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# Think Like a Fish!

**R**on Lauzon demonstrates fly casting as his rapt student shakes her head in disbelief. The line floats out, loops and hovers – as though by magic – before it falls exactly where Ron wants it.

Ron's been fly fishing since 1970 and has studied with many of the best instructors in the sport. As a certified fly casting instructor, he's patient with this beginner and has many rather eccentric tips that he's honed over the years, like putting your thumb in your ear or something as simple as making certain your line is not tangled at your feet – a blunder many anxious beginners overlook. Ron likes to make certain fundamental skills are covered before setting out to catch that fish.

"Fly fishing is so much more than catching a fish," says Ron "It's about finesse and technique. It's about being comfortable in the great outdoors. Reading a river. Thinking like a fish. Once you learn these basics, you'll be surprised how many more fish you'll catch."

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Ron is one of many dedicated fishing guides and outfitters in the Territory who can adapt their approach for everyone from rank beginners to experts. Want a placid lake or maybe a wild & scenic river? They'll get you there. Stand on a bank or fish from a boat? They'll make it happen. Don't have the gear? No worries.

So there you are, casting into clear, pristine water – a riffle here, a waterfall over there, mosses and fern clinging to banks, tall cedar and fir surrounding you, not a sound except the whirr of your line as it soars and lands delicately on the surface. You're outfitted, you've got the right equipment and you've cultivated your skills with grace and flair. You've learned how to read the river. Your fly lands just right, enough upstream to drift down with the current. You wait. You watch. You wonder what it's like to see that fly from underwater...Hey! you're thinking like a fish. Guess what? With the help of excellent instructor-guides like Ron Lauzon, you've mastered the art of fly-fishing.

And what's next? Fish on!