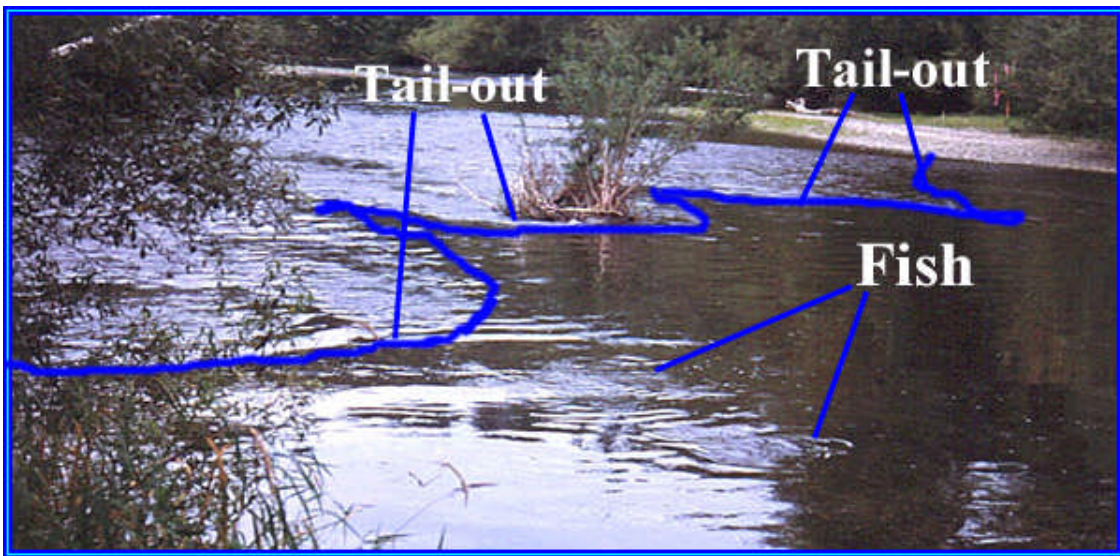


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Reading water is easy but can intimidate some anglers when it comes to finding holds. Tail-outs are productive places to fish, but should only be fished after covering the upper reaches of pools.

In all cases, a tail-out will have crescent shapes to them, whether convex or concave. They are prime holds for migrating fish after swimming up through riffles, which have fast currents. Ideally, it's best to look at water before fishing and tail-outs have some of the most dramatic tell-tail signs. Look for boils, ringlets, and waves going in the wrong direction; they might look like arrows on the surface.

To properly fish a tail-out cast upriver and drift leaders to the hold letting the mainline swing in an arch form. It is the "swing" of the drift that most strikes are made, and fly anglers love it. Complete the drift by allowing the current to carry offerings to the surface before reeling in. This is the most productive way to fish the hold without the risk of spooking fish.

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