



High Desert Angler - Santa Fe

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We are the oldest established fly fishing business in Santa Fe, Serving Northern New Mexicans and anglers world wide since 1985.

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New 2010 Gear and Apparel Big water: Where to go Fishing and High Water Tactics Used Guide Gear: Come and get it!

Spring is here and the 2010 gear and apparel have been rolling in. Fishpond has a bunch of new colors- one new fanny pack; the Havana, and a new vest; the Flint Hills, all in stock now. William Joseph has the Mag series chest and hip packs!!! Imagine no more zippers!! Cloudveil has 4 new waders. There is the Hellroaring Pant and Chest High, the Gros Ventre, and the Snake River Pro chest high, all have new styles and colors. The New Simms Bug blocker shirt is a new item, treated with an insect repellent



to keep those bloodsuckers at bay. With this much water, expect a few more mosquitoes out there. The Simms Rivershed boot with the Vibram sole isn't really new, but it's been hard to get and even harder to keep in stock, so if you've been waiting don't wait long. We have a good size run and they won't sit here long. If you're a Korkers fan, the new Kling-On inserts are here. There are a lot of conscientious anglers out there, help stop the spread of AIS and comply with a new rubber sole. Umpqua has a great new leader called the power taper. This is a great leader for the die hard dry-dropper fisherman. It has a longer heavy butt section that really turns over those big floaty indicator type dries, weight, and a nymph. We've been talking about it all winter, we have over 30 new fly patterns from Umpqua, Solitude, Montana fly, and Idylwilde. Come check out the Deep Six caddis pupa, Prince of Darkness, Anato-May, Herbie, El Camino, King Stone, Mojo Money, Never Sink Caddis, Stacker Midge, just to name a few and there is more on the way. Moving into the fly line categories there are new colors, dual colors and new tapers all designed to help you cast and fish better. Come by and let us help you choose just the right fly line for the

fishing you like to do with the rod you love!



Where to go during a big water year: First off, remember high water means more food, and that translates into a smorgasbord for the fish and lots of options for the both of you. During higher flows the trout will become less picky or selective so think color and size before species. After weeks of higher flows two more important points to consider are: #1. Go our website and see the NM stream flows or the USGS gauge to help determine when the water is rising or falling. Most of the trout will put the feed bag on while the water is dropping, and feed less when the water is rising. Do some homework, you might be surprised! #2. Consider you're a trout looking for food in high murky water. After sampling algae, sticks, leaves and tons of different aquatic and terrestrial insects in the flotsam and jetsam for weeks you would start sampling even the choicest of foods. With no hands all you have is a mouth and now you kind of give everything a little nibble before you chow on it. Seems logical doesn't it? So expect the light

or short strike and try not to set the hook to hard or fast, all it takes is a gentle lift or a slip strike to drive a hook home! If you just want a taste of low water and you have to fish dries, we're almost there. Coyote creek is on fire, the fish seem to be going crazy and the Jemez and San Antonio are in fine shape. The water's clearing and the fish are happy and hungry. Keep an eye out on the Guadalupe, the stones usually start there and head up stream almost daily. Santa Cruz Lake and Monastery Lake have really fished well, I know, I know I hear it all the time "I don't fish lakes" or "I don't have a boat", "I don't know how to fish a lake!" Hey, Norm had a great class on Loch style fly fishing, and these guys use these techniques on all different types of lakes, both from a boat or from shore. The point is just getting out there, you might find out its fun, and a great way to spend the day fly fishing, whether your chunking heavy weight in a swollen stream or playing the still water game.



Used Guide Gear sale: As guides we go through stuff pretty fast, we also tend to want the latest and greatest, so we thought we would offer our customers a shot at some slightly to well used gear and apparel at great prices. Starting Saturday May 22 we will devote a section in the shop to display the used guide gear. We will have demo fly lines, fly boxes, forceps, fanny packs, vests, back packs, rods, reels and nets. There might be an odd or an end in there too, but you will find something cool for yourself, your kid, your dad, your chick, your boyfriend, your wife or girlfriend or both. The guides are psyched, they get store credit!!!

