

# Fly Fishing On The Red: An Angler's Guide to the Legendary Red River

For fly anglers, the Red River is a hallowed ground, a legendary waterway that offers an unparalleled fishing experience. From its headwaters in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains to its confluence with the Mississippi River, the Red meanders through some of the most beautiful and fish-rich landscapes in North America. In this comprehensive guidebook, renowned fly fishing author and Red River expert John Randolph takes anglers on a journey down this iconic river, sharing his knowledge and expertise to help them catch more fish and make the most of their time on the water.

## The River

The Red River is a tailwater fishery, meaning that its flow is controlled by dams. This creates a stable environment for trout, and as a result, the Red is home to a healthy population of rainbow, brown, and cutthroat trout. The river also supports a variety of other fish species, including smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and catfish.



## Fly Fishing on the Red by Kieron Gillen

★★★★☆ 4.9 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 17652 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 160 pages  
Lending : Enabled



The Red River is divided into three main sections: the Upper Red, the Middle Red, and the Lower Red. The Upper Red is characterized by fast-flowing water and deep pools. The Middle Red is a bit slower and wider, with more riffles and runs. The Lower Red is the most heavily fished section of the river, and it is home to some of the largest trout in the system.

## **The Fish**

The Red River is home to a variety of trout species, including rainbow, brown, and cutthroat trout. Rainbow trout are the most common species in the river, and they can be found throughout the entire system. Brown trout are also common, and they are typically found in the upper and middle sections of the river. Cutthroat trout are the least common species in the Red River, and they are typically found in the headwaters of the river.

In addition to trout, the Red River is also home to a variety of other fish species, including smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and catfish. Smallmouth bass are the most common bass species in the river, and they can be found throughout the entire system. Largemouth bass are also common, but they are more likely to be found in the lower sections of the river. Catfish are not as common as bass or trout, but they can be found in all sections of the river.

## **The Fly Fishing**

The Red River is a fly fishing paradise. The river's clear water and abundant trout populations make it a great place to cast a fly. The most popular fly fishing techniques on the Red River are dry fly fishing and

nymph fishing. Dry fly fishing involves casting a fly on the surface of the water, while nymph fishing involves casting a fly below the surface of the water.

There are a variety of different flies that can be used to catch trout on the Red River. Some of the most popular flies include the Adams, the Royal Wulff, and the Elk Hair Caddis. It is important to match the fly to the hatch that is occurring on the river. A good way to do this is to observe the insects that are flying around the river.

## **The Gear**

The right gear can make a big difference in your success on the Red River. The most important piece of gear is a good fly rod. A 9-foot, 5-weight fly rod is a good all-around choice for fishing the Red River. You will also need a reel, line, and leaders. It is important to match the reel and line to the fly rod. A good starting point is to use a reel that is the same weight as the fly rod. The leader should be about 9 feet long and tapered to 4X or 5X.

In addition to your fly rod, reel, line, and leaders, you will also need a variety of flies. It is a good idea to bring a selection of dry flies, nymphs, and streamers. You should also bring a few extra leaders in case you lose one.

## **The Season**

The best time to fly fish the Red River is during the spring and fall. The water is cooler during these months, and the trout are more active. However, the river can be fished year-round. During the summer, the trout will move to deeper water to escape the heat. During the winter, the river can be iced over, but there are still some opportunities to fish open water.



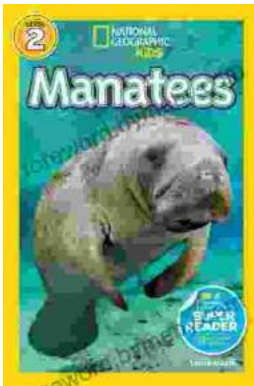
## Fly Fishing on the Red by Kieron Gillen

★★★★☆ 4.9 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 17652 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 160 pages  
Lending : Enabled

FREE

DOWNLOAD E-BOOK



## Dive into the Enchanting World of Manatees: An Unforgettable Journey with National Geographic Readers

Unveiling the Secrets of the Gentle Giants: A National Geographic Adventure In the serene waters of coastal ecosystems around the world, there lives an enigmatic creature...



## The Farm Reggie and Friends: US Version - A Captivating Adventure for All Ages

A Heartwarming Tale that Embraces Diversity Step into the vibrant world of "The Farm Reggie and Friends: US Version," where diversity and friendship shine brightly....