**LIFE STAGES of the RAINBOW TROUT**

**SPAWNING ADULTS**
Trout swim back to their home streams to lay eggs in nests, called redds, on the bottom of the stream. Trout often spawn several times throughout their lives.

**EGGS**
At this stage, eggs are buried in the gravel of small streams. The tiny fish absorb oxygen through the shells of their eggs.

**FRY**
Maturing trout - called fry - live in gentle water along the stream bank and focus on finding food to grow and build their strength.

**Alevins**
Newly hatched trout breathe with gills and get food from a yolk sac attached to their bellies.

Trout thrive best in water temperatures between 45 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Within this range, the warmer the water, the more rapidly trout grow.

**Emerging Fry**
Enlarged illustration of a baby fish - called an alevin - inside the egg.

Actual size of egg: 1/4 inch
Actual size of alevin: 3/4 inch

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