

New tackle continued



Info | Redington Core Performance X rod 10ft 7wt £279.99

9 IF you're a fan of fast action rods then get your hands on the new CPX from Redington. The four-piece rods are built on high modulus Toray graphite blanks and Redington say 'generate blistering speed when asked'.

The 10ft 7wt I tested certainly deserved the tag of very fast action with the flex coming from the top two foot of the tip when casting short to medium range lines. That's not to say that the rest of the rod was as stiff as a broom handle because it wasn't, the flex increased as longer lengths of line were aerialised.

This rod is best suited to an experienced caster with good timing as it's not forgiving if you make a mistake. You need a shorter casting stroke to get the best out of the blank. But if you are after distance with crisp, accurate presentation, this rod will produce.

Under maximum strain (playing a fish under your feet or close to the boat) this rod shows its true strength. It has the ability to knock fish over quickly so you can return them to the water or despatch them quickly, a real plus point!

The jet-black blank with a silver trim has two Pacific Bay lined titanium stripping guides, nine hard chrome snakes and a hayfork tip ring. All rod sections have alignment dots, length and weight designation so similar sections can't be mixed up. The handle is fitted with a woven graphite and alloy uplocking alloy reel seat.

Comes in a rod bag and a cordura-covered rod tube with zip top and carry handle. A 10ft 8wt model is also available at the same price.

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TECH SPEC

Length:	10ft
Line rating:	7wt
Sections:	Four
Weight:	4.20Z
Action:	Fast tip
Handle:	Full wells handle, fighting butt

RIO NIPPERS £9.99

10 THE jaws of these stainless steel nippers have been angled so you can get close in to small flies or knots, easily clipping away excess tippet material. They are also exceptionally sharp, coping with leader materials as light as 8oz up to 80-100lb - should you ever need to! They are a simple construction of sprung stainless steel and a small lozenge-shaped hole milled at one end allows you to hang the nippers on a zinger or pigtail retractor. The nippers weigh just four grams and are 5cm long.

Verdict: Compact and cutting edge

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STILLWATER BEAD SELECTIONS £4.99

11 IF you're not sure which size of metal bead you want, a selection pack like the one from Glasgow Angling Centre is a good starting point. The silver and gold bead assortments come in a circular dispenser with six compartments housing 3mm, 4mm and 5mm round beads. They have precision drilled holes, one side being countersunk, which makes for easier fitting over angled hook bends and also means you can lose your whip finish neatly behind the head. The beads have a good finish and are bright in colour.

Verdict: Good starter selection

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FULLING MILL EG CLEAR FLY BOXES £10.95

12 FULLING Mill's lightweight clear fly boxes are supplied with three fly patterns to get you started - a nice touch. The boxes measure 15cm x 9cm x 2.5cm. One box has a central leaf with ripple foam on both sides, ideal for general wet flies. The second design has 10 large compartments in the base, ideal for storing delicate dries, and the central leaf has ripple foam on one side (the flat side forming the lid of the compartment section). The third box is similar but with 16 smaller compartments in the base.

Verdict: View flies at a glance

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GREYS CAP LIGHT £5.99 & 3D CAP £16.99

13 THE cap light is a lightweight (26gr) and functional gadget that clips to the front of any cap peak. Its 'stealth' design means it doesn't get in the way of your viewing. Clip it on so the light is on the underside of the peak and then the hinged light can be adjusted to shine directly downwards onto your hands or straight out in front. It has an on-off button, a single press producing a tactical single red beam, a second press giving a double white LED light. Comes with two 3V CR2032 batteries for 25 hours continuous use.

Also pictured is the Greys 'one size fits all' cap in dark navy blue with a red underside to the peak and featuring the 'Born to fish' logo. It is made from 100% cotton and has a comfortable stretch sweatband on the inside.

Verdict: Directional light at the touch of a button

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