

# *Pole, Pack and Paddle*

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*Fly Fishing, Backpacking, Canoes*

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**Spring Orders arriving...** Simms, Temple Fork, Patagonia, Echo, North Face and more are headed this way. Some **new items are arrived this week from Simms and Echo....** New rods, new reels, new Simms Tributary waders for only \$180, the **new ambidexterous Simms sling pack**, and more.... The new Simms Tributary wading boot is being delayed and some Freestone boot sizes won't be available until Apr. If you are shopping for boots, we can check availability...and we are also stocking Chotas. Echo rods is one of **Rajeff Sports'** lines. The reels and rods are excellent and range in price from \$45 and \$90 to higher-priced levels. Also just in are the **rod and reel combos** from Scientific Anglers....these start at **\$125** and have proven to be excellent performers

**See what's new on NC Wildlife.org....** always worth checking to see what's new. Naturally folks want to check the Delayed Harvest stocking schedule....but you can also see the **specific stocking dates for Hatchery Supported** waters. Remember Hatchery Supported designated streams are closed to fishing during the month of March...even though they are being stocked.

**Winter Clothing on SALE...** Despite the current cold and damp weather, all of the insulated winter clothing is on sale at 40% off....quilted garments, fleece jackets and pullovers, **fleece pants for hikers and to wear inside waders...or inside a sleeping bag.** We still have March and early April to get through...and winter in the mountains can linger into even late April.

**Special SALE Simms Freestone 2018 wading jacket...** A great wading jacket for windy, wet and chilly conditions....was \$269....now only \$169...saving \$100 on an excellent shell jacket.

**NEW used gear...** Just in....9wt and 12 wt **custom rods** (\$125) by Florida Outfitters in the Keys and a 9' 9wt 4pc **Loomis GLX rod** (\$350)...priced right. Florida Outfitters apparently used Sage blanks in their rods a number of years ago...but despite the age...these are still quite nice at a good price. Also in are **vintage Lamson (\$45) and FinNor (\$250) fly reels**....all in great shape. If you are looking for heavy fresh water or Saltwater gear, these are well worth considering.

**TU Banquet in Winston...**Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited is having their **banquet on Mar. 2** in Winston-Salem. The banquet is a fun evening with lots of great raffle prizes and auction items, and helps support a number of TU projects and program. Check out more info at **BlueRidgeTU.org**. You can also participate in their **on-line auction before that evening**. **Check the link on their website** for the banquet page and **bid page**. There are definitely some nice trips and items on this **on-line auction**.

**Mystic Reaper X 9' 5wt flyrods**... great reviews on this rod...made in US and retail for \$299.. .Now only \$199....a great buy on an excellent rod..

**Step up with Down...**As anyone knows that has discussed sleeping bags with me, I am a big fan of high quality sleeping bags insulated with Goose Down. I have two slightly used Marmot Down bags for sale. Marmot is one of the leading manufacturers of Down bags. Both have the highly water resistant, **moisture proof** Membrain or Dryloft shells and are fill with premium down.... one bag is rated at **-40 (yes minus 40 degrees)** and the other is rated at 15 degrees. At half their retail price they are a bargain at \$400 and \$300.

**High N Dry....**The best dry fly floatant products on the market. That's a pretty bold claim but their performance backs it up. High N Dry has **4 choices for floatant**: a Gel, a liquid floatant (to pre-treat flies); a powdered floatant and dessiccant; and a powdered floatant with brush applicator. I am stocking all 4 products. So far I have used the gel and the liquid floatant....I'm impressed. If you are fishing dry flies....I think you will also be impressed. I have charts in the store comparing performance of High N Dry other popular floatants.....

**Bear Spray...**due to increasing requests and the potential that the Nat. Forest Service might make Bear Spray mandatory in some areas, we are now stocking the two leading brands.....

**Vibe Kayaks...**Two have arrived and more are on the way. Vibe kayaks has gotten great reviews for performance and value. Less expensive than many comparable models. If you are looking for a recreational or fishing sit on top kayak...definitely check out the Vibe models.

**USED Gear...**I have quite a few "experienced" rods and reels for sale. These include brands like Sage, Orvis, St. Croix and others. If you are looking for a deal and some previously owned top-performing gear, contact me for the list.

*Thanks for shopping and ordering local...your business is important to all of us.*

