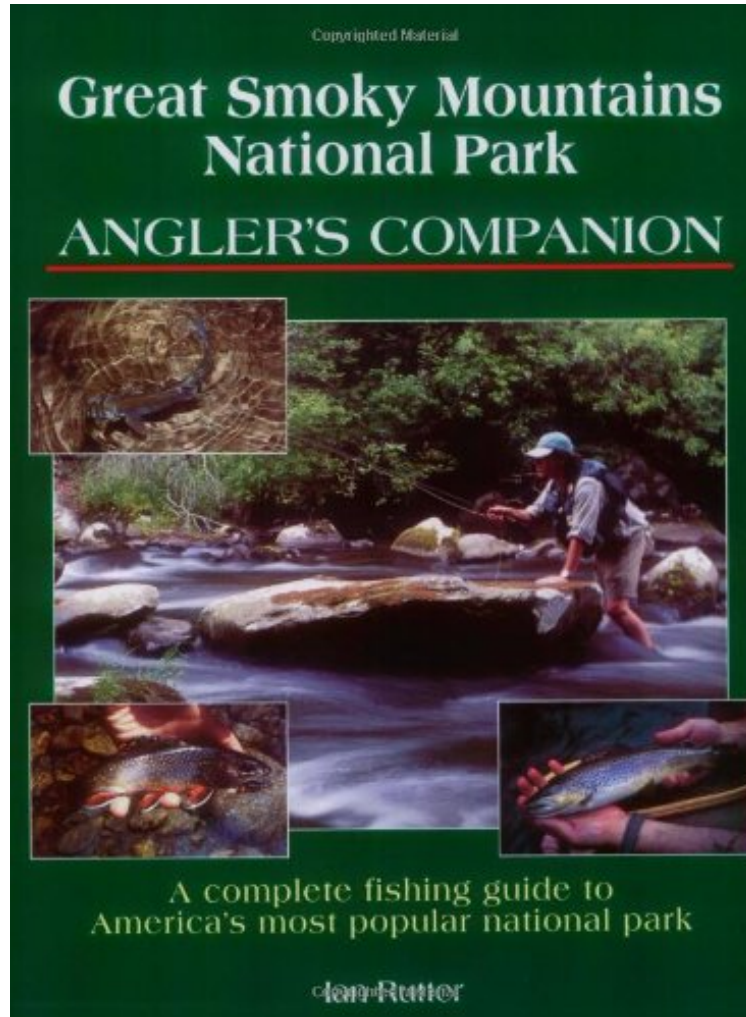


## Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion

*Ian Rutter*

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**Ian Rutter : Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Complete Guide Not Very Complete By FlyFisher Although other reviewers laud this little guidebook, as an experienced Catskill Mountain fisherman, I did not find it particularly helpful in planning my trip to the Smokey Mountains. It should, however, meet the needs of those whose first fly fishing efforts on freestone streams will take place on those in the Smokey Mountains. Thirty of its 67 pages are devoted to basic fly fishing information about freestone stream fishing and the two pages on fly patterns present popular patterns in use everywhere. The stream descriptions were brief and limited to very basic info about them. I did like the area maps and the symbols above each stream indicating fish species present and access type, i.e. drive in,

canoe through, hike in, camp on, etc. Ian Rutter, the author, and his wife, Charity, have some useful info on their website (R R Flyfishing Store), as well as some informative YouTube videos on the Internet. I would suspect that the publisher, Frank Amato, limited Ian to a set number of pages, so the book could be moderately priced. Without such limits, I believe Ian could easily write a book about fishing in the Smokey Mountains that would appeal to more experienced freestone anglers like myself. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The Bible for GSMNP Anglers...By T. Chandler A tribute to concise writing, Ian's book imparts exactly the amount of information needed to plan and fish the Smokies. I'm a dedicated fly fisher from Northern California who travels to Tennessee each Spring, and while there are other guide books describing the park, Ian's is the best at capturing the flavor of each stream and river. What shines through all the information is Rutter's obvious love for these streams, rivers, and typically smallish trout. Indeed, he's widely regarded as a leading expert on the Brook Trout of the park, and even helps the scientific teams gather data about the range and recovery of the native Brook trout. Adding a love of fly fishing to that level of knowledge - and wrapping it up in a direct, friendly writing style - and you've got a winner. Thumbs up. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fishing in the smokies By Customer Must read if you are going to the smokies.

Between the weather, geology, geographic location, entomology, native plant life, and fisheries management policies have combined to create daunting obstacles for the Great Smoky Mountain fly-angler. In this book, Ian Rutter unlocks the secrets of this gorgeous region, including: trout streams, game fish, fishing methods, fishing seasons, catching larger trout, trout flies, and more. Some of the streams are closed to fishing for the study and preservation of brook trout populations, but those that are open to fishing are described individually, including fish species, productive flies and techniques, stream features, access, easy-to-read icons, and more. If you are fortunate enough to fish this beautiful, historical area of America, this handbook will be your perfect guide.

About the Author As a volunteer for the fisheries division and employee at the most-visited fly shop near the park, Ian Rutter is very familiar with fly-fishing in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He has given numerous presentations across the Southeast, and currently has an instructional fly-fishing video in production.