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## **WILDERNESS PROGRESSIVE FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS**

Five, four, three, and two day packages available  
\$440 per person/per day (Minimum 2 persons)

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

### **WILDERNESS PROGRESSIVE FLY FISHING PACK TRIP**

Our progressive fly fishing horse pack trips begin out of Jardine, just east of Gardiner, near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. You will be riding through magnificent country to mountain lakes and streams where we will cast our lines into these pristine waters for native cutthroat trout. As the sun sets we will make camp and restore our bodies for the next day's adventure. Your ABO guides will set up camp and prepare supper while you relax and cool your thirst. You will be in two man tents. If you choose a five day trip, two of the 4 nights will be spent in Hellroaring, our base camp, located 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Hellroaring sits on the edge of beautiful Bull Moose Meadow where the three forks of Hellroaring Creek come together. Your accommodations in Hellroaring will be roomy wall tents with foam padded cots and wood stoves. Propane lanterns are available but most people prefer their head lamps. A hot shower is also available in Hellroaring. We eat in a central eating tent with delicious food prepared by our camp cook.

Part of each day will be spent on horseback riding to our new fishing destinations. Once there you can lift those cutthroats right out of the mountain's crystal clear waters. If you get tired of catching all those fish we can pan for gold, explore some Indian encampments, take some award winning photos, hike atop mountains exceeding 10,000 feet or take a nap in the lush meadows filled with wildflowers.

Our guides are well acquainted with the areas where you will be riding, fishing, hiking, 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. Our string of horses and mules are well suited to the mountain terrain. They have clocked in many hours in the mountains and are as dependable as horses and mules can be. Previous riding experience is helpful but not required.

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 so we ask our clients to come prepared for the changing temperatures.



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## **WILDERNESS PROGRESSIVE FLY FISHING PACK TRIP DATES**

**ABO's wilderness fishing season begins in mid-July and runs through mid-September.**

**Trip dates are to be determined with our clients. You may call or email to request trip dates.**

**Email: [cameron@aboadventures.com](mailto:cameron@aboadventures.com)**

**Cell: 406-931-0102**

## **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](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 Gardiner) You may also follow us or meet us at 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 PROGRESSIVE FLY FISHING PACK TRIPS

**Guests Driving:** Plan to stay in **Gardiner** the night before your overnight fly-fishing pack trip begins. We recommend staying at the **North Yellowstone Bed & Breakfast** ([www.northyellowstone.com](http://www.northyellowstone.com)) (406-848-7651). Bill and Peggy Hoppe run a great B&B. However, they have many return clients and are limited in space so make your reservations early. The Gardiner headquarters for Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters is on the property of North Yellowstone B&B. Another beautiful place to stay up Jardine Road above Gardiner is Crevice Mountain Lodge ([www.crevicemountainlodge.com](http://www.crevicemountainlodge.com)) (406-223-0148). Cheryl, the owner, cooks for the guests. The view from her place up the mountain is gorgeous. You are looking down on Yellowstone National Park. Other places to stay in Gardiner are the [Cowboy's Lodge](http://www.cowboylodge.com) 406-848-9175, [Absaroka Lodge](http://www.absarokalodge.com) 406-848-7414 or 1-800-755-7414, [Yellowstone Village Inn](http://www.yellowstonevillageinn.com) 406-848-7417 or 800-228-8158, [Comfort Inn](http://www.comfortinn.com) 1-800-4-CHOICE or 406-848-7536 (The Antler Bar at the Comfort Inn is a good place to eat in Gardiner), or the [Best Western by Mammoth Hot Springs](http://www.bestwestern.com) 406-848-7311 or 800-828-9080.

**Guests Flying:** Fly into the **Bozeman International Airport** (BZN) the day before your trip begins. **Please schedule your flight so you arrive at the Bozeman airport by mid- afternoon** as you will still have an hour and 45 minute drive to Gardiner from the Bozeman airport. Most of the major car rental agencies are available at the Bozeman International Airport.

The following airlines service Bozeman:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 **MontanaTravel** (1-800-247-3538) ([info@mttravel.com](mailto: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.

**Please check in with ABO upon arrival (406) 931-0102 for confirmation of the morning departure time.**



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**Directions:** From Bozeman or Billings, take Interstate 90 to Livingston. At Livingston, head south on Highway 89 to Gardiner. When you arrive in Gardiner stay on Hwy 89/Scott Street. You will turn left onto Fourth Street just before the Yellowstone River bridge. A good land mark on the right will be a convenience store and Cenex Station called Kremer's. After you turn onto Fourth Street take an immediate right onto Jardine Road. You will see a wooden sign that says North Yellowstone B&B. You will also see a sign that says Jardine 5 miles. Continue up the mountain on Jardine Road 2.5 miles. Turn right at the sign that says North Yellowstone Outfitters, Horse Rides and Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters. You will see our logo with the mountain goat. Follow the road till you see a house and cabins. The drive from Bozeman to Gardiner is about 1 hour and 30 minutes; from Billings to Gardiner about 3 hours.

## FOR A LITTLE EXTRA FUN

Plan to spend a night at **The Grand Hotel** ([www.thegrand-hotel.com](http://www.thegrand-hotel.com)) (406-932-4459) in the authentic western town of **Big Timber**, Montana. For many years, The Grand Hotel was an oasis for sheep herders and cattlemen who sustained the town of Big Timber. **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. For those with a "grander" palette the Grand Hotel Restaurant serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**. Dining room closes at nine. The drive from Gardiner to Big Timber takes 1 ½ hours.

**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 can make the time, come a day or two early or stay over a day after your ABO trip to enjoy some of what Bozeman has to offer. If you are staying over for a night or two in Bozeman we recommend either the **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West (406-582-4995)** or the **C'mon Inn (406-587-3555)**. They both provide airport shuttle service, comfortable rooms, breakfast bars, pools and exercise facilities. **The Holiday Inn Express and the C'mon Inn provide reduced room rates for our clients. When making your reservations use the VIP Code (ABO) for the Holiday Inn Express and ask the C'mon Inn for Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters' associated rate.**



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## **EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING LIST**

### **WILDERNESS PROGRESSIVE 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](http://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