



The River Test One Fly championship is a one-day contest in which all comers and celebrity guests battle it out to bag the most, biggest and best fish at a unique event on the River Test, historic home of British fly fishing and one of the most beautiful and famous rivers in the angling world. But here's the catch – each angler can only use one single fly throughout the contest as they hunt their quarry, the wily and elusive trout. Lose that fly – and you're fired! One fly, one chance is all that stands between triumph and despair.

Thursday 24th April

5pm-7.30pm Pre-registration at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Contestants collect registration pack & commemorative River Test One Fly Shirt. Late night opening & drinks in Robjents, leading Stockbridge fly shop & outfitters. Fly tying by Terry Griffiths.

8pm Fishing quiz night at Peat Spade (tbc)

Competitors are not required to register on Thursday, but we would encourage as many people as possible to stay in Stockbridge on the night prior to the competition.

Our sincere thanks to the Meirion Perring & his team at the Grosvenor Hotel who have kindly donated the use of the hotel & catering for the RTOF. Rooms are available 01264 810606 <http://www.thegrosvenor-hotel.com>

Friday 25th April

7am - 8.30am – Breakfast & registration at Grosvenor Hotel. Contestants to meet Guides.

Robjents opens at 7.30am

8.30am - Contestant briefing

8.45am – Call over of beats for Guides & contestants

9.00am – Depart for the river with Guide

10am – Fishing starts

4.30pm – Fishing ends. Return to Grosvenor Hotel to register scores.

5.30pm – Awards party & announcement of winners

6.30pm - RTOF ends but just for 12 months!

There will be awards of Hardy clothing & tackle & a commemorative plaque for the following categories:

- Best fish
- Best individual score
- Highest team score
- 'Duffers Delight' Team award
- Top scoring Guide £500 cash prize

- Top scoring beat

Confirmed fishing beats:

The Parsonage *(by kind permission of Hon. J Grimstone)*

Mottisfont Abbey *(by kind permission of MFFC)*

Wherwell Priory *(by kind permission of Hon. James & Clare Hogg)*

Compton Estate *(by kind permission of the Estate)*

Dunbridge *(by kind permission of J O'Brien)*

Kimbridge *(by kind permission of Orvis)*

Bullington Manor

The cost of entry is £250* per competitor; the cost of entry covers contest fee, competitors pack & commemorative shirt, event breakfast & awards party, the Day Rod fee on the River Test & the services of a Fishing Guide. Please note that each competitor will be accompanied for the day by a designated Fishing Guide who will know the beat & perform the usual services expected of the Guide. In addition the Guide will act as referee & scorer/fish measurer for the competitor.

*Just a word on the entry fee: this event is being run on a not-for-profit basis. The entry fees will be used to pay for the costs of the contest, which includes a payment to the Guides for working both on the event day & a briefing day in early April. Any surplus will be either donated to an appropriate fishing charity or held over for the 2009 contest.

Entry is open to all comers, the only restriction being that just one member of a team may be a professional full-time or part-time fresh or saltwater fly fishing instructor or guide. A professional is defined as anyone who, within the last 3 years, has received income for services performed as a fly fisher.

A copy of the rules is attached in a further document RTOF 2008 rules. Contestants will be expected to provide all their own equipment, tackle & flies. Some beats will require wading; contestants drawn on wading beats will be advised in advance. The Guides will provide the measurement gutter. Lunch will be taken on the river, so please bring your own food & drink.

There will be an official photographer covering the event. Results & photographs will be posted on our web site after the competition. It is possible that Sky will be recording a 1 hour TV special for later transmission, so be warned if you are camera shy!

There are plenty of places to stay in & around Stockbridge. The Grosvenor Hotel, Three Cups, White Hart, Vine Inn, The Greyhound & The Peat Spade. You will find details of them and others via the Accommodation Guide at www.fishingbreaks.co.uk

Thank you for your interest in the inaugural River Test One Fly. Since I first mooted the idea I have been bowled over by the enthusiasm of those who want to take part & the offers of help from everyone up & down the Test valley.

I am sure it's going to be a huge success and I'm already getting questions about 2009!

Best regards.



Simon Cooper – 3-year veteran of the Jackson Hole One Fly USA

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The Grosvenor Hotel	The Peat Spade	John Stephens & Jon Bond (Guide co-ordinators)
Robjents Country Sports	Orvis	Hon. J Grimstone
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MFFC		

ENTRY FORM

Please email or fax the completed form to info@rivertestonefly.co.uk 01264 782590 no later than 15/March/08. Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis. If you need to call ask for Diane or Simon at Fishing Breaks on 01264 781988.

Entries are welcome from individual, pairs or teams. If you are entering as an individual or pair you will be matched up by the organiser to make a team. Details of your team members will be forwarded prior to the contest.

Please complete the details below; your card will be debited the full amount (£250/contestant) on 15/March/08. If you are entering a team we do not need the names of all the contestants confirmed at this stage, just the Captain.

The entry fee covers all the charges associated with the contest. It is at the organisers request is that you tip your Guide at the end of the competition. More advice on this & a full Contestants Pack will forwarded to you in March.

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Teams: If you entering at a team please give a team name & nominate the captain:	
Team name:	Captain:

Helpful information for the organisers:

Will you be registering /staying on Thursday evening? Yes/No

Would you like to take part in the Fishing Quiz at the Peat Spade? Yes/No

Signed:	Date:
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MAP



PLACES TO STAY (within 5 miles)

The Grosvenor Hotel	Stockbridge	01264 810606
The Greyhound	Stockbridge	01264 810333
The Three Cups	Stockbridge	01264 810527
The Vine	Stockbridge	01264 810652
The White Hart	Stockbridge	01264 810663
The Peat Spade	Longstock	01264 810612
The Mill Arms	Dunbridge	01794 340401