

## EFFA Meeting Czech Republic 2023

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I always look forward to the annual EFFA meeting.

There I not only meet many colleagues and friends of fly fishing, but also have the opportunity to pass on my knowledge about casting to interested fellow fly fishers

At the end of May, EFFA was the guest of Jan Siman in Sucice. Jan has a nice fly fishing shop there and got us fishing licenses in different parts of the Otava river.

In return, the EFFA casting instructors gave casting lessons to local fly fishermen on Saturday. More than 30 enthusiasts found their way to the local sports park, where they were able to acquire new skills under our guidance in a varied rotation system. Lots of new insights for fishermen who normally use the Czech nymphing method where casting the line is of no/less importance. A very effective way to catch the fish when they only feed from the bottom.

In the afternoon it was the other way around and the local specialists explained and showed us Czech nymphing.

On Sunday we were able to go fishing in the Otava again. Jan gave us valuable tips and showed us the best spots. The highlight of the day for me was catching a 49 cm rainbow trout in beautiful weather and in a wonderful area.

So not only was it a nice weekend personally but also a great meeting for the EFFA in the spirit of

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