



New York Fly-Fishing School

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Overview:

Sandanona is located in Millbrook, New York, in the heart of the lower Hudson Valley region. It is just a short distance from New York City, but it feels worlds away. Sandanona is a nationally renowned shooting preserve. The stately 19th century clubhouse and extensive grounds provide a unique and charming setting for all of our guests to enjoy.

The quaint village of Millbrook has many antique shops and restaurants. The local area is also well known for its vineyards, and many offer tours. Play golf at one of the many courses in the area. Points of interest included New York City, West Point Military Academy, the Culinary Institute of America, and many others.

Sandanona invites you to take full advantage of your time with us. Private instruction is available by reservation, as well as guided half-day and full-day fishing trips. On site is one of the top sporting clays courses in the country, along with a modern skeet field. Preserve wingshooting by private membership is available. Browse through our fully stocked pro shop. Our professional sales staff can help outfit you for wherever your travels may take you. Perhaps just lounging on the sun deck or beside one of the fireplaces is more to your liking. We also offer an extensive selection of fine cigars.

Seasonal Weather/Fishing Conditions:

Spring—Temperatures range into the 50s and 60s. The morning and evening hours can be quite cool, so you may want to bring a light jacket or sweater.

Summer—Temperatures range into the 70s and 80s. Long warm days, with the sun high in the sky, can produce a touch of humidity. We recommend that you bring lightweight clothing. Hats and sunglasses are also recommended.

Fall—Temperatures range into the 50s and 60s. It is arguably the most beautiful season in the Northeast. The changing colors of the fall foliage bring guests from all over the world. Again, the morning and evening hours can be cool.

Winter—Temperatures range into 30s and 40s. Despite the cold temperatures, this is a very popular time of the year for us. Our shooting grounds are bustling with activity. Snow can be expected this time of year.

Sandanona is a special experience year-round. Our activities are not canceled due to the weather, with extremes being the exception. We always recommend that you dress in layers appropriate for the season. Cotton, although a comfortable fabric, is not recommended for outdoor activities. It can rain anytime of the year. We recommend that you 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 seeing you at the Sandanona Clubhouse in Millbrook for registration at 8:30 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 can reach the clubhouse directly by calling 845-677-9701.

Equipment: The school staff will issue various graphite rods between 7 ½ and 8 ½ feet in length, for line sizes 4, 5, 6, or 7. We use all weight-forward floating lines and Battenkill reels in the program. Students have access to any of the rods/reels/lines in our product line while they are here. Waders or hip boots are provided. We provide all materials for the course.

Capacities & Student/Instructor Ratio: The typical Sandanona school capacity is 16 students, with a student/instructor ratio of 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

- 8:30 a.m. Registration in Sandanona Clubhouse (students fill out license applications).
- 9:00 a.m. Instructor introductions, brief overview of school program, and receive equipment.
- 9:15 a.m. Classroom presentation—Lines, rods, and reels. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part one: video on the basic casting stroke.
- 10:00 a.m. Caravan to casting pond.
- 10:15 a.m. Students casting with instructors. Emphasis on basic cast, rod control, and use of line hand.
- Noon Break for lunch.
- 1:00 p.m. Students report to the clubhouse. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part two: video on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting.
- 1:15 p.m. Caravan to casting pond.
- 1:30 p.m. Students casting with instructors. Emphasis on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting. Videotaping of students casting.
- 3:00 p.m. Break and return to classroom.
- 3:15 p.m. Knot-tying seminar. Students will learn about essential knots, hook sizes, and leaders.
- 4:30 p.m. End of first day.

Day Two

- 8:30 a.m. Entomology presentation. Students will learn basic fly selection and strategies for the river trip. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part three: video on the double haul.
- 9:30 a.m. Caravan to casting pond.
- 9:45 a.m. Students practice casting with flies in still water, learn hook setting, and landing and releasing fish.
- 11:30 a.m. Return to classroom for video analysis.
- Noon Break for lunch.

- 1:00 p.m. Students report to front deck with all gear for river trip. Students will learn to read a trout stream and fish different flies in moving water.
- 4:00 p.m. Drop off waders at barn and return equipment.
- 4:15 p.m. Classroom presentation, Orvis endorsed fishing vacations and closing remarks.
- 4:30 p.m. Graduation, end of school.

One-Day Class Program

- 9:00 a.m. Student registration at Sandanona Retail Shop.
- 9:30 a.m. Introduction and discussion of class program.
- 9:45 a.m. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method* part one and two: Video on the basic casting stroke, shooting line, false casting, false casting and shooting line, and roll casting.
- 10:00 a.m. Report to casting area for demonstration of basic casting stroke. Students casting.
- 11:15 a.m. Classroom presentation – Tackle and flies.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 12:30 p.m. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method* part three: Video on the double haul.
- 12:45 p.m. Report to casting area for demonstration on the double haul. Students casting.
- 1:30 p.m. Classroom presentation – Knot tying seminar. Discussion on leaders, hands-on knot tying.
- 2:15 p.m. Orvis-Endorsed fishing trips and tips on fishing with guides. Wading and wading safety.
- 2:30 p.m. Wappingers Creek fishing trip – Talk on reading water. Demonstration on fishing flies. Students fishing.
- 4:15 p.m. Return to school room for closing statements, and graduation certificates.
- 4:30 p.m. End of school.

Lodging Options:

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MILLBROOK, NY
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WWW.COTTONWOODMOTEL.COM

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FISHKILL, NY
845 897-2400
WWW.MARRIOT.COM

DAYS INN
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
845 454-1010
www.daysinn.com

WELLESLEY INN
FISHKILL, NY
845-896-4995
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JENNY'S COUNTRY MANOR LODGE
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MILLBROOK, NY
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845-373-9521

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AMENIA, NY
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Orvis Sandanona is home to the Orvis Sandanona Fly-Fishing Schools, located just 1.5 hours north of New York City. Our first-class guides and instructors can make your fly-fishing trip an experience of a lifetime. Join us on some classic New England trout waters April through November. Nymphing on Wappingers Creek, streamers on the Roeliff Jansen Kill, or dry flies on the Housatonic River, we cater to your interests. Our private casting ponds and trout stream are the perfect setting to brush up on your technique with one of our expert instructors. Corporate and private groups are welcome.

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The Hunter Mountain Sports and Expeditions center, located in the beautiful northern Catskill Mountains offers a full line of Orvis products. The pristine waters of Schoharie Creek are bridged by our front door, and the famous trout waters of the Esopus are just minutes out our back door. We offer both a fly-fishing school and a New York state licensed guide service. Our focus is teaching the art of fly fishing with conservation in mind. Guided trips are led on foot to those quiet secrets spots. Lunch is served shore-side while observing the next rising fish. 1.5 hours from Millbrook.

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Our resort features twenty-six newly renovated modern log cabins on the banks of the West Branch of the Delaware River. Enjoy the fine dining in our River Run Restaurant, friendship and camaraderie at the Trout Skellar Pub, and of course, the challenge of the most famous wild-trout fishing in the East. Either by drift boat or wading, our experienced guides will take you to the best fishing on any of the three branches of the Delaware River for wild brown and rainbow trout. We are also only minutes away from the Beaverkill and Willowemoc, world famous Catskill trout fisheries. A private stocked trout pond, upland-bird hunting preserve, and professionally designed sporting clays course are also available. Our wide range of services provides the ideal setting for corporate meetings, family vacations, social gatherings, and of course, die-hard sportsmen. 1.5 hours from Millbrook.