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WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS FIVE-DAY PACKAGE (OPTIMAL)

Angler: \$2200 per person

Custom Trips Available Upon Request

Fishing Licenses not included in price of excursions/trips. For license information check out Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks.

WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIP

This trip is for the angler adventurer. Accessed only by horseback, you will ride over a 10,000 foot pass followed by a pack string straight out of the old west and descend into beautiful Bull Moose Meadow and our camp, Hellroaring.

At this point you will be on scenic overload but that will not stop your eyes from lighting up when you realize the three forks of Hellroaring Creek meet right at camp. You are now among the lucky few who get to experience the solitude and abundant fly fishing of Hellroaring.

Your location is 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park in the heart of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Not to fear, our guides will escort you every step of the way. You will find them knowledgeable, skillful and HELPFUL. Your ONLY CARE will be to catch fish, have fun and enjoy what is justifiably called "God's country."

Those who just want to relax, read, backpack, bird watch, photograph or paint will prove just as satisfied as the angler.

In camp accommodations consist of comfortable, roomy, carpeted, wall tents with wood stoves, cots with foam pads, a hot shower, a roaring campfire and first class meals prepared by our camp cook, Pat.

We recommend a five-day fishing excursion (one day in on horseback, three days fishing and one day on horseback out) so that you receive the best experience possible. However, we are willing to accommodate a client's wishes.



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WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIP DATES SUMMER 2014

- Trip 1: July 19-23 (Saturday-Wednesday)
- Trip 2: July 25-29 (Friday-Tuesday)
- Trip 3: July 31-August 4 (Thursday-Monday)
- Trip 4: August 6-10 (Wednesday-Sunday)
- Trip 5: August 12-16 (Tuesday-Saturday)
- Trip 6: August 18-22 (Monday-Friday)
- Trip 7: August 24-28 (Sunday-Thursday)
- Trip 8: August 30-September 3 (Saturday-Wednesday)



WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS

DEPOSIT, PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

A deposit of 50% of the trip is required to book your reservation.

This deposit is non-refundable.

The balance of the trip is due 30 days prior to trip date and is nonrefundable.

Trips not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled.

Trip Cancellation Insurance, which we recommend, is available at:

http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=150573&pcode=GREAT

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The rates for fishing and pack trips include:

- Transportation to and from the trailhead (leaving from and returning to ABO Headquarters in Big Timber) You may also follow us to the trailhead.
- In the backcountry, use of horses, mules, tack, all camp accommodations, all meals, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates for fishing and pack trips do not include:

- Transportation to Montana
- Incoming and outgoing nights lodging before and after trip
- Montana fishing licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Sleeping bags
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides, cook and wranglers



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS

- + **You will need to make hotel reservations for your incoming and outgoing nights.** On the day we depart for camp we leave early in the morning and on the day we return from the mountains we return in the late afternoon.
- + Hotel information is listed on the next page. **Please check in with ABO (406-579-3866) upon arrival to let us know you have arrived. Leave your cell phone number so we can call and confirm the morning departure time.**
- + **Guests Driving:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.
- + **If you are driving** you will want to make your **hotel reservations in Big Timber for your incoming and outgoing nights.**
- + **Guests Flying:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman International Airport (BZN)** the day before your trip begins. The following airlines service Bozeman:

Delta 1-800-325-1999	American 1-800-433-7300
Northwest 1-800-225-2525	Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308
Alaska Airlines 1-800-252-7522	Frontier 1-800-432-1359

The service is usually very good into Bozeman. However, this is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or (info@mttravel.com) for some of the best air fares available. Remember, Bozeman is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.

- + **If you are flying** you will want to make a **hotel reservation in Big Timber for the night before your trip** and in **Bozeman for the night you return from the mountains.**
- + If you are not renting a car we will provide you with shuttle service from Bozeman to your hotel in Big Timber and return you to your hotel in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$300 round trip per vehicle. (Example – If we are picking up 4 clients and their gear in one vehicle, the cost would be \$75 round trip per person. If we are picking up 1 client, the cost would be \$300 round trip for that one client.)



HOTEL INFORMATION

Big Timber, Montana

✚ **The Grand Hotel** (www.thegrand-hotel.com) (406-932-4459).

The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar which serves lunch and dinner. But for those with a "grander" palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.

✚ **The Super 8 Motel** (www.super8.com) (406-932-8888).

The Super 8 Motel has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Country Skillet is across the street and opens at 6:00 AM.

Bozeman, Montana

✚ **The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West**
(www.holidayinnexpress.com) (406-582-4995).

The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. For reduced rates refer to our **VIP CODE (ABO)** when making reservations. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.

✚ **The C'mon Inn** (www.cmoninn.com) (406-587-3555).

The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road. Ask for **Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters' (ABO) associated rates** to receive a substantial discount on your room.

Bozeman is a delightful old western town with great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies and many other fun places to visit. If you have the time, arrive a day or two early or stay over a day after your ABO trip to enjoy some of what Bozeman has to offer.



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EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING LIST WILDERNESS FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS

Recommended personal gear for 5 day wilderness trips

Weather may vary during the summer months from very warm to very cold, so be prepared for everything. We recommend the layered system of dressing.

- wading shoes/sandals (Preferable on warm summer days)***
- waders and wading boots (The water is cold so depending on your tolerance level you may want to bring waders.) ***
- water resistant hiking/riding boots (like Danner)
- wool socks—at least 2 pairs
- cotton or regular socks
- 2 complete changes of clothes
- lightweight shorts, jeans and t-shirts
- personal toiletries (toothbrush, glasses/contacts/personal medications etc.)
- towel
- WARM SLEEPING BAG and Pillow
- warm coat (we recommend wool)
- light coat/fleece vest
- rain gear (jacket w/ hood or poncho)
- hat and gloves
- FISHING LICENSE
- fishing gear (tackle, flies, rod) including 5-6 wt. rod, 0-6x tippet, 3x, 4x, 5x 9ft. leaders and sinking line for stream fishing
- flashlight or head lamp
- sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
- water bottle (example: Bota Outback w/water filtration system) (www.botaofboulder.com)

OPTIONAL OR LUXURY ITEMS

Float tubes (You must bring a life jacket to use float tubes.)
Binoculars, GPS, Range Finder, Cell phone, Camera/extra film
Spirited beverage if desired

LIMIT WEIGHT OF GEAR TO 50 LBS OR LESS IN DUFFEL BAGS AND KEEP MULTIPLE BAGS EQUAL IN WEIGHT.

***** We ask that all footwear worn into Montana's waters has non-slip rubber bottoms, NO FELT. This is due to the potential for aquatic invasives (non-native invasive species). Cleaning the bottom of your rubber sole sandals, waders and wading boots with 409 is an excellent way to protect against spreading non-native invasive species.**



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BACKCOUNTRY FLY LIST

Streamers

Olive, Brown, Black Leachs #6-12
Black, Brown, Olive Wolly Buggers #2-6

Attractor Drys

Hoppers #8-12 (elk hair or foam preferable with yellow to orange body)
Yellow Stimulators #8-12
Adams #14-18
Orange Humpy #14-18
Royal Wolff #14-18
Ants 10-14

Natural Drys

Elk Hair Caddis #12-14
PMD #14-16
BWO #14-16
Mayflies #14-16

Nypmhs

Hair's Ear #12-16
Pheasant Tail #12-16
Copper John #12-16
Lighting Bug #12-16
Beadhead Prince #12-16
Fresh Water Shrimp #12-16



A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE OUTFITTER

Dear Angler and Adventurer,

We want you to really enjoy your fly fishing pack trip adventure with us this summer. The intentions of this letter are to limit any confusion about the trip and prepare you as much as possible. Our goal is to make your fly fishing pack trip a great experience. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve our service to you.

Our wilderness fly-fishing pack trips are run out of Hellroaring Camp, located 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. We fish some of the most beautiful streams, high country lakes and rivers that Montana has to offer. Our recommended 5-day fishing trip allows us one day to pack in, 3 days to fish, and one day to pack out. The horse pack trip to camp is approximately 5 ½ hours through magnificent country. We stop for lunch on the divide, about a third of the way to camp. Our string of horses and mules are dependable. Previous riding experience is helpful but not required.

Once in camp, you can relax by the creek and enjoy beautiful Bull Moose Meadow. Your sleeping accommodations are in comfortable, carpeted, wall tents with foam padded cots and wood stoves. Propane lanterns are available but most people prefer their head lamps. There are 2 to 4 anglers per tent. A hot shower is also available. We eat in a central eating tent with delicious food prepared by our camp cook. Please let us know of any special dietary needs in advance. If you want any alcoholic spirits be sure to purchase them before leaving Bozeman.

Fishing each day will begin after breakfast. We ride and walk to our various fishing destinations. The creeks and lakes are inhabited by native cutthroat trout. You can spin cast or fly fish but fly fishing is our preference. Even the novice will catch fish in these waters. The water is cold so depending on your tolerance level you may want to bring waders.

Please remember to clean all sandals, boots and waders before coming on your trip in order to help protect our waters and wildlife. A good cleaning with 409 will do the trick. Note that Montana is asking it's



anglers to use rubber bottom sandals, boots and waders instead of felt. This is due to the spread of invasive species that can occur with felt.

Flies that typically work in the areas you'll be fishing include streamers, attractor dries, natural dries and nymphs. You will find a backcountry fly list with the Wilderness Fishing Equipment and Clothing List. We usually catch and release. Sometimes we pack the mules with kitchen equipment so you can enjoy your catch for lunch.

If you do not want to fish every day there are many ways to enjoy the backcountry. You could spend your days exploring, riding or hiking to various destinations. These might include a hike atop mountains exceeding 10,000 feet in elevation, horseback rides with spectacular views, photography trips filled with abundant wildlife or meadows lush with wildflowers. Maybe you would rather read a book, journal, meditate or paint by one of the pristine streams or high country lakes.

Our guides are well acquainted with the areas where you will be riding, hiking, fishing, and exploring. They are experienced outdoorsmen and flexible to your needs. Whatever your endeavor, our guides are there to assist you every step of the way.

The weather in July and August is usually very comfortable. Daytime temperatures range from 60 to 80 degrees. On clear nights the temperatures can range from 20-40 degrees. However, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness weather is variable. Prepare for the changing mountain weather. Be sure to check ABO's suggested Fishing Equipment & Clothing List.

The most important thing to remember is a great attitude. Be ready to enjoy an adventurous trip and the special things the mountains have to offer. This will be one for the memory book!

Sincerely,

Cameron S. Mayo