



Montana Fly Fishing Guides LLC is excited to be part of your upcoming fly fishing vacation. As our repeat guests will attest, your time in our part of Montana is sure to be a memorable experience – from great fishing opportunities to unparalleled scenery and the lasting camaraderie that can only be found while fishing.

We are based in Livingston, Montana near Paradise Valley, along the banks of the Yellowstone River - conveniently located an hour north of Yellowstone National Park. This area of Montana is home to literally hundreds of miles of blue ribbon trout streams and is considered to be the Mecca of trout fishing in the western United States.

GETTING TO LIVINGSTON

Air Travelers: Fly into Bozeman/Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) which is located about 35 minutes west of Livingston. The airport is small, but modern with direct flights being added yearly. A number of major airlines including Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontiers, and United Air fly here and most vehicle rental agencies are present.

Driving Travelers: Take I-90 to US HWY 89 at exit 333. To head toward downtown Livingston take US HWY 89 north about 4 miles, or head South toward Yellowstone National Park depending on your lodging location.

LODGING OPTIONS

There are many lodging options throughout the area from chain hotels, rental houses, cabins and full service lodges. Keep in mind that our part of Montana is an extremely popular destination for not only anglers, but also wildlife viewers, travelers to Yellowstone National Park, and many other outdoor enthusiasts - so lodging availability can be limited. We recommend you **book your lodging at least 6 months in advance** for the busy summer season which occurs July through September.

Montana Fly Fishing Guides is partnered with and endorses Yellowstone Valley Lodge in Paradise Valley. We jointly offer full Stay & Fish Packages that include lodging, meals and guided fishing. We also have a list of recommend guest houses, lodges, cabins, bed & breakfasts, or hotels if you prefer. If you are interested in other lodging options please contact us directly for a **Preferred Lodging List**.

FISHING SCHEDULE

Our fishing days typically start around 8:00 AM and last about 8 hours in the summer months. Later starts and shorter fishing days are common in the early Spring and Fall months. We are happy to accommodate a customized fishing timeframe for you, so please let us know in advance of your trip.

We often meet our anglers at their place of lodging, or a local fly shop to begin our fishing day. As our guides are highly sought after they will most likely be out on the water on the day of your arrival, but you can always contact Eric Adams with any last minute questions or concerns.

GUIDED DAYS INCLUDE

Your fishing days will include professional guide service, shuttles, box lunch, all flies and all incidental materials (tippet, leaders, floatant etc...), as well as free transportation to and from your lodging or designated meeting location. We can also provide rods & reels if you prefer. You will need to bring or rent your own wading gear. If you would like to rent gear we work closely with several fly shops that can provide gear for a reasonable cost per day. For a complete list of recommended gear please see our **WHAT TO BRING SECTION** (below).

GUIDE DAYS EXCLUDE

Our guided fishing days do not include Montana fishing license, Yellowstone Park fishing license (if needed), alcohol, personal gear such as waders, wading boots, river sandals, polarized sunglasses, rain gear, or weather appropriate clothing. We are happy to arrange or recommend how, when and where to get these items upon request. See our **WHAT TO BRING SECTION** (below) for more information or contact us directly.

FISHING LICENSES

Montana fishing licenses are not covered in your package deal or daily rate for fishing. Waiting in a fly shop the first morning of your trip is the last thing you'll want to do, so we highly recommend you purchase your fishing license **PRIOR** to your arrival. You can stop at one of several fly shops upon your arrival in Livingston or purchased online at <https://app.mt.gov/als/index/index.html>. Once online you will be given options for number of fishing days – licenses are sold in consecutive 2 day increments. ***Make sure the license is valid on your guided fishing dates.***

Yellowstone National Park fishing licenses can only be purchased in person. Most fly shops carry the 3 day, 10 day or season licenses. Again we recommend purchasing these in advance **ONLY IF** you are planning on fishing YNP.

FOOD & ALCOHOL

We work with several fine catering companies that provide our box lunches and have a variety of options, so make sure to tell us in advance if you have preferences or dietary concerns for your guided fishing days.

Guides can not provide alcohol, but you are welcome to bring your favorite beer/cocktail with you on the boat. We enjoy a good time on the river as much as anyone, but please consider your safety and know your limits during the day. Remember we are at a higher altitude and alcohol will affect you more strongly.

GUIDE GRATUITIES

Gratuities are left entirely to the discretion of our fishing guests. However, tipping guides for their service, not necessarily how many fish you caught, is common practice. ***Keep in mind that on a tough day of fishing your guide worked much harder for you than when fishing is easy.*** Guides are generally tipped in cash either daily or on your final day of fishing (if you fish multiple days with the same guide). You may pay this directly to your guide or include it on your final payment for the trip. Typical gratuities are \$90-120/guide per fishing day (not per angler).

COMMUNICATION

Cellular service is good throughout Montana with both Verizon and AT&T. However, Sprint, T-Mobile and many other carriers have little to no coverage, so plan accordingly. Keep in mind that some of our fishing locations, such as Yellowstone National Park have no cellular coverage regardless of the carrier.

DEPOSIT POLICY

Prior to 30 days: a 25% deposit is required to secure a reservation. Within 30 days: a 100% deposit is required to secure a reservation. Balance is due within 30 days of the trip.

❧ CANCELLATION POLICY ❧

Prior to 30 days of arrival: the deposit is refundable less a \$75 processing fee when accompanied by written cancellation.

Within 30 days of arrival: The entirety of your balance will be retained by Montana Fly Fishing Guides, LLC. as a cancellation fee. This fee goes to cover the costs of our guides, as we are unlikely to rebook the trip on such short notice. Because of our reliance on advanced bookings and operation in good faith, we make no exceptions to our cancellation policy. If you are at all concerned with a cancellation possibility, we encourage you to purchase trip insurance.

❧ TRIP INSURANCE ❧

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip insurance. Unexpected events do arise and travel insurance is very reasonable. Insurance on a \$3000 fishing trip will cost between \$100-\$140 depending provider. There are many good travel insurance providers, but we recommend you investigate reputable companies such as AAA Insurance or Travelguard and find a plan that suites your needs.

❧ HEALTH CONCERNS & EMERGENCIES ❧

We ask that all our guests take into consideration the rural nature of the location and activities where they will find themselves. While much of Montana has access to 911 service and modern medical facilities in Livingston, we ask that you ***please inform us of any food allergies, medical conditions or health concerns you or any of your party may have PRIOR to your fishing days.*** These conditions may include but are not limited to food allergies, reactions to bee stings, diabetes, heart conditions, history of seizures, communicable diseases or any other health issues that may limit your activity level.

Our fishing guides are all First Aid certified, carry first aid kits and most have more advanced training in CPR and Wilderness First Aid Responder courses. ***These concerns will be kept strictly confidential*** between Eric Adams and the guide, but as responsible first responders we need to be aware of existing conditions to ensure both parties health and safety.

❧ WHAT TO BRING ❧

- ♦ Montana Fishing License or Yellowstone National Park License— see section above for details
- ♦ Rod & Reel (can be provided if you prefer) Line weights from 5 to 7 with floating fly lines
A 9 foot 6 wt is perfect for almost everything. Many of our guests find a combination of two rods is best. For example: a 5wt for dry flies & a 6wt for streamers, nymphs or windy days
- ♦ Wading Boots – ***PLEASE REMOVE ALL STUDS*** as they can damage the drift boats and rafts
- ♦ Water Shoes or Sandals - for wet wading on warmer days
- ♦ Waders - breathable waders are the only way to go
- ♦ Rain Gear - should be taken ***EVERY DAY*** as our mountain weather can change quickly
- ♦ Layers of clothing – dramatic weather changes are the norm in the mountains even in summer
- ♦ Waterproof Bag - for personal items you bring in the boat
- ♦ Sunscreen – our high altitude and low humidity allow for scorching rays
- ♦ Hat - this not only provides better vision it protects you against hooks and fly lines
- ♦ Sunglasses - quality polarized sunglasses are a must
- ♦ Cash - for guide gratuities and less expensive licenses
- ♦ Camera or Smartphone
- ♦ Waterproof case or carrier for smartphones and other valuables