



Pennsylvania Fly-Fishing School

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Overview:

The Orvis Pennsylvania Fly-Fishing School at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort and Spa is located in Farmington, in southwestern Pennsylvania near the West Virginia and Maryland borders. The town of Farmington sits close to some of the state's best fly-fishing on the Youghiogheny River, local favorite Beaver Creek, and Meadow Run. Farmington is one hour and twenty minutes from Pittsburgh, three hours from Washington, DC, and about three hours from Cleveland.

Nemaquin Woodlands Resort and Spa also offers numerous activities for the whole family. Nemaquin has two 18-hole golf courses winding through the laurel highlands with breathtaking scenery. Along with golf, Nemaquin offers off-road driving lessons and excursions, trail rides at the equestrian center, dog-sledding, skiing, and youth programs. These are just a few of the recreational activities you can enjoy at this beautiful four-diamond resort.

Seasonal Weather/Fishing Conditions:

April—Expect high temperatures in the lower seventies and low temperatures in the high thirties. There is the potential for a snow flurry or two during April. Local rivers and streams tend to be high with snow runoff and heavy rains.

Late May/June—Expect high temperatures in the low nineties and low temperatures in the low fifties. During this time the river conditions are excellent. There are plenty of insect hatches and the dry-fly fishing is at its best.

July/August—Expect high temperatures in the high nineties and low temperatures in the low sixties. With the water warming up on most of the local freestone streams, the best times to fish are early mornings and late evenings.

September/October—Expect high temperatures in the high eighties and the low temperatures in the high fifties. This time of year is exceptionally beautiful in the laurel highlands, and the fishing is excellent.

Weather conditions can change quickly. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear or bring a pair of rubber-bottom boots (as the grounds around the casting areas can become damp), and **please remember to bring raingear, polarized sunglasses, hat, and sunblock.**

General School Information:

We look forward to meeting you at The Nemaquin Field Club Lodge for registration at 9:00 a.m. on the first day. If you have any questions about this reservation, please feel free to contact school reservations at 1-866-531-6213 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You may contact the Nemaquin Field Club Lodge by calling 1-800-422-2736.

Equipment: The fly-fishing school staff will issue each student an 8-foot 5-weight Orvis graphite rod. 8- or 9-weights can also be offered for students who want to focus on distance casting with a heavier rod. We will be using all weight-forward floating lines and Battenkill Bar Stock III reels for the program. Students will also have access to a wider variety of Orvis rods and reels. Waders or hip boots will be provided. All materials for the program will also be provided.

Capacities & Student/Instructor Ratio: The typical school capacity is 12 students divided into small groups for individual attention. The student/instructor ratio never exceeds 4:1.

Program: Instruction is geared toward beginners, but students of all levels are welcome and encouraged to progress at their own rate. Our teaching methods allow us to handle even experienced fly casters. Indoor and outdoor sessions are evenly divided, with the main emphasis placed on developing proper fly-casting skills. Our goal is to have students exit the program with the ability to handle 30-plus-foot casts efficiently, have a thorough understanding of fly selection, leaders, knot-tying, reading water, etiquette, and the applications and use of related gear and equipment in both moving and still water. We also encourage an appreciation for fine tackle and emphasize the importance of the catch-and-release ethic, a clean and healthy outdoor environment, and the continued pursuit of quality fly-fishing experiences through the promotion of our Orvis-Endorsed Lodge and Guide services.

Cancellation Policy:

Should you need to cancel the school within 30 days prior to the starting date, we will issue a gift certificate in the amount of the cancelled school. That gift certificate may be used toward another school date of your choice.

Two-Day Class Program:

Day One

- 9:00 a.m. Student registration at Shooting Academy.
9:45 a.m. Introductions and overview of class program.
10:15 a.m. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part one: video on the basic casting stroke. Pick-up-and-lie-down cast.
10:30 a.m. Split into two groups. First Group to casting area. Second group will report to the classroom. Presentation on Orvis fly-fishing equipment (rods, reels, lines, etc.).
11:15 a.m. Groups switch activities.
12:00 Boxed lunches will be served at adventure center or outside gazebo.
1:00 p.m. Classroom Presentation (all students)—*The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part two: video on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting.
1:15 p.m. Group one—report to casting pond for demonstration on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting. Students casting. Individual casting assessment.
Group two—classroom presentation on leaders and knot tying, and classroom discussion on weights, strike indicators, rigging, and floatant.
2:45 p.m. Groups switch activities.
4:00 p.m. Classroom presentation (all students) on Orvis accessories.
4:45 p.m. End of first day.

Day Two

- 9:00 a.m. Classroom presentation (all students) on entomology, fly selection, and how to fish specific flies. Tips on how to handle and release fish.
9:45 a.m. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part three: video on the double haul.
10:00 a.m. Group one—Individual casting analysis.
Group two—report to casting pond for demonstration on hooking fish and fishing flies in still water. Students fishing.
11:00 a.m. Groups switch activities.
12:00 Boxed lunches will be served at adventure center or outside gazebo.
1:00 p.m. Presentation on Orvis-endorsed fishing trips and tips on fishing with guides.
Discussion on wading safely while fishing.
1:30 p.m. River trip. Discussion on reading water. Demonstration on fishing flies in moving water. Students fish.
4:30 p.m. Return to classroom for closing statements and graduation certificates.
5:00 p.m. End of school.

Lodging Options:

Most students stay at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort in Farmington. Students who wish to stay at the Resort should contact the Resort directly to make reservations.

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort
1001 Lafayette Drive
Farmington, PA 15437
Phone: 877-899-5125
www.nemacolin.com

The following inn/lodge are also available:

Summit Inn
101 Skyline Dr.
Farmington, Pa. 15437
724-438-8594

Lodge at Chalk Hill
2920 National Pike Rd.
Chalk Hill, Pa. 15421
800-833-4283
www.thelodgeatchalkhill.com

Orvis Endorsed Guides:

The Field Club
321 Pike School Rd.
Markleysburgh, Pa. 15459
724-329-6771
Web-site: www.nemacolin.com
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Nestled in the Laurel Highlands of southwestern Pennsylvania, Nemacolin offers some of the best fly-fishing opportunities in the state. Idyllic streams with native trout will please any fly fisherman. Guests may enjoy golf on our two courses and schedule lessons at our Golf Academy. The Woodlands Spa offers over 60 treatments. The activities center features equestrian activities, hiking, biking, wall climbing, and Hummer driving courses. With 10 restaurants, guests may select cuisine ranging from French fries to French provincial. Our Kidz Klub will keep all age groups busy with safe, supervised activities. The Shooting Academy offers 30 stations with over 90 traps. Nemacolin is an American Express Fine Hotels, Resorts & Spas Program member, has been rated as one of America's Top Hotels, Resorts & Spas by Zagat, and is a Condé Nast Gold List recipient. Cabin accommodations.

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High atop Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands rests Seven Springs Mountain Resort, the state's largest four-season resort. Located on 5,000 explorable acres, the many spring-fed lakes of Seven Springs are home to a wide variety of trout. Take a guided tour through an array of streams and rivers or enjoy a laid-back day of float-tube fishing at Lake Gosling, where your trophy trout awaits. Our Orvis-trained instructors will be happy to help outfit you in all the appropriate gear for your expedition. Hiking, biking, challenging golf, and activities—there's something for everyone at Seven Springs! 1 hour from Nemacolin.

The Lodge at Glendorn
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Nestled in Northwestern Pennsylvania is your own step back in time. Enter through the gates and meander along a trout-filled brook to arrive at the all-redwood main lodge. Sleep and dine in a place where past presidents have rested. Explore miles of private brooks and ponds or even venture nearby to float the Clarion River in a drift boat, only to be served the best of shore lunches on a secluded river island. Take a short jaunt to the famed rivers of Lake Erie to tackle tens of steelhead in a day, knowing that when you arrive back at Glendorn to your private cabin or suite, our staff will be waiting to serve you gourmet cuisine paired with fine wines. Award-winning accommodations, gourmet cuisine and wines topped with great fly fishing bring groups and individuals yearly to rejuvenate in a truly unique environment. Member of Relais & Chateaux. AAA Four Diamond Award. 4 Hours from Nemaquin.

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Guiding and fly-fishing instruction on south-central Pennsylvania's classic limestone trout streams and bass rivers. Novices or experts welcome. 2001 Northeast Trout Guide of the Year. 2.5 hours from Nemaquin.

Cross Current Guide Service
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Web-site: www.flyfishingthedeaware.com
E-mail: crosscurrent@optline.net

Experience the wild trout of the upper Delaware River system, including the west and east branches of the Delaware River. April through October fly fishing for trout. July through October fly and light-tackle smallmouth bass.

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Year-round guiding on Falling Springs, Letort, Yellow Breeches, and other great trout streams. Trips to Spring Creek, Little Juniata, and Susquehanna rivers in Pennsylvania. Beginners to experts welcome.