



Orkney Springs Outfitters was founded in 2021 by information technology executive David Clark who set out with the goal of making fly fishing more accessible to beginners and more immersive for those experienced at the craft by offering them private access and camping on the Upper South River where the outfit has a 42 acre farm on the fly fishing only section. OSO offers half and full day trips to other fly fishing only waters in Virginia where we take clients for fly fishing excursions. Inquire today about your customized adventure, we can take you almost anywhere!

Orkney Springs Outfitters with other guide services to provide education weekends and support corporate outings with real-world fly-fishing success methods that aim to get clients on fish quickly while still enjoying the outdoors, quality exercise, great food and good company!

Orkney Springs Outfitters teamed up with Shrine Mont in 2022 to begin offering an immersive Introduction to Fly Fishing weekend course designed to teach students about the intricacies of fly fishing with hands on instruction that covers everything from tying flies and casting to pond and river fishing at the South River for trout. Lodging and meals are included in the package. Join the fun today!

About Your Guides

David Clark

David learned to tie flies at the age of 12, selling them to the old anglers at Columbia Fish & Game in Lancaster Pennsylvania. He finally learned to fly fish at the age of 15 with the help of a local fly shop owner. After several trips to New Mexico, Colorado, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and West Virginia over the next several decades, David decided to immerse himself in the craft by dedicating 110 days during the 2020-2021 fly fishing season to study many of the fly-fishing destinations here in Virginia and the fly patterns they support. Armed with this knowledge – and private access water - he started Orkney Springs Outfitters for both beginners and advanced practitioners.

Ryan Ross

Ryan Ross is a combat veteran, native to Shenandoah County and an avid outdoorsman. His military service allowed him to travel around the country including out West, where he honed his fishing, guiding and teaching skills. He eventually came back to his home waters where he lives with his wife and three sons. Mr. Ross owns a local fly shop in Bryce, VA offering local fly-fishing guide services.

Phillip Kauffman

Phillip Kauffman is a Marine Veteran and the owner of Bull Mountain Guides out of Highland County Virginia. Mr. Kauffman started his guiding career in 2017 after going to the Gallatin River Guide School in Bozeman, MT where he continues his passion as a volunteer with Warriors and Quiet Waters. Through this organization, he and his wife – who is also an avid fly angler - help recovering Veterans by taking them fly fishing. Phillip enjoys teaching clients to fly-fish as much as he does catching fish on a fly rod.