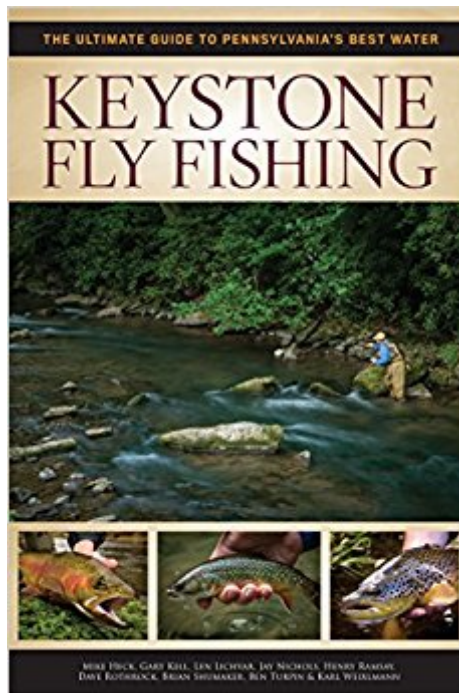




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# Keystone Fly Fishing: The Ultimate Guide To Pennsylvania's Best Water



## Synopsis

The definitive, up-to-date guide to Pennsylvania's best fly fishing by regional experts and guides. Includes over 200 rivers and streams across the state as well as information on where to fish for trout, smallmouth bass, and other game fish species. First ever guidebook to the state written by a group of regional experts (professional guides, fly fishing instructors, lecturers, fly tiers) to provide insider knowledge to the best fishing opportunities. Stunning color photographs, accurate maps (created with GIS), and over 200 local fly patterns are featured.

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Poconos on McMichael Creek. He and wife, Jodie, and children, Andrew and Valery, live in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania. Karl Weixlmann started fly fishing in western New York as a teenager and caught his first steelhead in 1983 from Fourmile Creek in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he has been a fly fishing guide for the last 20 years. A previous contributing writer for the Erie Times News, Weixlmann has also written feature articles for Fly Fisherman magazine and is the author of Great Lakes Steelhead, Salmon and Trout: Essential Techniques for Fly Fishing the Tributaries. He has served as past President of the Pennsylvania Steelhead Association and also the PSA Board of Directors. He lives in Erie, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Lisa, and son, Kyle.

The folks at Headwater Books acknowledged that Pennsylvania has too much area to be covered comprehensively by one writer. Hence they drew on the experiences of nine authors, each of whom wrote specifically on the waters of their home regions and their particular areas of interest. Even then many worthwhile venues were not mentioned. Covering them all was impossible, so the editors wisely elected to present a representative sampling of the many opportunities available. There was also a recognition that fly fishing encompasses more than just the pursuit of trout. Not everyone in the Keystone State lives near great trout streams. Residents of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia must drive considerable distances to reach prime cold water fisheries. For them, fishing those rushing, crystalline mountain flows and fertile mid-state limestone streams is best reserved for occasions when there's time to get away for a few days. Fortunately, persons living in all of our major cities are blessed with plentiful, and superb, warm-water fisheries nearby. I was pleased to see more than lip service paid to bass, panfish, pike and even some rough fishing. This book could have benefited significantly from the inclusion of a few more maps, but the ones it has are very good. Again, there's too much area to effectively show the whole commonwealth in a single volume. The editor admitted as much when he suggested that the best way to extract the most information from this book is to pair it with a DeLorme Atlas & Gazetteer, or even better, detailed topographic maps of the areas you are most interested in. Some of those brookie sheltering headwaters are mighty small and hard to find! It should be noted that the directions given in the text are generally quite good. This is a valuable addition to the libraries of persons who desire to maximize their angling adventures in a state that has more to offer than most.

Almost 600 pages of well thought out and detailed info with maps and color pages of the best current flies and how to tie them using exact components. Broken down into different regions of the state, covering the most popular of the local streams but written by the guides and local experts

from that area. It also includes detailed sections on Steelhead Alley and going for smallies on the Susquehanna and the Yough along with other species but the concentration is on trout.. This is the first book I'd reach for if planning a trip to water I'd never fished. Just published so it's very current on conditions. Well worth the purchase price!

I have purchased numerous fly fishing books throughout the years and this one is without a doubt the most valuable resource for providing essential information on fishing each of these Pennsylvania streams. While I mainly fly fish for trout, it was an added benefit to have the information provided by stream experts on fly fishing the warm waters of Pennsylvania for smallmouth.

Although this is a more aesthetically pleasing book, it doesn't match Landis's "Trout Streams Of Pennsylvania" for detailed information and directions to stream access.

This is the best book on fly fishing in Pennsylvania that I've ever read or purchased! Two of my fishing buddies saw the book and immediately bought it as well.

I was able to learn new access points and other information about the type of water in different sections of a river I usually fish. Multiply that knowledge for one river by a ton of other rivers I've wanted to try in PA and this book is a bargain

Very in-depth review of the many great trout streams in PA. including how to get there and what to expect upon arrival. Somewhat optimistic about the types and variety of fly hatches to be found in many of the streams but it gives the fly fisherman many things to look for while on the stream. A very good reference to carry and keep handy when out scouting new territory. It's up to date and I highly recommend buying it.

Well done. Excellent for the Fishing enthusiast who wants to fish some of Penns Woods greatest places. Bring a camera too.

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