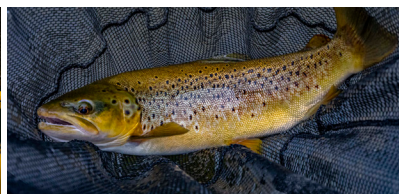


Equipment List – Jigging



The right gear helps make trout jigging more effective and easier to manage on the water. Here's a list of the key equipment, from the basic setup to useful boat and safety gear.

Rod

A 1.8–2.1m (6.5–7ft) light to medium rod with a sensitive tip.

Reel

A lightweight spinning reel with a smooth drag and sufficient line capacity.

Fishing line

Braid in the 4–6kg (8–12lb) range is commonly used.

Fluorocarbon

A spool of fluorocarbon 4–6kg (8–12lb) for attaching a trace to your braided line.

Flies

Small baitfish imitations in a range of sizes and colours. Smelt imitations are particularly effective in lakes where trout are feeding on smelt.

Sinkers

Used to get the flies to the required depth. The weight will depend on the depth being fished and the strength of the wind. Aim to have a range of 1–3oz teardrop sinkers.

Fish finder

An essential piece of equipment for locating trout, identifying their depth and watching how fish respond to your jigs.

Electric trolling motor

A GPS-enabled electric motor makes it easier to hold the boat directly over fish and maintain a vertical presentation.

Drogue

Used to slow the boat's drift in windy conditions when an electric motor is not available.

Landing net

A long-handled net with a suitably large frame and soft or rubber-coated mesh makes landing trout alongside the boat much easier.

GPS

Useful for marking productive areas and returning to locations where trout have been caught or located.

Boat safety equipment

Carry the required safety equipment for your vessel, including lifejackets, communication equipment and other equipment appropriate for the conditions.