

**Czech Nymphing  
With Mike McCoy**



# PRINCIPLES OF CZECH NYMPHING

- CZECH NYMPHING IS SHORT-DISTANCE FISHING, PRACTICALLY UNDER THE TIP OF THE ROD, WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM. THE FLY LINE IS HANGING UNDER THE TIP OF THE ROD AND ITS END OFTEN DOES NOT EVEN TOUCH THE WATER LEVEL. TWO OR THREE NYMPH FLIES OF VARIOUS WEIGHTS ARE USED.

# EQUIPMENT

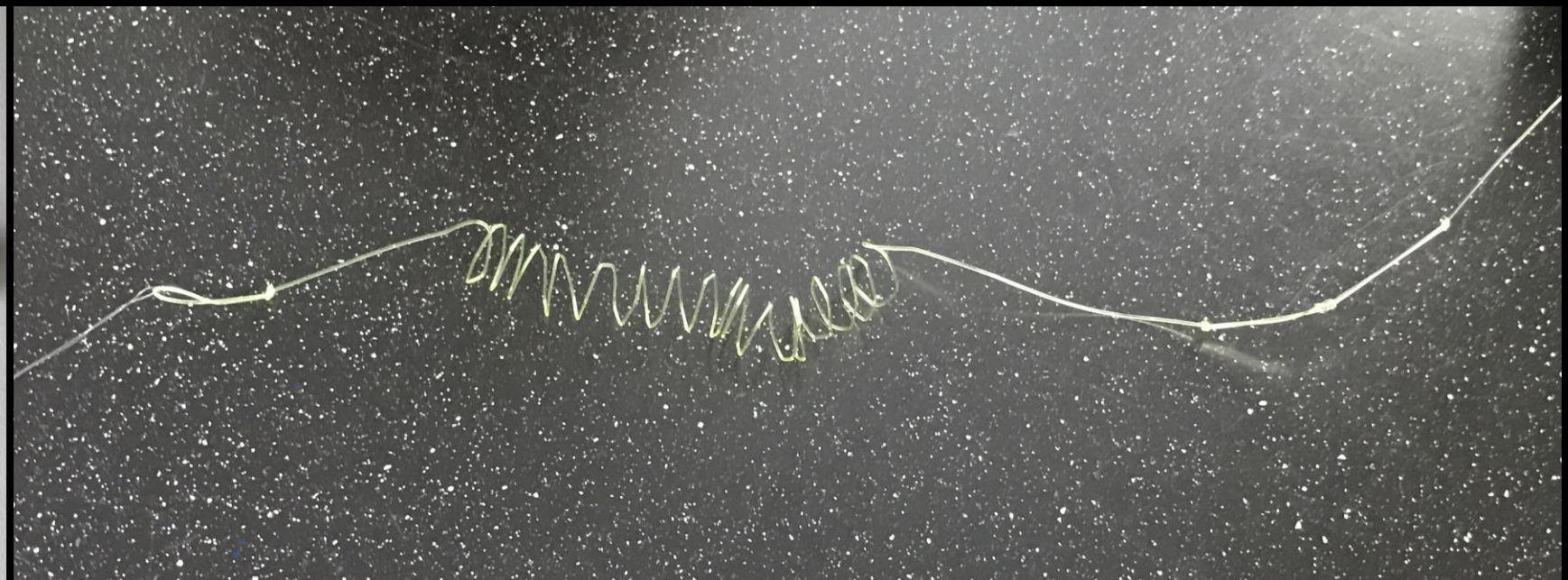
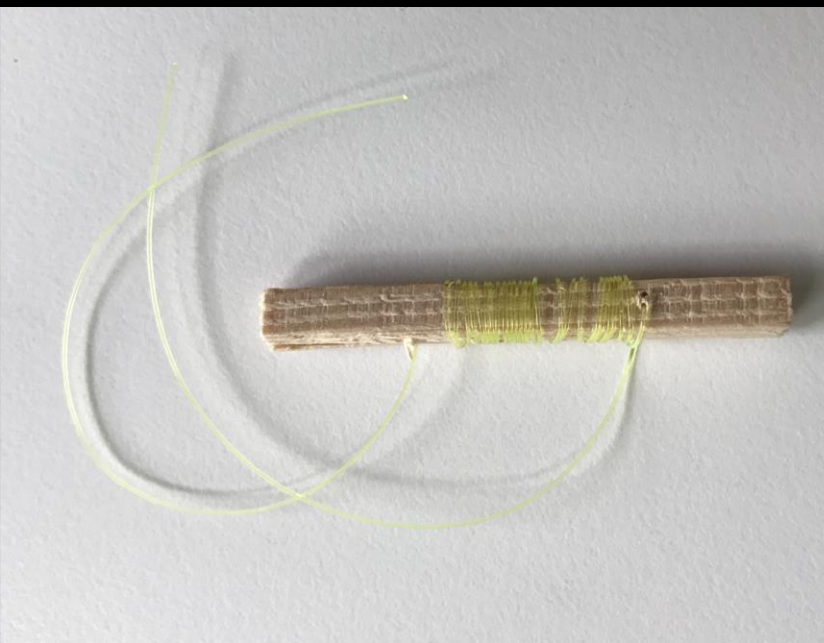
- 9FT FLY ROD OR LONGER
- REEL – HEAVY ENOUGH TO PROPERLY BALANCE YOUR ROD
- FLY LINES (ASK MIKE)
- POLARIZED GLASSES
- TIPPET – FLUOROCARBON
- HOOKS – THE SHARPER THE POINT THE LESS LIKELY YOU WILL LOSE A FISH

# CURLY WURLY SETUP

Wrap approx 20" of golden stren around a wooden dowel or square dowel and screw or tape both ends. I use a square dowel to create square kinks, because they pick up more light and are easier to see in low light.

Place water on the stove, and add 1/3 cup of vinegar to set the line memory.  
When the water boils, add your dowel and boil for 5 minutes

Immediately place in a zip-lock bag and store in the freezer overnight.



# FLIES

- **FALL BAETIS PATTERN**
- FOR THE CROOKED RIVER
- **HOOK** – DOHIKU 300-20 OR SIMILAR SCUD
- STYLE HOOK
- **BEAD** - 3/32 BLACK TUNGSTEN BEAD
- **TAIL** – 4-6 WOOD DUCK FIBERS
- **BODY** – STRIPPED PEACOCK QUILL DYED GOLDEN OLIVE. NOTE: SOAK QUILLS FOR 30 MINS. PRIOR TO TYING FLY AS IT SOFTENS THE QUILL AND MAKE IT EASIER TO USE.
- **THORAX** – TURN TURNS PINE SQUIRREL OR FINE   DARK FUR
- AFTER FLY IS FINISHED, COAT THE BODY WITH SALLY HANSEN'S FINGERNAIL POLISH.



# FLIES

- **CROOKED RIVER MIDGE PATTERN**

- **HOOK** – DOHIKU 644-18 OR SIMILAR SCUD

- **HOOK**

- **BEAD** - 3/32 BLACK TUNGSTEN BEAD

- **TAIL** – TWO BLACK BIOTS TIED BACK-TO-

- **BACK**

- **BODY** – FINE BLACK WIRE

- **THORAX** – TWO TURNS NATURAL GREY OSTRICH FROM A HARDWARE STORE FEATHER DUSTER.

- THE TWO TURNS OF OSTRICH ACTS AS A SHUCK AND THE FISH KEY IN ON IT. THIS PATTERN WILL WORK IN ANY STREAM OR RIVER THAT CONTAINS MIDGES.



# FISHING THE CROOKED RIVER

