



Oregon's Redband Trout Routes

by Marlon Rampy

When we think of Oregon fly fishing, many of us focus only on the *Deschutes*, the *Rogue* and the *Umpqua*. But, as we're about to discover, thinking in only those terms would be seriously shortchanging ourselves and Oregon. **Our May 10th presenter, Marlon Rampy will show us many impressive trout opportunities, including Oregon's famous redband variety, that exist along central Oregon's north-south Highway 97.**

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (fish up to 20 pounds!) are quietly swimming, finning, and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes along Oregon's lovely 97. **From the Klamath Basin all the way to Bend, Marlon Rampy will show us about this fantastic fly fishing playground.**

Today, Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for more than two decades and, from all testimonials (many from our own members), has achieved his goal of becoming an outstanding guide. He has fished for Rogue steelhead and the trophy trout throughout the Klamath Basin. For nineteen years Marlon worked with the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the *Williamson* before setting up his independent guide service. *The Williamson remains his top favorite for large native trout.* Situated within 45 minutes of Crater Lake National Park, the Lodge is also near a major flyway and the Klamath National Wildlife Preserve, where multitudes of birdlife are in abundant evidence.

A highly accomplished and admired photographer, Marlon's work can be found in *Northwest Fly Fishing* magazine, *CATCH* webzine, *Flyfishing and Tying Journal* and many Amato Publications. He practices catch and release fishing techniques, recognizing that the native Klamath Basin redband trout is a limited resource and more than worthy of this practice.

Since its inception in 1995, **Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing**, has steadily gained a dedicated and popular following as a quality fly fishing experience. For more information go to: <https://www.flyfishoregon.com/>