Fishing — free fly fishing basics courses start on Saturday

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Paul Buchanan, a columnist at The Edinburgh Reporter, tying a fly on The Almond near Livingston Rugby Club last summer. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Orvis in Edinburgh start their free learn fly fishing basics courses this weekend — perfect for the opening of the trout season on 15 March 2017 — and they are designed for beginners of all ages,

The course includes free lessons on fly casting and outfit rigging and all you need to to is to call a store associate on 0131 226 6227 for details. Class spaces are limited. Call or pop into the shop in Hope Street, Edinburgh to reserve a spot.

A spokesman said: "Fly fishing is a sport the whole family can participate in. All ages are welcome to attend this storebased cours, but those under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Bring the whole family and learn what this great sport is all about."

The dates are:

March: Saturdays 11, 18, 25 April: Saturday 1, Sunday 23

May: Monday 1, Saturday 6, Friday 19, Monday 29

June: Thursday 8, Saturday 24

July: Saturdays 1, 15, 29

August: Saturday 12, Monday 28 September: Saturday 9, Friday 22

October: Saturdays 14, 28