

*Keystone Fly Fishing*  
*The Ultimate Guide to Pennsylvania's Best Water*

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*"This isn't just the best guide on Pennsylvania trout streams available today . . . it's the most detailed, entertaining, credible, and inspiring fly-fishing guidebook ever produced. Keystone Fly Fishing will be the model that publishers and authors in other states should aspire to in the decades to come. All fly fishers in Pennsylvania owe a debt of gratitude to the many guides, authors, and experts who contributed to it."*

—Ross Purnell, Editor, Fly Fisherman magazine

Pennsylvania has 86,000 miles of rivers and streams, including freestone streams, tailwaters, and spring creeks, flowing through 46,000 square miles of diverse country ranging from mountainous terrain to farm land. The waters run as small step-over brook trout streams choked with rhododendron to large rivers best fished from a drift boat. For this new guide, a team of experts share their insights, tips, and favorite fly patterns for their local waters and bring readers the most complete and in-depth information on the best fishing opportunities in the Keystone State.

- Trout, steelhead, smallmouth, and other species such as musky and carp
- local information, written by 9 regional experts, and countless other guides, fly tiers, shop owners, and fishing gurus that know the water
- more than 240 streams, 210 up-to-date patterns that work, and 40 detailed maps

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