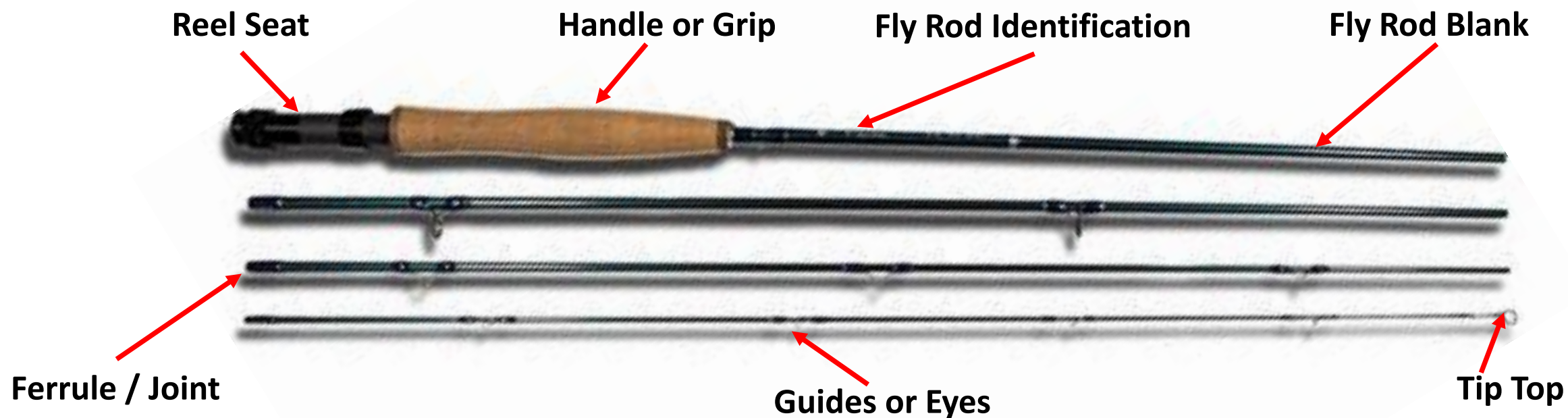




## Fly Rod Terminology



- **Piece** – with fly rods this refers to the number of sections the fly rod will break down into.
- **Fighting Butt** - heavier weight fly rods 6 and up may have a “fighting butt”, this is an added piece the handle assembly below the reel seat. Used to stabilize the round when reeling in strong fish.



## Fly Rod Identification



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Shown on this fly rod as: **9 ft - 5 wt – Fast – 4 pcs**

Fly rods have four key characteristics:

1. **Length** – the overall length of the fly rod, usually in feet. Most common length is 8 ½ or 9 feet.
2. **Weight** – weight aligns with the fly line the rod is designed to cast. Most common freshwater fly rods are 4 to 7 weight. The higher the weight number equates to a heavier line. (Do not confuse with breaking strength)
3. **Action** – describes the general bending action. Example: “Slow Action” fly rod will bend to the grip. “Fast Action” rod may only bend in the top ¼ of the rod length.
4. **Sections** – most fly rods are either a 2 or 4 section. (The fly rod will breakdown for better transportation)

# Recommended Fly Rods



## Fly Rod Recommendation



**Quick Answer:** If you don't currently have a fly rod and plan on fly fishing in freshwater for trout and medium size bass a **9 foot, 5 weight fly rod with a Medium Fast Action** is a great starting point. Most will be 4 pcs (sections), look for a fly rod with a breakage warranty. Common breakage warranties are from one year to lifetime.

If you know what kind of fish you will be pursuing check out the chart below for guidance.

## Fly Rod Weight Selection



Weight	Species	Type of Water Body
1 - 4	Small Trout, Sunfish	Small Streams and Ditches
4 - 6	Typical Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Medium to Large Rivers, Lakes
6 - 8	Largemouth Bass, Striped Bass, Carp, Small Steel Head and Salmon	Lakes, Medium to Large Rivers and Inshore Saltwater
8 - 10	Large Steelhead, Salmon, Bonefish Permit and Snook	All Feshwater Rivers Getting RUNS of Mature Fish, Inshore Saltwater
10 +	Tarpon, Giant Trevally, Sailfish	Saltwater and Open Water