

CARING FOR A BAMBOO FLY ROD

Always keep your rod clean and dry, and likewise keep the bag in the same order. Wipe it down with cotton cloth after use.

Never store a damp, dirty rod in a damp, dirty bag.

Never store a rod in a hot car or damp basement.

Always keep ferrules meticulously clean, inside and out. NO NOSE GREASE. A sparing amount of WD-40 is o.k.

Always push ferrules home as far as they will comfortably go.

Never twist or wrench a ferrule. If it is crooked, take apart and start over.

Always make sure you have enough space when assembling and taking down a rod. Look up! Beware of ceiling fans.

Consider not storing your rod in the tube for long periods.

Tubes are for protecting the rod in transit. Let it breathe.

Always walk through brush holding the rod behind you by the grip so as not to run into obstructions.

It is a good practice to always take your rod down the first thing after fishing and put it away safely.

Always hang your rod in a bag with the thin ends up, in a dark place. Hint: Hanging in a clothes closet deters theft as well.

Never leave a rod leaning against anything (especially a car), or store a rod horizontally.

Always point a rod straight down the line when trying to free snagged tackle, or, better still, lay it down out of harm's way and pull on the line to free a snagged fly.

Always play a fish at the lowest possible angle. Too high an angle not only may damage the rod but actually *decreases* pressure on the fish. Sometimes play the fish by holding the rod upside down to even the stress on the tip.

Never stick hooks in a cork handle.

Never varnish, oil or wax a cork handle.

Clean cork handles with small amount of mild detergent and water.