

WHAT TO BRING TO THE BELIZE PERMIT CLUB



LOCATION

The Belize Permit Club is located in southern Belize, near the village of Hopkins. The actual lodge is on the Sittée River, and we're a couple miles up from the ocean. At the Belize Permit Club, we target one fish and one fish only: permit. That's what we do from sunup 'til sundown as many days a year as we can, with as many different people as we can, with all different kinds of weather, tides, moon, and sun.

When you pursue permit on the fly, everything needs to come together perfectly to get fish to eat, and gear can make a big difference. So here's what we recommend you bring when visiting the Belize Permit Club.

RODS

We recommend 9 and 10 weight rods with a preference for 9 weights on most days. On windier days, we might opt for 10 weights. And when we're stalking fish on foot or walking the boat, we might go with an 8 weight. The ideal rod length for these flats is 9 feet. Scott rods are our go-to, and we prefer fast action rods.

REELS

Just as with your rod, it is important to have a good, high-quality saltwater reel. We are currently using Hatch Iconic reels.

LINE AND LEADERS

Our reels are generally rigged with a weight forward floating line and a 10 to 12 foot fluorocarbon leader in 12, 16, or 20 pound test. The Cortland Tropic Compact is our preferred line.





FLIES

Standard flats flies with some smaller flies are key in Belize. We're not throwing big patterns like you do in Florida. Those are too big for the shallow flats we have here. Sizes 4 and 6 are typical here. Merkins, Camos, Ragheads, Micro Strong Arms, and Flexos are commonly used flies. We also have a number of flies we like that we have on our boats. It's always good to bring your own fly box with a few different colors — tan, white, olive, and brown are the four main colors. It's also good to have two or three different weights with the dumbbell eyes.

OTHER GEAR

***RAIN JACKET** - This is the tropics, and you never know when some rain might roll through.

***WADING SHOES** - It's important to have a good, high-quality wading shoe that is lightweight and easy to get off in a hurry. We mostly fish out of the boat, but there are opportunities to jump out, and it's good to have footwear you can put on quickly. The SIMMS Zipit Bootie is a good option.

***SUNGLASSES** - Quality sunglasses are important on the flats. Costas are our favorite here with green mirror lenses being the one we use the most. When there is low light, we prefer amber or silver mirror.

***CLOTHING** - Sun protection is important. In addition to sunscreen, pants, long-sleeve shirts, sun hoodies, sun gloves, and face masks are strongly recommended. When it comes to hats, a black or dark underbrim can help with seeing fish, and if you don't have a full head of hair, we caution against using mesh trucker hats to avoid sunburn.