

Keowee Anglers Suggested Starter Tackle Kit

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Rods

- Spinning rod 6'6" either medium or medium / heavy action (spinning rods are easy to learn to use).
- Baitcast rod 6'6" either medium or medium / heavy action (baitcast reels are more difficult to master if you have not fished them before).
- Carbon / graphite rods are the most sensitive and give the best 'feel' for worm fishing. Cost about \$75 & up. Best to buy on sale.
- If you only can buy one rod get a medium action with fast tip as it will be the most universal.
- Best worm rod action is medium heavy and fast tip.
- Best crankbait rod action is medium with a medium tip.
- Best Ned Rig rod is a 6'9" medium light with a fast.
- Longer rods 7' will cast farther, shorter rods more accuracy.

Reels

- Spinning reels like a Pflueger President with 10 bearings at ~ \$60, model 6730 or comparable other brands (Quantum, Shimano)
- Baitcast reels like Lews, Bass Pro, Revo SX can cost up to \$160 for a good one.
- You can spend hundreds of dollars on reels but it is not necessary but buy one that has anti backlash featured. Again. Best to buy when on sale.

Line

- A good quality monofilament line like Berkley Trilene XL, Suffix Advantage are good lines. Either 8 lb. to 12 lb. test maximum is all you need. 10lb is a good all-around choice.
- Also buy a spool of 10lb. fluorocarbon for worming and leader material to be used on spinning rods / reels when casting and on Carolina worm rigs.
- When using fluorocarbon line make sure you repeatedly check the knots. Fluorocarbon has the tendency to weaken with use, it is recommended to retie frequently and check after each catch.

Lures

- Lipless crankbait like Red Eye Shad (Sexy Shad), Booyah One Knocker silver & blue and in neutral colors seems to work best on Keowee.
- Jerk bait (minnow shape) like Rapala X-Rap in neutral colors (white, silver / black top) for shallow water casting. They suspend when you stop reeling triggering strikes.
- Crankbaits that dive to different depths (8' to 20'). Rapala has a DT (dive to depth) series that tells you the depth the lure will run. Other

manufacturers like the Norman and Strike King KVD 1.5 also show depth of run. There are hundreds to choose from but one or two for shallow 4' to 8', medium 8' to 12', 12' to 19', and 19+ depths in neutral color should be sufficient.

- Super Fluke in white used with a 5/0 extra wide gap hook (EWG), either plain or weighted with 1/8 ounce weight that is part of the hook.
- Top water baits like Evergreen JT 95, Zara Spook (walk the dog type) and Pop R (popper type) trigger fun strikes.
- Jigging spoon, white and/or silver, 1/2 oz. to 1 oz for deep vertical fishing.

Soft Plastic Worms

- Zoom U-tail or 4" Dead Ringer, Finesse and Trick worms in Chartreuse Pepper, June Bug, Green Pumpkin, seems to work well.
- Spot Remover jig in 1/8 & 3/16 ounce plus 4" dead ringer trailer.
- Texas rig use a 3/16 to 3/8 ounce bullet weight, with a 2/0 or 3/0 extra wide gap hook (EWG).
- On a Carolina rig use 1/4 to 3/4 ounce barrel weight and a glass bead on the line that is tied to the leader. Make a leader about 2' to 3' max with the hook on one end and ball bearing swivel the other. Use with a 2/0 or 3/0 extra wide gap hook (EWG).
- The Ned Rig is a good choice when the bite is tough or any time. Most universal weight Finesse SchroomZ jig head is 1/10 ounce and used with a finesse TRD stick bait 2 3/4" long. Good colors are black / blue, Coppertruse, The Deal & Greenpumpkin Goby. Jigs 1/6 & 1/5 oz are better for fishing deeper, i.e. 30' or so.

Terminal Tackle

- Small Fast-Lock Snaps, alternative is a Norman Speed Clip. These allow you to change lures easily instead retying the line.
- Barrel swivels for leaders.
- Leaders are made of a snap or speed clip on one end and a barrel swivel with fluorocarbon line between them. Typically, 12" to 18" for casting and 2' to 3' for Carolina Rigs.

Refer to the Anglers Angle Tips on our web site, there is a host of information available covers most all topics you would need.

Ask members of the club before you buy tackle if you are not sure what to buy or need help. The tendency is to buy way more tackle than needed or ever used.