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Montana Fly Fishing Guides LLC and Yellowstone Valley Lodge are excited to be part of your upcoming fly fishing vacation. As many of our repeat guests will attest, your time in our part of Montana is sure to be a memorable experience – from the great fishing opportunities, the unparalleled scenery to the fine dining.

Yellowstone Valley Lodge is located 14 miles south of Livingston, Montana in Paradise Valley along the banks of the Yellowstone River. It is also conveniently located about 30 miles 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 Yellowstone Valley Lodge:

Air Travelers: will want to fly into Bozeman's Gallatin Field Airport (BZN) which is located about 50 minutes west of the lodge. The airport is small, but modern and the major vehicle rental agencies are present. You may also like to arrange livery service, which Yellowstone Valley Lodge will arrange upon request.

Driving Travelers: will take I-90 to US HWY 89 at exit 333 and proceed south toward Yellowstone National Park. At mile marker 38.4 you will see Yellowstone Valley Lodge on the east side of the road. See map (below).

Fishing Schedule:

Guests should check in typically after 3 p.m. with Garret or Linda Anglin at the office for keys to the cabins and a brief familiarization of the property. As our guides are highly sought after they will most likely be out on the water when you check into your rooms. Please feel free to browse the grounds, enjoy the Montana Fly Fishing Guides' Cutthroat Lounge – especially the deck over looking the Yellowstone River or just relax and look at the Absaroka Mountains in the background.

Eric Adams is the Director of Fishing Operations for the lodge and is often at the lodge after his guide day until 6 p.m. Newly arriving guests will get a run down of their upcoming fishing adventures directly from Eric. Guides will meet fishing guests after breakfast in front of the Cutthroat Lounge around 8 a.m. in the summer months and slightly later during the spring and fall seasons. Any and all fishing questions can be directed to Eric in person, email (Eric@MontanaFlyFishingGuides.com) or phone (406.223.2488) before or during your stay.



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Fishing Equipment:

You will need to bring your own wading and fishing 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). If you would like to demo or purchase fly fishing gear, there are several fly shops that we recommend and Eric Adams will be happy to discuss the many options available.

Licenses:

Fishing licenses are not covered in your package deal or day rate for fishing. Waiting in a fly shop the first morning of your trip is the last thing you'll want to do so it's highly recommended you purchase your fishing license **PRIOR** to your arrival for your specific fishing days online at <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>

What To Bring:

While fly fishing gear can vary depending on the time of year you are visiting us, here are a few staples that you should remember to check off your list before your trip:

- ✓ Montana Fishing License – again we highly recommend purchasing your license **PRIOR** to your trip at <https://app.mt.gov/Als/Index>
- ✓ Rod & Reel
 - Line weights from 5 to 7 with floating fly lines.
 - A 9 foot 6 wt is great for almost everything. Many of our guests find a combination of two rods is the most versatile option. For example: a 5wt for spring creeks & a 6wt for big rivers and windy days.
- ✓ Flies – you are welcome to bring your own, but guides will provide flies.
- ✓ Wading Boots – as much of our fishing is done from drift boats and rafts please remove nail studs from your boots as they can damage the drift boats and rafts.
- ✓ Waders - breathable waders are the only way to go.
- ✓ Rain Coat - should be taken even on clear days as our mountain weather can change in a matter of minutes.
- ✓ Water Shoes or Sandals - for wet wading on warmer days.
- ✓ Fishing vest, fanny pack, or net – all optional.
- ✓ Layers of clothing – Be prepared as Montana experiences dramatic changes in temperature on a daily basis. Shorts one day, a warm jacket the next.
- ✓ A Waterproof Bag for personal items you bring in the boat.
- ✓ Sunscreen Hat - this not only provides better vision it protects you against hooks and fly lines.
- ✓ Sunglasses - quality polarized sunglasses are a must.
- ✓ Cash for fishing licenses and tips.
- ✓ Camera - for that big one!



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Food & Alcohol:

Yellowstone Valley Lodge is proud to have one of the best restaurants in southwest Montana on the property. Paradise Valley Grill has a large local following and serves the finest local fare in its comfortable dining atmosphere. They have a great selection of wine, micro beers and domestics. You are welcome to bring your own liquor, but due to Montana State laws we cannot serve it in the dining room – you are welcome to enjoy it in the Cutthroat Lounge, on the deck or in your room. Guides are also not allowed to provide alcohol, but you are welcome to bring your favorite river beer/cocktail with you on the boat.

Communication/Television:

The lodge has WiFi, which works in the cabins, lounge and dining room. There is also a desktop PC and printer available in the Lounge for guests to use. Cellular service is fairly good throughout Montana with Verizon and AT&T; however, Sprint and many other carriers have spotty coverage so plan accordingly. The Cutthroat Lounge has a flat screen with Dish Network.

Gratuities:

Are left entirely to the discretion of our fishing guests, based on your experience. As the majority of your time is spent with your fishing guide they are generally tipped individually. Typical gratuities are \$70-\$100 per fishing day, regardless of the number of anglers.

Dining and meals are covered in your fishing package, however individual servers at Paradise Valley Grill may be tipped each evening (tip as if you were paying for the entire dinner even though your have your meals credited in the package).

The suggested gratuity for Housekeeping and Yellowstone Valley Lodge staff is \$10 to \$20 per night. It is not necessary to tip individual staff members as the tip money is pooled and evenly divided.

Reservations/Deposits/Cancellations:

At the time of booking, customers will be required to pay a 25% deposit and will be required to make payment in full for the outstanding balance 30 days prior to arrival. One night lodging requires payment in full at the time of reservation. Room rate includes 2 persons per room; additional persons in a single cabin are \$25.00 each.



Cancellation of reservations prior to 30 days of arrival will result in forfeiture of the deposit. Cancellations made 30 days or less from the arrival date will result in obligation for payment of the entire reservation fee.

Rooms are no smoking, well-behaved pets permitted, not handicap accessible, children welcome.

Emergency Facilities & Health Concerns:

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 and Bozeman, we ask that you please inform the lodge managers and your fishing guide of any food allergies, medical conditions or health concerns you or any of your party may have. Including but 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, but as responsible first responders they need to be aware of existing conditions to ensure both parties health and safety.

Guests are required to sign an Acknowledgement of Risk Waiver From (see below) and this would be the appropriate time to inform your guide of the aforementioned concerns.

Questions/Comments:

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about Yellowstone Valley Lodge you are encouraged to contact Garret and Linda Anglin at Anglin@YellowstoneValleyLodge.com or 1.800.626.3526.

If you have specific fishing questions or requests please direct them to Eric Adams at Eric@MontanaFlyFishingGuides.com or 1.406.223.2488.

We look forward being part of your next Montana fly fishing adventure and will do everything possible to make it memorable.



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Location of Yellowstone Valley



