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CHOOSING Cane

Don’t be intimidated by the vast array of bamboo rods available. Armed with a few basic concepts and the willingness to cast a lot of rods, you can find the perfect stick for you (and your wallet).

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Traditional Rod Shops

Traditional, handmade bamboo fly rods are the basic categories (such as a forth, “Vannies,” which is a nod to the Tacoma Wildcats) in which we place our rods. There are the traditionalists—crafters with tools to produce the most recognizable bamboo rods—such as the American Fly Rod, the American Fly Rod, and the American Fly Rod. The American Fly Rods are the best for their ability to produce the finest rods, however, if it’s a rod for a collector or an enthusiast, the American Fly Rod is the best choice.