

# One guided trip can change your outlook; maybe your luck

It doesn't take a mental giant to figure out we live in some of the finest surroundings on the planet.

It does, however, take a tad more skill to learn how to capitalize on some of it.

Flyfishing in Summit County is some of the finest to be had — anywhere.

Summit County is indeed a true mecca.

Many of the area's waters support vast populations of eager trout. Learning to dupe them with fly can prove challenging.

One way to reduce the "downtime" and improve your success is by hiring a knowledgeable local guide.

Many of the local fly shops have reputable guide services, with guides available every day of the year.

A day spent with a fishing guide can hone your skills in:

- Casting: if you can't cast, you can't catch fish.
- Improving your ability to read the water — understanding the most likely places to find fish.
- Learning how trout feed and what they are feeding upon.
- Proper fly selection.
- Wading safely.
- How to play and land a fish.
- Catch-and-release ethics.

And finally, hopefully to help you forget about that boss of yours with

Summit  
**Flyfishing**  
*with Trapper Rudd*



CUTTHROAT  
ANGLERS



the hairy back and coffee breath that will never understand the reason you played hooky in the first place to chase fish around in a river.

All or most of this can be accomplished in a single day or afternoon.

It is a very common experience to hear clients return from a successful fishing excursion, not only boasting of the strain to limbs from landing fish, but also of the expertise and limitless knowledge of the guide.

While it is unlawful in Colorado to guarantee any successful hunt or fishing trip, very few individuals are disappointed after a day on the river with a qualified flyfishing guide.

New skills learned are worth the

price of admission alone, and the fish caught and released are considered the extra gravy.

There is a lot of gravy out there, so turn off the computer screen, release the death grip on your mouse, dust off your britches and tell ol' turfback to brush his/her teeth and call up a fishing buddy for some misspent time on the water.

Next week: Big, nasty Pike stories!!

*Sports editor's note:* Trapper Rudd owns and runs Cutthroat Anglers in Silverthorne. For more information on fishing in Colorado, visit this website: [www.fishcolorado.com](http://www.fishcolorado.com).