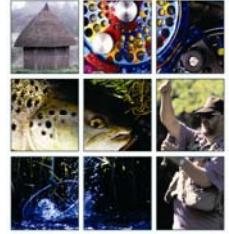


## NOVEMBER - MARCH FISHING ADVICE



### TACTICS

**More than any other time of the year your fishing day will be determined by the weather or the water conditions, so you should adapt accordingly.**

If the water is cloudy and the fish difficult or impossible to see then your ability to spot a 'take' becomes more important than the fly itself. I am a great believer in strike indicators, which are also an ideal way to control your fly depth. The more purist approach is of course to gink up your leader so it floats high on the surface allowing you to strike at the slightest downward twitch.

If the weather is foul in terms of wind, rain or snow then I tend to seek out the spot on the river that most protects me from the elements. I know it is a bit of a wimpy approach but you will have greater success bowing to the elements rather than fighting them.

I do also tend to wear my chest waders, even on bank fishing beats. Being warm and dry, with protection from soggy banks, wet reeds, wind and rain trumps any disadvantages to having to walk in waders.

### TIPS TO MATCH THE HATCH



Generally the default fly for grayling is a nymph, but even when there is snow on the ground hatches will happen, so always be ready to switch when a hatch comes on. The only two species you will see hatching around these months are olives and midges.

## Large Dark Olive

After a summer break the large dark olives are back and this is a chance to use one of the modern chalkstream classics, the Kite's Imperial made famous by Olly Kite in the 1970's.



Kite's Imperial #14  
Klinkhammer #14-16  
Olive Dun #14  
Parachute Adams #14  
Sawyers Pheasant Tail Nymph #14

## Pheasant Tail Nymph

## Midges

Along with the olives this is the major hatch of the month. I'll hazard that you will use the sub-surface patterns more than the dry, but you should carry all the variants. Have a variety of colours in black, green and red.

Deep Nymph	Bloodworm #12
Common Nymph	Buzzer #14-18
Emerger	CDC Shuttlecock #14
Adult	Knotted Midge #16



## Black Buzzer

## Shrimp

Shrimps are one of the most common creatures grayling eat and the ones they actively search for. You will see them rooting around at the riverbed trying to dislodge shrimps amongst the gravel.

Weighted shrimp #12-14



## Green Shrimp