May. Floats on the tuck sometimes yield a grand slam, which consists of all three species of trout NC stocked. With the removal of the Dillsboro Dam, there are now greater chances to catch smallmouth during a float. We float/wade the Tuck Oct thru June, as the fishing usually slows down at the end of the Delayed Harvest season.

What to expect

Your guide will provide transportation from a prearranged rendezvous point to and from the river. Lunch, snacks, and refreshments will be provided, along with all terminal fishing tackle (rods, leaders, and flies). If you have special dietary needs, please let us know so we can accommodate you during your trip. Most floats will last around 8 hours, and travel time will vary depending in the river. So it’s a good idea to plan for 12 plus hours when booking a float trip. We use Premier Skiffs, Hog Island drift boats, and Aire rafts equipped with DRE frames for float trips. All boats are set up with the angler in mind and

provide the maximum amount of comfort and stability. In addition we will provide dry storage for your gear.

What to bring

- Wader and boots (no studded boots, as they damage the boats floor)
- Rain jacket
- Extra clothes
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Rods, reels, etc (if you wish to use your own tackle instead of yours)
- Polarized sunglasses
- Medication (if you are allergic to anything)
- Appropriate fishing license for the state you will be fishing

Rates

Watauga ,South Holston, and Tuckasegee Floats

\$400.00 for 2 anglers

\$375.00 for 1 angler

***Gratuity is not included