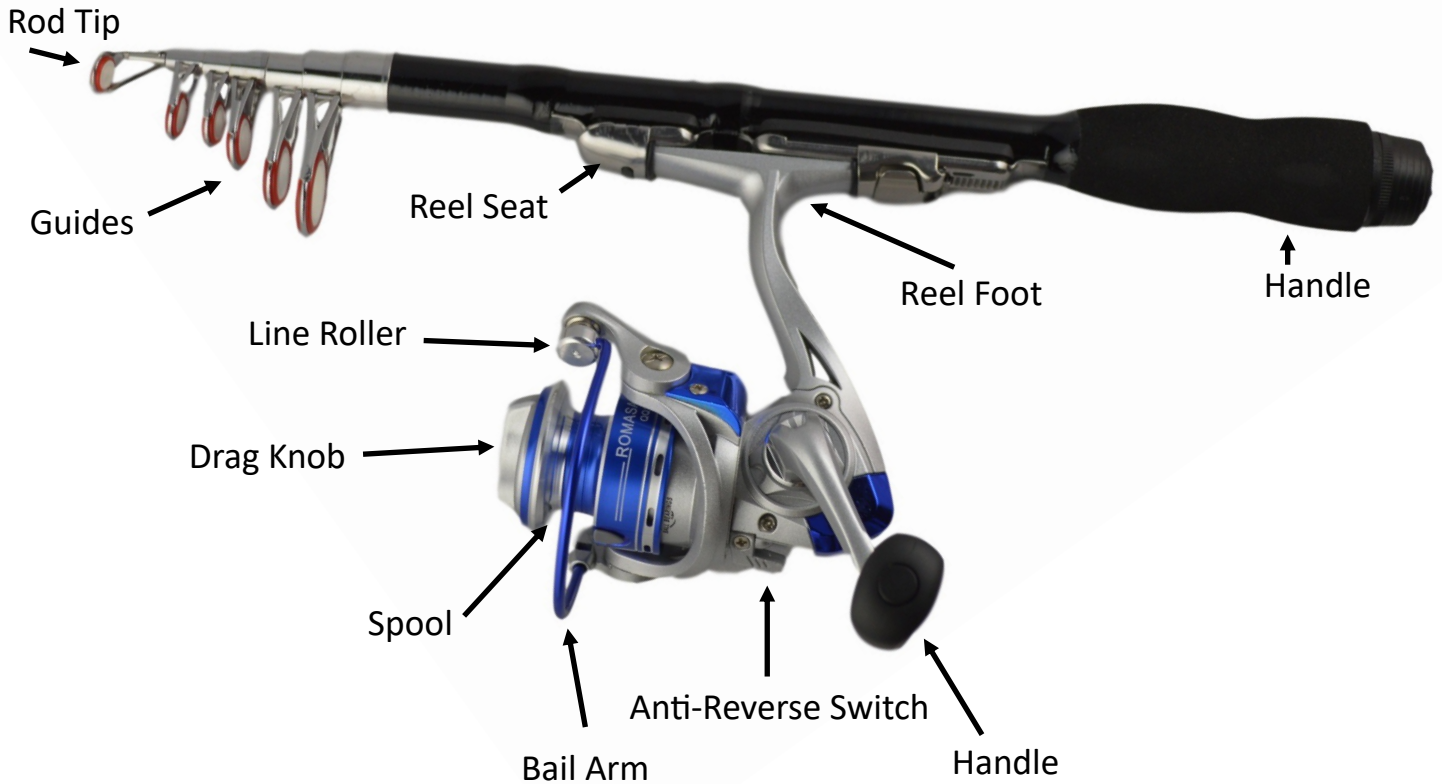


Instructions for the GoBackTrail Fishing Rod and Reel



The Reel

- Spool
 - The Spool is what the fishing line is wound around.
- Handle
 - When the handle turns, line is forced back into the reel
 - The handle can be switched from left handed to right handed
- Bail
 - The bail is a metal arm that can stop the line from coming out of the spool
 - When “closed”, little to no line can come out of the spool
 - When “open”, line can come out of the spool freely
- Reel Foot
 - The reel foot is what firmly connects the rod to the reel
- Drag Knob
 - The drag knob allows you to set how easily line can come out of the spool when the bail is closed
 - When the knob is “tightened”, line cannot come out of the spool as easily with the bail closed
 - When the knob is “loosened”, line can come out of the spool with greater or lesser degrees of force applied when the bail is closed
- Line Roller
 - The line roller accurately guides the line from the spool to the rod.
- Anti-Reverse Switch
 - The anti-reverse switch stops the spool from being able to turn in reverse.

The Rod

- Rod Tip
 - The tip is the last 4 inches of the rod and is the thinnest part of the rod to help you feel when a fish bites
 - Caution: Be aware of where the tip of your rod is, as it is the easiest part of the rod to break
- Guides
 - Guides are circles that the line passes through and are there to keep the line close to the rod
- Reel Seat
 - The reel seat is the part of the pole that the reel foot connects to that secures the reel to the pole
- Handle
 - The handle is made of a softer material than the rod, as it is what you will be holding the entire time you are fishing

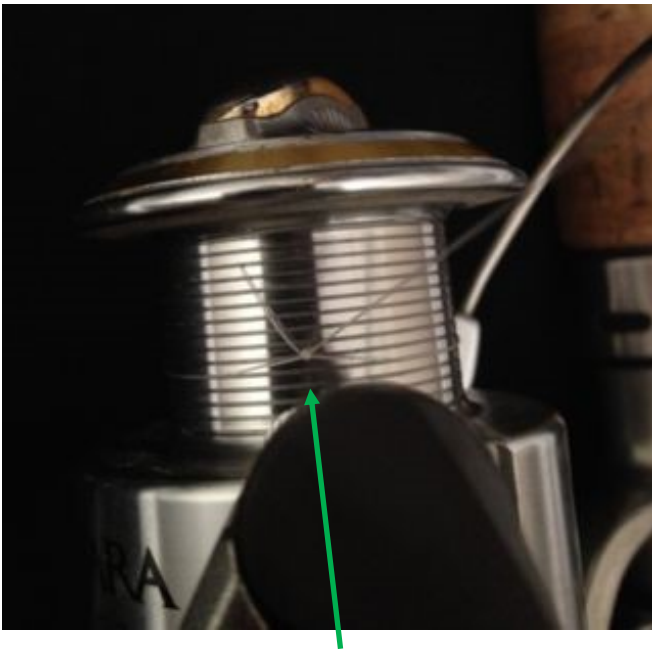
Step 1: Connect the Reel to the Rod



1. Loosen the reel seat on the rod. Do this by lifting up on the small lever on the slide as shown above
2. Make the reel seat big enough so that reel foot can fit
3. Place the reel foot into the reel seat
4. Tighten the reel seat by pushing the rear slide forward and push down on the lever.



Step 2: Spool the Reel



Knot Tied



Hold line and turn the handle

1. Open the Bail
2. Placed the line around the reel once
3. Tie a standard knot (technically the "Overhand knot") so that the line is wrapped and tied around the spool
4. Tie another knot just to make sure
5. Cut the loose piece of line approximately 1/4" away from the reel
6. Close the bail
7. Make sure the anti-reverse switch is set so that the spool will only go in one direction
8. Hold the line about a foot away from the reel. Keep some tension on the line while you reel it in
9. Turn the handle of the reel until the desired amount of line is on the reel
 - The amount of line needed depends on what weight of line you are using.
 - Look at the spool and you will see the weight of the line and how many feet the reel will support

Step 3: String the Rod and Add Tackle

1. Grab the tip of the line with one hand
2. Open the bail arm with the other hand
3. Place the line through each of the rod guides starting with the bottom one.
4. Tie onto the end of the line either a swivel or your favorite tackle

Step 4: Set the Drag Knob



1. Turn the drag knob clockwise to tighten or counterclockwise to loosen
2. Manually pull line from your reel to determine how the drag has been effected
3. Repeat these steps until the drag is sat at a desirable amount
 - It will take experience to determine what to set your drag to
 - If you don't know set the drag on the loose side as setting it too tight can cause the line to break when reeling in a fish
 - Setting the drag should always be done before you start fishing. However, you CAN change the drag while fishing. If you realize the drag is too loose tighten it a bit. If it is too tight then loosen it a bit.
 - If the drag is too loose the fish can easily take line out of the reel. The hook will have too little tension in the fish's mouth, allowing the fish to spit the hook out
 - If the drag is too tight, the rod will be bending a lot and the fish will not be taking the line out.
4. It is important to note that when reeling in a fish, the fish should be able to take line from the reel (unless the fish is very small). How tight the drag will be depends on what size of fish you are fishing for and what weight of line your are using.