

Keowee Anglers Suggested Starter Tackle Kit

Rods

- Spinning rod 6'6" either medium or medium / heavy action (spin 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 \$50 & up
- If you only can buy one rod get a medium heavy action as it will most universal

Reels

- Spinning reels like a Pflueger President with 10 bearings at ~ \$60, models 6730 or 6735 or comparable other brands (Quantum, Shimano)
- Baitcast reel like Pinnacle Inertia with 9 bearings costs ~\$60. Pflueger also has reels in this price range. Walmart has a stock of these.
- You can spend hundreds of dollars on reels but it is not necessary.

Line

- A good quality monofilament line like Berkley Trilene XL, Stren, Suffix Siege are good lines. Either 10 or 12 lb. test maximum is all you need. 10lb is a good all around choice.
- Also buy a spool of 10 or 12 lb. fluorocarbon for leader material to be used on spinning rods / reels when casting and on Carolina worm rigs

Lures

- Lipless crankbait like Red Eye Shad (Sexy Shad) or Rattle Trap 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 also show depth of run. There are hundreds to chose from but one or two for shallow 4' to 8', medium 8' to 12' and 12' to 16' 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 Zara Spook (walk the dog type) and Chug Bug (popper type) trigger fun strikes.

Soft Plastic Worms

- **Zoom U-tail, Finesse and Trick worms in Chartreuse Pepper, Pumpkin Chartreuse, Green Pumpkin or Bait Fish seems to work well.**
- **Use with a 2/0 or 3/0 extra wide gap hook (EWG)**
- **On a Texas rig use a 1/4 to 1/2 ounce bullet weight.**
- **On a Carolina rig use 1/2 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.**

Terminal Tackle

- **Small fast-Lock Snaps size 1 or 2, alternative is a Norman Speed Clip. These allow you to change lures easily instead retying the line.**
- **Barrel swivel size 2 or 3. These are used for Carolina Rigs and 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 "Lake Keowee Bass Fishing Information" CD for a lot more information on tackle and fishing on Lake Keowee.**

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.