

*We invite you to
a special place...*

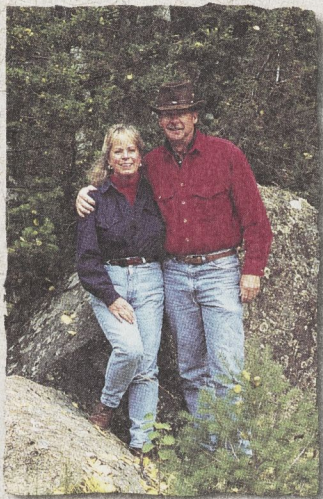


Our Location

Healing Waters Lodge is located in the heart of Southwest Montana's finest fishing. Each day you have the choice of fishing the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby, Madison or Jefferson Rivers. We float-fish the larger rivers and wade-fish smaller meadow and mountain streams. Anglers who occasionally enjoy fishing still water will find that we have some excellent mountain lake and reservoir fishing.



*Welcome to Healing Waters Lodge
Twin Bridges, Montana!*



Your Hosts, Greg & Janet Lilly

Anyone who has spent time on a trout stream with a fly rod knows just how therapeutic that can be.

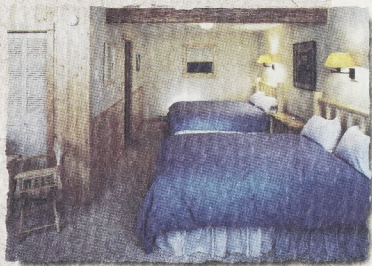
All the pressures of the real world tend to fade away for the few hours you are casting a fly to rising wild trout. At Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge we believe every ingredient of your fly fishing vacation should contribute to the "healing" of your soul: your room, your meals, your guides and your fishing.



Our Accommodations



The Lodge is nestled in a grove of cottonwoods on 37 acres between Twin Bridges and Sheridan, Montana. Views from the decks of the guest rooms and the main lodge are of the Ruby, Tobacco Root, Greenhorn and Pioneer Mountains. Twelve anglers can be accommodated in six beautifully and uniquely appointed rooms. Each room has a private bath, two queen beds, plenty of room for anglers to spread out, a private deck and some special touches to make your stay at Healing Waters Lodge memorable.



Our Guides

Guides with whom you spend your days on the water are a critical factor in the success of your fishing vacation. However, that success is not just measured in the numbers of fish and the size of fish you catch, but also by how much you enjoy what we have always called the "total experience."

Our guides are personable, knowledgeable and very experienced professionals. They are anxious to help you catch fish, become better anglers and to enjoy our beautiful country and the rivers we all love.



Healing Waters Lodge Rates

Peak Season

JUNE 1ST to OCTOBER 15TH

\$425 per fisherman per day, based on double occupancy. If an angler desires a room and a guide to himself, there is a single supplement charge of \$100, a total of \$525 per day.

For an extra night's stay-over which would include an additional dinner, breakfast and night's lodging, the charge is \$150 per person.

Healing Waters Package Price includes all guided fishing, meals, beverages and accommodations. Tips for staff and guides are not included.

Airport Pickup and Dropoff Service is available for an additional charge.

Non fishing rate for spouse or partner is \$225 per person per day.

Early and Late Season Special Pricing

APRIL 1ST-JUNE 1ST and OCTOBER 15TH-NOVEMBER 10TH

\$325 per fisherman per day, based on double occupancy. Single supplement charge is \$100 for a total of \$425 per day. For an extra night's stay-over which would include an additional dinner, breakfast and night's lodging, the charge is \$90 per person.

Non fishing rate for spouse or partner is \$225 per person per day.

Deposits

A deposit of 1/3 of the total package price per person is required within 10 days of making your reservations. Should you have to cancel your trip, your deposit will be refunded when you provide at least 30 days notice prior to scheduled dates. If you cancel on shorter notice, your deposit will be refunded if we can fill your dates with other anglers. There will be a \$50 handling charge deducted from your deposit even if the dates are filled. Deposits not refunded can be credited towards other bookings within the same season.

Reservations

To reserve days at Healing Waters Lodge call Greg or Janet Lilly any day of the week between 8:00 am and 9:00 pm mountain standard time at (406) 684-5960. If you should miss us, please leave a message on our voice mail and we will return your call immediately.

Phone (406) 684-5960

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Email glilly@3rivers.net

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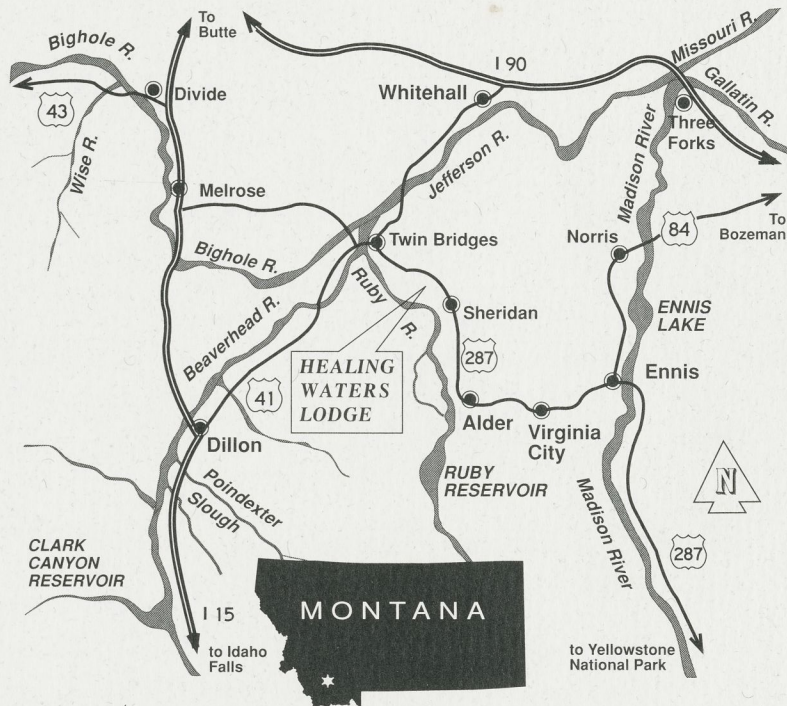
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"Guided Services & Fly-Fishing Schools" Greg Lilly



Dear Fishing Friends,

SPRING 1995

I am very pleased to announce to you that I am back in the outfitting and guide business. I enjoyed two years of corporate life as marketing director for the R. L. Winston Fly Rod Company. However, I discovered I much prefer to be seated in a drift boat solving the mysteries of midging brown trout with clients than to be seated behind a desk struggling with sales forecasts, budgets and ad campaigns.

As most of you are probably aware, Montana has become a "hot" destination. It is now recognized as a wonderful place to live as well as a premiere choice for a fly fishing vacation. My wife, Janet, and I make our home in Sheridan, Montana. Sheridan is located in the Ruby Valley of southwest Montana which has not yet experienced the development much of the rest of Montana is experiencing. You can still enjoy the flavor of the old West; and the best part is, that from Sheridan we can reach five of the finest trout rivers in America by driving from 10 minutes to 45 minutes!

As a fly fisher you probably are looking for a number of things from your fishing vacation: lots of action (fish), a chance at larger fish, beautiful, unspoiled country, a variety of water types, a good mixture of dry fly, nymph and streamer fishing, and the opportunity to enjoy all this in relative solitude. All of these ingredients and more are here for you in southwest Montana. We would very much like to see you enjoy them this season.

Whether you are just becoming interested in fly fishing and would like to learn the sport, or you are an experienced veteran of many fly fishing campaigns, we can offer you a fishing vacation that will meet and exceed your expectations. I will use my 25 years of experience as a guide to insure that you have the kind of fishing you dream about all winter. More than that, I also will try to see that each angler I fish with, whether accomplished or neophyte, will grow as a fly fisher. As a guide I personally don't judge my success with clients on how many fish they catch (though fish are important), but on whether they leave the river after a day with me, having had fun and having become a better fly fisherman. Janet will scrupulously attend to all the non-fishing details of your trip: accommodations, transportation, and meals.

Our goal is simple: To provide old friends and new with a special fly fishing vacation. By sharing our love for a wonderful part of Montana, it's unmatched fishing and our love for the sport of fly fishing itself, we can provide that special vacation. We will look forward to hearing that you are on your way in 1995!

Greg and Janet Lilly

P.S. Snowpack in all major Montana river drainages is above normal in 1995. Streams will be in excellent shape this season and we are anticipating a terrific fishing year. Call and make your reservations soon, as Janet and I will only be able to accommodate a limited number of friends.

"For over 25 years I have helped people enjoy Montana fly fishing vacations."

Yes, that means catching fish and catching some big fish; but it is also much more. It is helping anglers to continue to grow as fly fishers, to improve their streamside skills like reading and covering water, handling difficult wind conditions, and presenting flies in a variety of ways. My job as a guide is to remind my fishermen that fly fishing is also enjoying Indian paintbrush and wild roses along a streambank, the river otter, merganser and osprey which prey on the same trout we are pursuing, and the rugged, beautiful mountain peaks from which spring the rivers we are fishing.

"My job as a guide is to see that you acquire a creel full of great memories to last until the next time you cast a fly to a fish somewhere in the world."

Folks, southwestern Montana has some of the finest fly fishing for wild trout in the world, but you do not come to the Sheridan

or Twin Bridges area for the night life or the food. Because we do not have restaurants we can depend on to provide you with good quality meals, a menu with some variety, or even business hours that match the fishing day, Janet Lilly will offer breakfast and dinner to anglers not staying at a Lodge or Bed and Breakfast Inn. Janet is an accomplished gourmet chef and she knows that a part of any successful vacation, including fishing vacations, is good food.

Guided Rates with meal package-Guided fishing with one or two anglers is \$325 per day. With breakfast and dinner added to the package the price is an additional \$20 per angler.

**Janet's
Gourmet
Meals**

Guided Fishing Rates

One or two anglers-\$325 per day and includes: a quality fisherman's lunch, beverages, car shuttles when floating and either a McKenzie drift boat or River Raft. In order to offer my clients every edge possible, I have both a custom designed fly fishing raft and McKenzie River drift boat. Depending upon water and fishing conditions, we will use the boat that is most advantageous for the section of river we choose to fish a particular day.

Home Waters

Janet and I headquarter in Sheridan, Montana. Sheridan is a small western town located in the foothills of the Tobacco Root Mountains overlooking the Ruby Valley. Within 30 to 60 minutes driving time you can fish five of the finest trout streams in Montana: the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Ruby and Madison Rivers.

THE BIG HOLE - 125 miles of uninterrupted Blue Ribbon trout water. It is a river of changing personalities. The upper stretches are wide flat meadow water with a mixed bag of brook trout, rainbow and grayling. The midsection of the river powers through the Divide Canyon providing

SUGGESTIONS FROM AN OLD GUIDE...

To get the most value from a professional fishing guide, you must communicate your expectations for the day. A good guide will visit with you about the type of fishing you enjoy, the kind of water you prefer, what your skill level is, etc. You want to offer him as much information as you can about the kind of day you would like to have.



some of the best stone fly and caddis fly fishing for big brown and rainbow trout in Montana. The lower river moves out onto valley floors where it glides through hay meadows and cottonwoods until it meets the Beaverhead near the town of Twin Bridges to form the Jefferson. For about 10 days in mid-June, the Big Hole receives more than its share of attention from fly fishers traveling from all over the world. They come to the Big Hole to chase the salmon fly hatch. The river is busy at this time and will provide some exciting top water fishing. If you can accept the crowds and want to experience a stone fly hatch, then target the period between June 5th and June 15th. If you are not excited by sharing a river with numbers of other anglers, plan your Big Hole trip for after the stone fly hatch. The river between the 15th of June and the end of July will display some tremendous hatches of mayflies and caddis flies. In mid-June of 1994 I had the pleasure of sharing an incredible blue winged olive hatch on an overcast afternoon with Henry Winkler (a.k.a. "The Fonz"). For three hours the large Big Hole browns and rainbows gorged on these small mayflies and Henry took the largest brown of his fly fishing career on a # 18 BWO pattern.

THE BEAVERHEAD - A tail water fishery. It originates at Clark Canyon Reservoir and flows north about 60 miles where it joins the Big Hole river to form the Jefferson. The Beaverhead is considered by Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to be the finest trophy trout stream in the state of Montana. The Beaverhead supports both brown and rainbow trout. In the summer months when ranchers are irrigating, the river flows are high and floating is the most effective way to fish the Beaverhead.

THE JEFFERSON-The most westerly tributary to the mighty Missouri River. The Jefferson is a classic brown trout fishery. It is a big, deep, slow moving river with undercut banks and overhanging willow cover. In the heat of the summer when ranchers need water for their hay fields, the Jefferson gets low and warm. The fishing is difficult. But in the spring (as late as June 30th) before the irrigating begins and in the fall after the irrigation is over (usually early September) the Jefferson offers 75 miles of excellent brown trout fishing and some of the most beautiful scenery in southwest Montana!

On the Jefferson I really enjoy fishing bright streamer patters such as Zonkers, Flasha-Buggers and Marabou Muddlers. We work these flies on floating lines just below the surface. When an aggressive brown chases your fly you can see the take just as if you had a dry fly on, but the take is much more vicious. On an overcast day you can often induce 75 to a 100 chases by browns between your fishing partner and yourself. You may only hook 20 or 25 fish, but the action is nonstop!

THE MADISON- Hardly needs an introduction. It is probably one of the most famous trout streams in the world. From Sheridan we fish the sections from Ennis to Quake Lake and from Ennis Lake to the Missouri. This is almost 100 miles of Blue Ribbon stream. Long recognized as one of the finest brown and rainbow fisheries in the country, the Madison between Ennis and Quake Lake has just been diagnosed as having whirling disease. This is of great concern to anglers everywhere and in a separate article in this newsletter we have indicated what the situation is on the Madison.

I am often asked by clients, "What is your favorite river?" My normal reply is, "The one I am on at the time." However, if really pressed I will confess that the Madison is closest to my heart. I have experienced many great days of fishing in my career, but the greatest day I ever had and probably ever will have was with an old friend and client, Fred Harrison. Fred and I walked into a section of the Madison that was not open to float boats fishing. It was early in July. We hit the river about 9:30 A.M. according to my journal. There were a few remaining salmon flies in the air and I advised Fred to try a number 4 Sofa Pillow. He put one on and dropped it into a run. The fly had barely hit the water and a 2 lb. brown grabbed it. That set the tone for the day. Fred and I alternated fishing runs. One guy fishing and the other, cheerleading. Between 9:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., the two of us landed almost 50 browns and rainbows between 2 and 4 lbs. All on the salmon fly dries. At 5:00 P.M. the fish were still feeding, but Fred sat down on the bank and said that was enough. He did not want to ruin what was an incredible day by being too greedy!

As many of you are aware, whirling disease has infiltrated the Madison River between Quake Lake and Ennis, MT. There is a great deal of misinformation circulating about the disease. It has hit the

Not often a guide gets to tell a fish story...

Most of our time is spent listening to them.

However, last October on the lower

Beaverhead, I

was fishing a streamer rig that I often like to use to explore new sections of river. On the tail fly I will use a number 2 Wooley Bugger and on the dropper a number 4 White Zonker. I was standing on a high bank casting this two streamer fly rig to the far bank and working it back to the bank on which I was standing. On the third cast about mid stream, a huge shadow appeared behind my flies and followed them for about five or six yards. It was one of the largest fish I had ever seen in our Montana waters and my heart was in my mouth. Unfortunately he dropped out of sight without eating the flies. I was instantly disappointed, but just as my flies straightened out below me along the bank he reappeared and this time he ate the Wooley Bugger. I set the hook and started following him down stream. I shouted at my fishing partner

above me, that I was into the largest fish I had ever hooked. Of course you can guess what happened. The hook popped out just as my partner caught up with me and the monster brown drifted out of sight back into the deep hole from which he had appeared. I didn't land that fish, but I will forever see him behind my flies—both times!

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rainbow population severely. However, brown trout are not affected and the good news,

according to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, is that the maximum affect of the disease had occurred by April of last year! I fished the Madison with good success in 1994 and I visited with many guide friends who did not say anything about the fishing being dramatically poorer than in years past. You can expect the fishing on the Madison to be as good as in 1994 and with all the negative publicity you are going to find that the numbers of fishermen will decline.

THE RUBY RIVER- A small stream that headwaters in the Gravelly mountains south of Sheridan, MT. It makes its way through the ranch lands of the Ruby Valley where it eventually joins the Beaverhead River at Twin Bridges. The Ruby is a difficult river on which to gain access, but for a \$50 rod fee there are a few sections you can fish. If you would like to consider spending the day on the Ruby, you should let me know well in advance.

Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Schools For Men and Women- Taught by Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ



Just as with any sport (golf, skiing, tennis, etc.) students must acquire the basic skills or they quickly become frustrated and disappointed with their level of success. Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ have designed a program to teach students all the skills they need to become complete fly fishers, not just fly casters. Greg and Annette have (they hate to admit) almost 45 years of experience between them teaching men and women to fly fish. We are especially pleased to offer a school that takes into consideration that men and women do not always get into fly fishing for the same reasons. Annette understands this and will provide not only her extensive fly fishing teaching skills, but also her insights into the sport as a woman.

Annette grew up in her dad's fly shop, in West Yellowstone, MT. As with her two brothers, she put herself through college working summers as a salesperson and fly fishing instructor. In the early 70's Annette started one of the earliest "Ladies Only" fly fishing instruction programs in the country. With a petit build and a youthful appearance Annette always had difficulty commanding respect in a male dominated sport. One day while on duty in The Trout Shop, Annette had a large, gruff gentleman approach her and demand to see "someone" who knew something about fly fishing. Annette informed this gentleman that he had come to the right person. He looked at her and laughed. She immediately went to the fly rod rack, took down an outfit and asked this guy to follow her out into the streets of West Yellowstone. Standing in front of the shop in the middle of the street, she pulled a pile of fly line off the reel and made a sixty foot cast. She then turned to the redfaced gentleman, handed him the rod and asked him if he could do the same thing.

Today Annette has gained the respect she deserves and along with Greg will look forward to introducing those of you new to the sport of fly fishing to the joys of being a fly fisher.

FOUR DAY FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY FISHING SCHOOL PACKAGE -August 12, 13, 14 and 15-

You arrive the evening of August 11th
Instruction Days: August 12th and 13th
Guided Fishing Days: August 14th and 15th

This Program provides students with two days of fly fishing instruction and two days of guided fishing with Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ. The two days of instruction combines classroom work, casting pond instruction and on stream instruction with students learning under actual fishing conditions.

Covered in the two days of fly fishing school are: an introduction to fly fishing, a brief history of the sport, fly fishing tackle (the balanced outfit), leaders and knots, fly casting theory, fly casting practice, trout foods/fly selection, water reading, fly presentation, covering water, wading and water safety, angling ethics and courtesy, conservation, and playing and landing fish.

The two guided days of the school will find students working the waters of the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Madison or Ruby Rivers with an experienced, patient guide who will continue to work with you on all the skills you need to be a complete fly fisher while helping you catch some wild Montana trout!

Guides will visit with you about the type of fishing you might enjoy, the length of the day you are interested in, how much help you would like to have and what aspects of the sport you need specific help with. Some people want the guide at their shoulder all day and some people like to be more on

their own with just some occasional guidance. August is hopper time on the rivers you will be fishing. You will float fish the larger streams, casting #10 and #12 grasshopper flies into the banks. There is nothing more exciting then when a trout aggressively takes a hopper pattern off the surface.

Smaller streams like the Ruby are easily waded and provide more fun than you can imagine with short, lightweight fly rods.

"Learning to cast with a fly is fun and easy! The new fly fisherman just needs to learn a few fundamentals. It's only hard because people won't take time for formal instruction."

* Four Day Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Schools are held at the Ruby Springs Ranch situated on the banks of the Ruby River 10 miles south of Sheridan, MT. You will stay in deluxe fishermen's cabins with the Ruby River literally only yards from your front porch. Meals are prepared by a professional chef. Ruby

Springs Ranch is one of the nicest fly fishing facilities in Montana with a setting and centralized location that makes it unbeatable.

PRICE: \$1,595 per student

Yes, this is an expensive package, but you will stay at a fishing lodge rivaled by none in the country. You have 10 miles of private water on the Ruby to fish, a small lake loaded with 18" trout and private access to spring ponds that harbor some quite large (smart) brown trout. You will receive tender, loving care instruction in fly fishing and will be guided by the finest crew of professional guides.

Package price is based on double occupancy. Included with the School package is: two days of instruction with booklet, knot tying kit, literature packet, use of equipment if needed, two days of guided fishing, private fishing on the ranch, all meals and accommodations, and airport pickup if necessary.

THREE DAY FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY FISHING SCHOOL FOR MEN AND WOMEN -August 3, 4 and 5-

This program is designed to provide a long weekend of fly fishing and fly fishing instruction. As with our Four Day Fundamentals School, Annette will provide special attention to the women in the class. You will arrive the evening of August 2nd. A dinner and orientation is provided that evening. Thursday August 3rd is scheduled as an instruction day for those in need. Guides will also be available for spouses or friends not needing instruction. Friday, August 4th, and Saturday, August 5th, are guided fishing days.

Accommodations for the Three Day School Package will be provided by the Moriah Motel in Sheridan, MT. The Moriah is a spacious, clean, fly fishermen's motel and you will find it very comfortable.

Meals for the three day school will be provided by Janet Lilly. Janet knows how to keep hungry fly fishers contented!

PRICE: \$850 per student

(Includes four nights of lodging, all meals, three days of instruction and guided fishing, and school packet.)



SUGGESTIONS FROM AN OLD GUIDE... "DON'T LOOK FOR HOT SPOTS"

There is a temptation for visiting anglers to try and fish too many different streams in too short a time period when visiting Montana. If you are running from one so-called "hot spot" to another all the time, you are always in the right place, but at the wrong time, doing the wrong thing. Take time to really learn how to fish a few good places and your success will improve.



SUGGESTIONS FROM AN OLD GUIDE... PRACTICE!!

Fly casting is like any other sport. If you have not done it for awhile, you lose your timing and rhythm. Rather than wasting valuable fishing time on the stream regaining that lost touch, spend 15 minutes a day for a couple of weeks practicing your casting at home. If you are having real difficulties, take an hour casting class from your local fly shop or club.

Equipment Suggestions for Montana Fishing

EQUIPMENT:

- Polarized sun glasses
- Chest waders-spring and fall, Neoprene waders recommended. (summer months-lightweight waders are more comfortable or you can wet wade)
- Felt-soled wading shoes
- For finesse-fishing, (small nymphs and dry flies) most anglers use a 4 or 5 weight fly rod in 8 1/2' or 9' lengths.
- For weighted nymphs, large wind resistant dry flies and streamers, 6 or 7 weight rods, 8 1/2' or 9' in length is best.
- Floating lines are used 90% of the time. If you are going to be doing some float tube fishing then you will want to have at least one full sinking line in a medium sinking speed and perhaps a second sinking line in a higher density sinking speed.
- A good hat to protect from both the sun and errant flies.
- A vest with all the normal accessories, nippers, hemostats, pliers, etc.
- Flies and leaders should be purchased at your destination depending upon what is working at the time. However, if you are fly tier, give me a call and I will send you a recommended list of patterns to be working on for the rivers you will most likely be fishing.

CLOTHING: Most anglers are aware that in the mountains, any time of the season, you should be prepared for nasty weather.

- A good rain jacket is a necessity.
- Layered clothing items such as the fleece garments that are popular today.
- Capilene underwear
- Fingerless Gloves



Angling Courtesy

Fly fishing is a sport that has attracted a great deal of attention the past five years. As a result of this interest, more pressure is being put on fisheries all over the world. It does not matter whether you are fishing a trout stream in Montana, a steelhead river in Oregon or a salt water flat in the Bahamas. You must still practice common courtesy when sharing fishing water with other anglers! Some basic rules of the stream:

1. Give your fellow fishermen room to work. When encountering other anglers, communicate with them. Ask which direction they are moving, upstream or down, and either get in behind them or far enough ahead of them so that they have several good pieces of water to work which have not already been disturbed. If you do not adhere to this rule you may find yourself paying a price. Several years ago while fishing the Yellowstone River below Fishing Bridge in Yellowstone Park, Annette Lilly-Russ was having a fine morning catching cutthroat on small dry flies. After landing several nice fish she noticed that anglers on both sides of her were moving closer and closer to where she was casting. Finally, these two anglers were definitely invading Annette's space. She politely asked them if they would not please retreat a decent distance. When they just glared at her and continued to squeeze closer and closer to her she finally gave up. At least that is what these two rude anglers thought. The next thing they knew they were under siege from the bank where Annette was lobbing rocks into their fishing water as fast as she could!
2. Don't hog a run or pool. Fish a piece of water thoroughly and then allow someone else a chance to fish it.
3. If you are fishing from a boat, allow a wading angler room to work an undisturbed section of stream. He is only going to have 1/4 mile or so he can physically fish on foot, but you will have miles of good water to fish from your boat. A little observed but important courtesy is to pick up your fly well before you reach a wading angler.
4. Observe posted property and respect the rights of the landowners along a stream. Be sure to ask permission to fish if there is any question about access.

Remember! All of us who fly fish are searching for some escape from the stresses of everyday life. Solitude and peace are a big part of the attraction of fly fishing. Give your fellow fly fishers a chance to find that peace and solitude and they will do the same for you.

I have worked for many years with corporations in several ways. Perhaps you have a special group of customers you would like to entertain to say "thanks."

Special Corporate Packages

Or maybe you would like to reward a segment of your work force. Perhaps you are looking for a retreat for your senior level managers. Incorporating fly fishing with instruction and a Montana stay makes perfect sense for any of these needs. I can provide fly fishing instruction, guided fly fishing, accommodations to meet your particular needs, transportation, entertainment and activities for non-fishermen. Give me a call and let me know what you are considering and we will put a proposal together for you.

GREG LILLY
is also available for

- Speaking engagements and slide presentations
- Arranging special traveling fly fishing schools for groups, presented at a location of your choice, any time of year
- Teaching seminars and clinics on a variety of fly fishing topics.



Illustrations by Robert Spannrun

The Montana Seasons

If you ask an outfitter the best time to fish in Montana, you're going to be told, "Whenever you can get here!" It's True! Montana offers good fishing year round. Look at when you can get away and then research which waters will be fishing best at that time of year. Or you may want to choose a river or rivers to fish and then travel to Montana when those streams are at their peak. I have outlined for you how my home waters fish throughout the season to assist you in making your vacation plans.

■ APRIL/MAY

Many anglers have yet to experience the pleasures that spring fishing in southwest Montana can provide. There is a common misconception that Montana is a frozen wasteland until the middle of June. This is not true and the early spring fishing has a great deal to offer anglers. Streamflows are low before snowmelt starts, fishing pressure is light and you can have some good days of fishing! Spring fishing is primarily nymph and streamer fishing with limited midge and small mayfly hatches offering erratic dry fly opportunities. April and May are the months when many of our Montana guides do their own fishing!

■ JUNE

In southwest Montana June means stone fly hatches. Usually on the Big Hole, the large stone flies appear between the 10th and 15th of June. On the Madison you will normally see salmon flies about the last week in June. If you have chased the salmon fly hatches on any of Montana's rivers you will know that the secret to the magic day, is to spend 3-5 days concentrating on a specific

stream and sections of that stream. You will more than likely have a red letter day, a couple of average days and a couple of tough days. Stone fly hatch fishing is a mixture of big nymph and big dry fly fishing. In June you begin to get hatches of mayflies and the early caddis. Rivers like the Big Hole can produce superb small dry fly fishing when conditions trigger the hatches. On the Beaverhead you will be fishing small nymphs and streamers with some fine small dry fly fishing after water temperatures warm towards mid day.

■ JULY

Probably the most consistent dry fly period in southwest Montana. You will encounter hatches of caddis and small stone flies on the Big Hole, The Madison offers caddis, occasional mayfly hatches and attractor dry fly fishing. The Beaverhead also offers mayfly and caddis fly hatches for the dry fly fisherman.

■ AUGUST

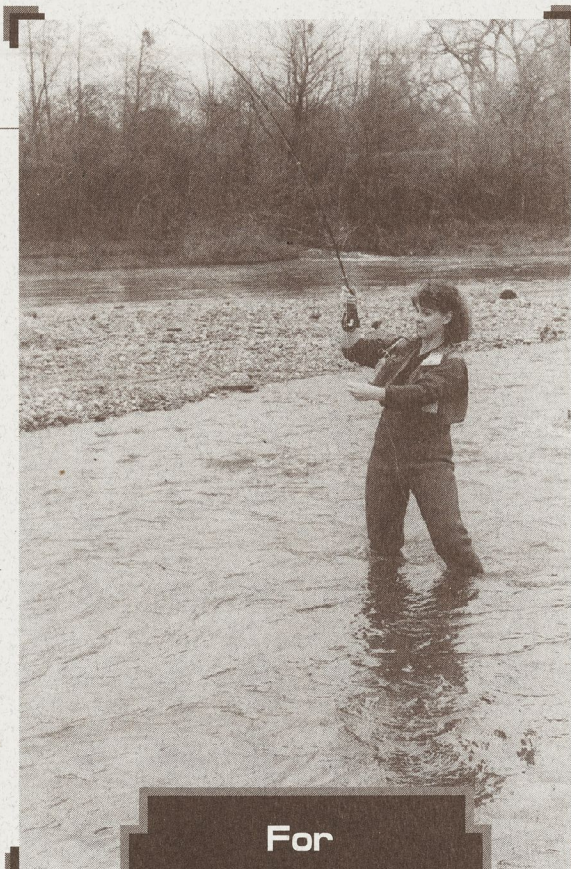
This is terrestrial time in Montana. All of the southwest Montana streams will produce fish on hoppers, beetles and ants. If you are not adverse to learning to fish streamers and nymphs you can continue to fish wet all summer and turn big trout. Don't

overlook the opportunities the month of August offers fly fishermen in southwestern Montana. There is a tendency for people to jump to the conclusion that late summer is a time to avoid Montana fishing. That is just not true. You must be flexible in the times of day you fish, the techniques you use and the water types you fish. Good stream flows in our mountains this winter mean that we will have plenty of water in August.

■ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

My favorite time of the year as a fly fisherman. The dry fly fishing becomes erratic again, but if you will convince yourself to learn to fish streamers you will have the experience of a lifetime. The brown trout are beginning to think about spawning and are more aggressive. The streams are free of pressure again and you will find the solitude many of you crave. The fall days with the changing of the leaves and the crisp autumn air are difficult to beat.

So to make the point again, any time you can get to Montana you are going to find good fishing. The key is to come with an open mind and be flexible. If you are willing to try something new and continue to grow as a fly fisher you will always find enough fishing to keep you happy.



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Call 406-
842-5027

Accommodations

*Fishermen's Motels *Fly Fishing Lodges
*Housekeeping Cabins *Bed and Breakfast Inns

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The Madison River and Whirling Disease

By now most fly fishers have heard that the Madison River in southwest Montana has been struck with whirling disease. If you have not read the articles, whirling disease is a parasite which attacks rainbow trout fry. In December of 1994 it was discovered on the section of the Madison River between Ennis and Quake Lake.

There is no question the whirling disease has badly hurt the population of mature catchable rainbows on the Madison between Ennis and Quake Lake. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks estimates that over this 40 mile section of river, the numbers of 11" and larger rainbows, has fallen to about 150 to 200 per mile of stream.

What does this news mean to us as fly fishers? Well, first the fisheries people tell us that this particular disease does not affect brown trout and the Madison supports approximately 800 brown trout per mile. This means that when fishing the Madison you still have at least a 1000 trout (rainbow and browns) per mile from 11" in length and larger. That number of good trout per mile is still higher than many other Blue Ribbon trout streams around the country. According to the Regional Biologist in southwest Montana, anglers that fished the Madison last season and had successful outings will experience the same type of success this year.

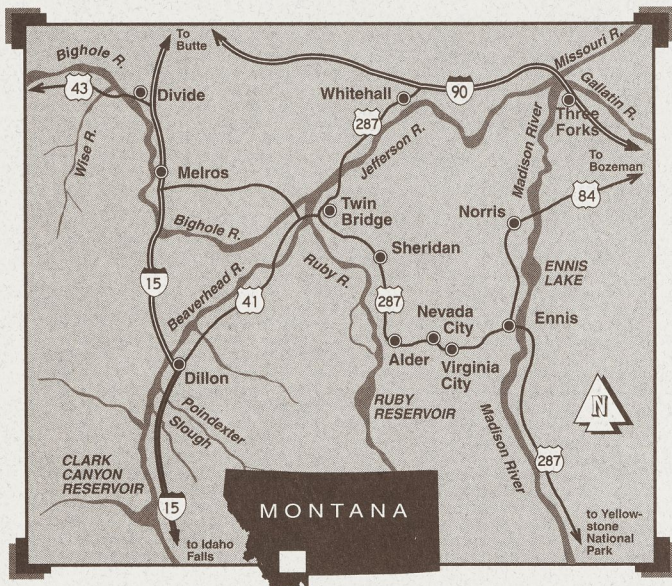
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Making Your Reservations



Deposits

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Greg Lilly's Guided Fishing Rates for 1995



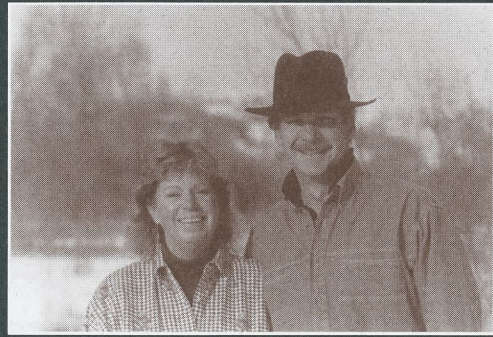
- GUIDED FISHING - One or two anglers: \$325/day
(with a quality fisherman's lunch, beverages, car shuttle on float trips, use of either a McKenzie River boat or custom river raft)
- GUIDED FISHING - One or two anglers, three meal package
Guiding: \$325/day
With breakfast and dinner, add per fisherman per day: \$20
- FOUR DAY "FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY FISHING SCHOOLS"
Per person all inclusive (based on double occupancy): \$1595
- THREE DAY "FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY FISHING SCHOOL"
Per person all inclusive (based on double occupancy): \$850



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Greg Lilly

"Guided Services & Fly-Fishing Schools"

Spring 1997

Dear Fishing Friends - 1996 was a great year!

The fishing in Southwest Montana was generally very consistent. We have had several years of strong stream flows and the fishing reflects that—1996 was one of the best big fish years this area has experienced. We have a good start on snow packs in the local mountains now and everyone is optimistic we will have another fine season in 1997. Janet and I would like to thank all the anglers we worked with this past season. Whether you fished with us from Sheridan on a daily guided basis or stayed with us at the Montana Trout Club, we enjoyed getting acquainted and will look forward to working with old and new friends in the coming season. Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services is going to have a very exciting year. We are delighted to announce several new projects for the approaching season:

■ HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE

For several years we have dreamed of putting together a small intimate fly fishing lodge that would incorporate everything we believe guests should experience in a premier fishing lodge. This past summer we had the opportunity to purchase the Healing Waters Estate between Sheridan and Twin Bridges, Montana. From this beautiful estate we are going to create **Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge**. We are looking forward to sharing with guests our gorgeous setting, finely appointed and spacious rooms, Janet's wonderful country gourmet meals and, of course, the superb fishing Southwest Montana offers.

■ THE MONTANA TROUT CLUB

We have arranged to again lease **The Montana Trout Club** and we will make this beautiful facility available exclusively to groups of more than ten anglers. It will be available only during very specific times. Details inside!

■ DAILY GUIDED FISHING

We will continue to offer daily guided fishing services for those anglers who prefer to be responsible for their own meals and accommodations. It is always our pleasure to assist anglers in finding an accommodation that matches their budget and preferences. This season we'll have a number of options to offer daily guided guests.

■ COMBINATION OVERNIGHT CAMP-FLOAT-FISH TRIPS

In 1996 we experimented with combining some overnight camping with float fishing trips. Happily, we are pleased to announce that the experiment was successful. In 1997 we are going to make available some two day float fishing trips with one night of camping streamside. Details inside!

■ NEW! NON FISHING ACTIVITIES

As another new service for 1997, we have arranged to work with **Cathy Cain**, an outdoor specialist who will provide a fascinating lineup of non-fishing activities for those in your party not fishing. Cathy will make sure non-fishers experience the same quality of vacation that fishermen enjoy. Be sure to read in this year's newsletter about the programs Cathy offers.

■ FLY FISHING SCHOOLS

Fly fishing schools taught by Greg and Annette Lilly will again be available. We have expanded the number of schools we offer to better meet the needs of those people interested in learning to fly fish. We hope you are looking forward to the 1997 fishing season as much as we are.

Please enjoy this year's newsletter—if there is any way we can help you put together the perfect fishing vacation be sure to call!

Early Season Special!

April 15th - May 10th: Too many fishermen are missing a terrific angling opportunity. April and early May fishing in Western Montana is simply great! Stream flows are low, the trout are anxious, and fishing pressure is non-existent. To encourage anglers to take a chance on the spring fishing in Montana, Arnie Gidlow, owner of Missouri Riverside Lodge, and Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services have collaborated to put together a four day fishing package at a special early season rate.

You will spend four days fishing some of Montana's prime waters and you may not see another angler! Two days will be spent at Missouri Riverside Lodge fishing 30 miles of the upper Missouri and the Dearborn River. The other two days will be spent with Greg Lilly and his crew of guides in the Sheridan, Montana area fishing rivers like the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Madison and Jefferson.

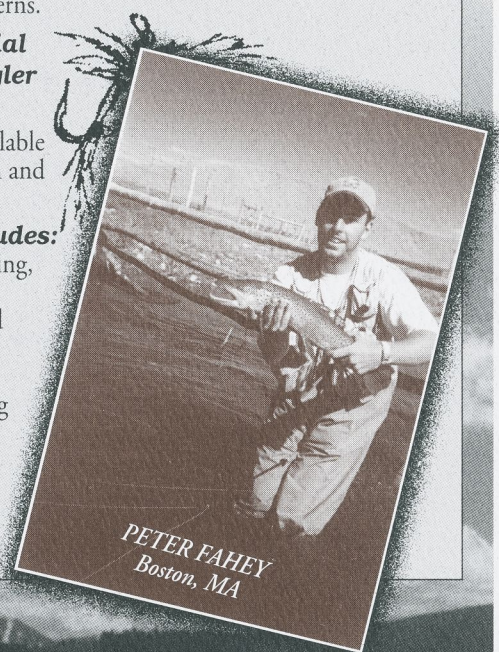
Spring fishing in Western Montana will be very diverse. You may fish a #2 stone fly nymph or size 16 and 18 mayfly nymph imitations; or, find fish feeding on the surface on size 18 midges or #8 Skwalla stone fly adults. You can encounter blue winged olive or caddis hatches. And, of course, there is always the possibility of stirring some big fish with large streamer patterns.

Early Season Special Package: \$800/Angler

Pricing based on double occupancy. Package available only between April 15th and May 10th.

Package Price Includes:

Two days of guided fishing, lodging and meals with Arnie Gidlow's crew and the Missouri Riverside Lodge. Two days of guided fishing with Greg Lilly's crew, two days of lodging at the Moriah Motel in Sheridan with Janet Lilly's country gourmet meals.



PETER FAHEY
Boston, MA



Daily Guided Fishing Services

Some anglers are not interested in staying in a lodge and using the services of a guide every day. We understand that and will continue to offer the same high quality daily guided service from Sheridan that we have provided the last few years.

My guide crew will do everything they can to see that you have a successful Montana Fly Fishing vacation. They will work to provide you an action-filled day and hopefully provide a shot or two at a big fish (this is important). But each guide will do more than that. It is our philosophy that a guide's job is also to help anglers to continue to grow as fly fishers. If you leave the river after a day with a guide and feel you are a better angler for the experience and above all else you have had a great time, then we have done our jobs.

The Guided Day - When you fish with us we try to tailor the day to meet your expectations and desires. We will discuss with you what kind of fishing you enjoy, what waters have been productive, the length of day you like to fish, float fishing vs. wade fishing, your experience level and tackle needs for the day.

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New For 1997! A 2-Day Float Trip/Camping Trip

Last season we had a special request from four guests to put together a two day float trip with one night of camping along the river. We put this package together and it was such a success that we have decided that in 1997 we will offer a few special float fishing/camping packages to all our fishing friends.

We will offer the combination float fishing and camping trip on the Big Hole River. Your guide will meet you the morning of the first day and float and fish you down the Big Hole to your campsite that evening. You will stay in spacious wall tents and sleep on cots and air mattresses. A camp cook will be waiting at camp with hor d'oeuvres and beverages when you finish your fishing day. You can relax around a campfire while dinner is cooking or you can fish the evening hatch. The next morning you will rise at an hour of your choosing, eat a hearty camp breakfast and then spend the day floating and fishing the Big Hole again. At the end of this fishing day you will move onto the next adventure you have scheduled in your vacation.

Dates - August 4, 5, 6, 7:

You may start your trip on any of the dates listed above. As camp space is limited, we will only accommodate up to six anglers on any one night.

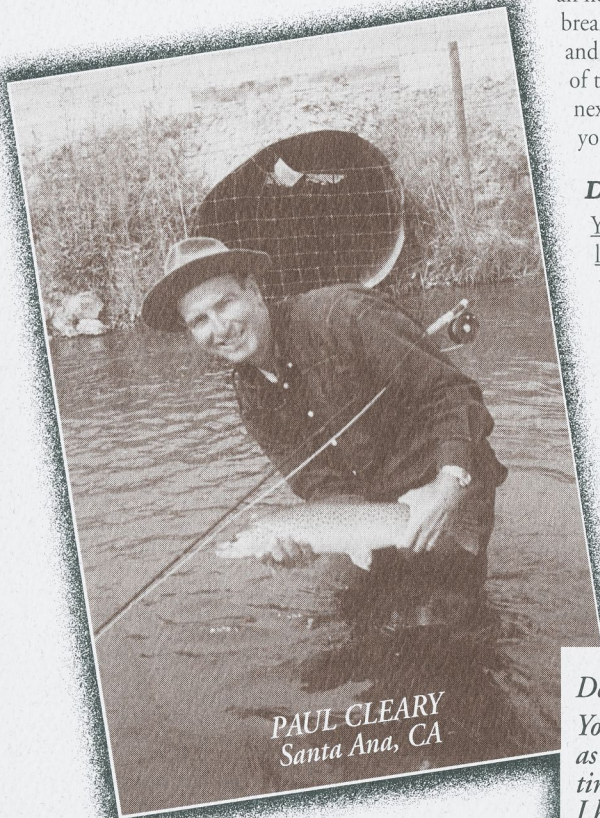
2-Day Float/Camping Trip Packages - \$525/person

Price includes two days of guided float fishing, streamside dinner and breakfast, two streamside lunches, car shuttles, and one night of camping streamside.

Dear Greg and Janet,

Your country is almost as beautiful as your hospitality. Had a terrific time. My wife noticed that I had not been underfed while there. Thanks again.

Don Halstead, Easton, CT



PAUL CLEARY
Santa Ana, CA

1997 RATES

- **Guided Fishing With Greg Lilly Guide - One or Two Anglers:**
\$325/day
Includes quality fisherman's lunch, assortment of beverages and car shuttle on float trips
- **Two-day Float/Camping Trip:**
\$525/person
- **Early Season Fishing Special:**
\$800/Angler

Greg Lilly's Guide Team

Teamwork in guiding is essential. It is difficult for any one guide to stay on top of fishing conditions on five or six different streams and lakes. When you have a team of guides working a broad area every day you are able to exchange information and make the best choice for your fishing guests about where to fish each day.

We are fortunate to have a very knowledgeable, personable, and experienced crew of guides. Each of these men are professionals in every sense and they look forward to sharing with you their love of Southwest Montana and the fishing it offers.

From Twin Bridges we have Don Mawyer, Ben Smith and Bob Flynn. From Sheridan Jerry Pack and Tom Harman. Bob Little, Shawn Jones and Jim Hawthorne come to us from Dillon. Stuart Howard will again join us from the Bozeman area in 1997.

Outfitter and Lodge Recommendations

Outside Twin Bridges, Sheridan, and Dillon areas

Montana is a very large state with an incredible amount of water to fish. Obviously we at Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services are able to cover only a small percentage of Montana's streams and lakes. We also understand that not everybody is going to come to the Sheridan/Twin Bridges area to fish each year. We are happy to suggest other outfitters and lodges outside of our operating territory. Below is a partial list of fellow outfitters that we know will take first class care of our fishing friends:

DAVE CORCORAN - *The Rivers Edge* - Bozeman, MT (406) 586-5373

CRAIG FELLIN - *Big Hole Outfitters* - Wise River, MT (406) 832-3252

ARNIE GIDLOW - *Missouri Riverside Lodge* - Cascade, MT (406) 468-9385

JOHN PERRY - *West Slope Outfitter* - Missoula, MT (406) 549-9703

CRAIG MATHEWS - *Blue Ribbon Flies* - West Yellowstone, MT (406) 646-7642



Greg and Janet Lilly's Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge

Janet and I have wanted for several years to have a small lodge operation where we could provide for our guests a package with all the ingredients we feel make up a successful fishing vacation. In 1996 we took the first step towards the creation of that lodge. We purchased the Healing Waters Estate.



The Healing Waters Estate is six acres of ground between Sheridan and Twin Bridges, Montana. The main lodge building which contains the guest dining room, living room, library/office, and game/flytying room was once the original Sheridan hospital built in 1890. In 1986 Jim and Sarah Cox bought the old hospital and moved it to the current location. The old hospital was stripped back to its skeleton structure and Jim Cox's brother, George, a very talented stone mason, created the gorgeous natural stone and hand hewn log home that became Healing Waters Estate.

Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge nestles in a grove of cottonwoods. Views from the decks of the guest rooms and the main lodge are of the Ruby, Tobacco Root and Greenhorn mountains. Ten anglers can be accommodated in five beautifully and uniquely appointed rooms. One room is in the main lodge and four are conveniently situated in a free standing building a 60' east from the main lodge. Each room has a private bath, two queen beds, plenty of room for anglers to spread out, a private deck and some special touches to make your stay at Healing Waters a memorable one.

Fishing from The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge will be on the same blue ribbon rivers we have worked the past several seasons from Sheridan and the Montana Trout Club. We will float the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Jefferson and Madison rivers, and walk/wade some of the smaller area streams. Also in 1997 for those who enjoy it, we are going to be doing more still water fishing from float tubes.

For those of you who never have enough fishing there is a small pond on the property and you can cast a fly to rising fish while waiting for dinner and enjoying a cocktail.

Janet will be in charge of the kitchen at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge. Janet's cooking is becoming famous around the west and she will look forward to continuing to turn out healthy satisfying and delicious meals at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge.

Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge Rates

Cost per fisherman is \$395 per day-based on double occupancy. There is a single supplement charge of \$100 per day. Package price includes all guided fishing, meals, accommodations and beverages. Airport pickups and drop offs are available for an additional charge.

All lodge stays are designed with the guests arriving for dinner the first evening. Check out is the morning of your last guided day. Your fishing package is complete at the end of your last guided fishing day. Should you prefer to stay over an extra night, it can be arranged and there is an additional charge of \$150 per person for the extra dinner, breakfast and night's accommodation.

New! For 1997 Special Non-Fisherman Activities

This past season we were very fortunate to get acquainted with Catherine Cain. Catherine is a Phd. zoologist with her own business, High Country Discovery. Catherine is a registered guide and her specialty is tailoring a full day of activities for folks who want to explore the many treasures Southwest Montana contains besides trout!

One day you might hike and photograph wildflowers, wildlife and the incredible scenery of the mountains of southwest Montana. Another day might be spent digging for quartz crystals, bird watching, or taking a relaxing dip in soothing hot springs. Yet another choice would be to visit pioneer ghost towns and soak up the fascinating history of Montana's gold rush years. You can visit historic battlefields such as the Big Hole Battlefield where Chief Joseph gave the U.S. Army a lesson in guerilla warfare. Catherine is exceptionally knowledgeable in Montana's history and natural treasures. If you



are concerned about keeping the non-fishing members of your party entertained while you fish, Catherine Cain offers the perfect solution.

A day with

Catherine Cain is \$225 for one or two people. For guests staying at the Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge, Catherine Cain's rates are included with the lodge's \$395/day charge. The day includes transportation, a gourmet lunch and beverages.

*Dear Greg and Janet,
Just a note to express my thanks to you for giving me such a perfect time of "float and bloat" at your lodge. It was so well managed. I enjoyed the other guests and all of my guides. Your lodge and atmosphere were the best. Hope to see you next year.
Eleanor Peterson, Devon, PA*



FUNDAMENTALS of Fly Fishing Schools For Men and Women

Taught by Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ

Just as with any sport students must acquire the basic skills or they quickly become frustrated with their level of success. Instructors Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ have designed a program to teach students all the skills they need to become complete fly fishers and not just fly casters. Greg and Annette are especially pleased to be able to offer a fly fishing school that recognizes that men and women do not always get into fly fishing for the same reasons. Annette understands this and will provide not only her extensive teaching skills, but also her insights into the sport as a woman.

This program is designed for anglers new to fly fishing. Students will spend the first day of the three day school learning about: fly fishing tackle (the balanced outfit), leaders and knots, fly casting theory and practice, water reading, basic trout stream entomology, fly presentation, wading and water safety, angling courtesy, and playing and landing fish. The student's time is split between the classroom, casting field and casting pond. After completion of the first day's instruction the student is then ready to join a partner for two days of guided fishing on Montana Rivers such as the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Madison. The guides will continue to work with you on all of your fly fishing skills but playing and landing fish will be emphasized!

Accommodations for the 3-day fundamentals of fly fishing schools will be either the Montana Trout Club or The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge depending upon class size. Both facilities offer superior accommodations. Guiding for the Three day Fundamentals Schools will be provided by the guides of Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services.

An orientation dinner in the evening prior to the start of school, kicks off all three day programs. Janet Lilly and her staff prepare all meals for the three days of school. Janet's country gourmet cooking has been a real hit with our students for several years and we are sure you will find the evening meals and story telling after the day's fishing to be a delightful part of your experience.

Fly Fishing School Dates

School One April 25, 26 and 27

School Two June 13, 14, and 15

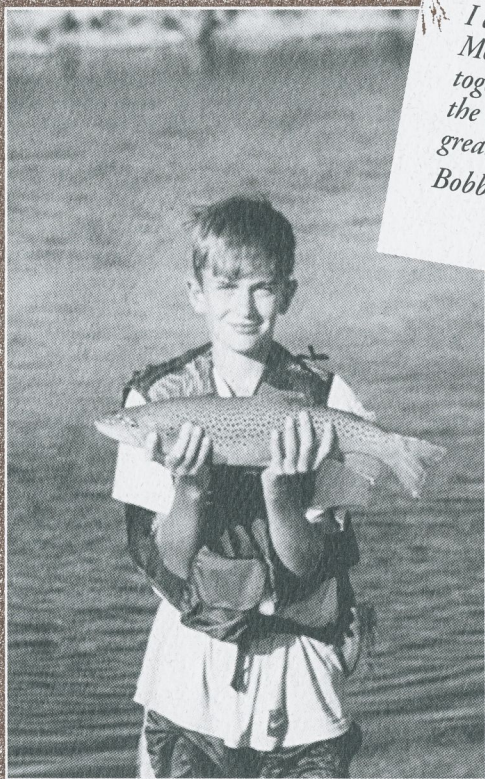
School Three .. June 19, 20, and 21

School Four August 8, 9, and 10

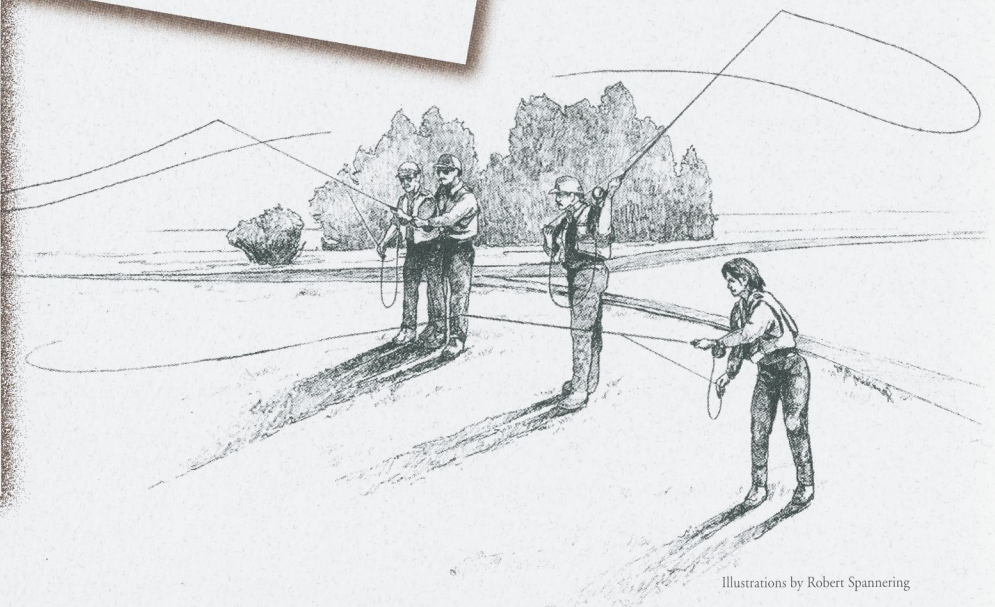
Pricing for 3-Day Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Schools - \$995 per student

- Includes three nights of lodging, all meals, three days of instruction and guided fishing, school packet, and a framed photo of the group. Pricing is based on double occupancy.

Dear Janet and Greg,
Fishing Montana just gets better and better!
I can't believe what a great time I had. Your
Montana hospitality really brought things
together for me. Greg you sure have recruited
the best guides in Southwest Montana. My skills
greatly improved under their tutelage. Thanks.
Bobbie Armor, Fremont, CA



DAVISON WESTMORELAND
Winston-Salem, NC



Illustrations by Robert Spannering

Special Group Accommodations

THE MONTANA TROUT CLUB AT THE DIAMOND "O" RANCH

In 1996 Janet and I leased the Montana Trout Club and made it available to individual anglers for a limited number of weeks during the season. We thoroughly enjoyed the use of this historic and picturesque lodge and ranch.

Greg Lilly Fly Fishing Services will operate the Montana Trout Club for *groups only* in 1997. If you have a corporate group, are in the travel business and sell hosted group trips, or perhaps have a larger group of family or friends that enjoy a common fishing vacation, then The Montana Trout Club may be just what you are looking for. If you have 11 to 18 people in a group, you can reserve the Montana Trout Club for your exclusive use.

MTC is situated on 6,000 acres of lush pasture land between the Ruby, Pioneer and Tobacco Root mountains. Nearly six miles of the Beaverhead River flows through the ranch. A small lake within casting distance of your quarters has rainbow trout up to 20".

The Big Hole, Upper Beaverhead, Jefferson and Madison rivers are all within comfortable driving distance. Greg Lilly's crew of guides will work with Montana Trout Club guests. We will have available to us the six miles of the Beaverhead River on the ranch, the small ranch lake, and at various times during the season an interesting piece of water on the ranch called Alber's Slough which occasionally produces a very large fish. Of course we will also float all the major area rivers.

Janet Lilly will oversee the creature comforts of the ranch, guaranteeing exquisite country gourmet meals, the finest in fishing accommodations, and a level of personal service you would associate with any first class lodging.



Available 1997 Dates

May 15th through July 5-August 29 through October 15.
A minimum three day stay is required.

Trout Club Rates

Cost per fisherman is \$425 per day; rates based on double occupancy. There is a single supplement charge of \$100 per day. Package price includes guided fishing each day, three meals per day, accommodations, and private fishing on ranch waters. Airport pickups are available for an additional fee.

Note: A four color brochure is available upon request which further describes the ranch and lodge.

The Montana Seasons

If you ask an outfitter the best time to fish in Montana, you're going to be told, "Whenever you can get here!" It's true! Montana offers good fishing year round. Look at when you can get away and then research which waters will be fishing best at that time of year. Or you may want to choose a river or rivers to fish and then travel to Montana when those streams are at their peak. I have outlined for you how my home waters fish throughout the season to assist you in making your vacation plans.

■ APRIL/MAY

Many anglers have yet to experience the pleasures spring fishing in southwest Montana provides. There is a common misconception that Montana is a frozen wasteland until the middle of June. Not true! Early spring fishing has a great deal to offer anglers. Streamflows are low before snowmelt starts, and fishing pressure is light. Nymph and streamer fishing with limited midge and small mayfly hatches offers erratic dry fly opportunities. April and May are months when many of our Montana guides do their own fishing!

■ JUNE

In southwest Montana, June means stone fly hatches. Usually on the Big Hole, the large stone flies appear between the 10th and 15th of June. On the Madison you will normally see salmon flies about the last week in June. If you have chased the salmon fly hatches on any of Montana's rivers you will know that the secret to the magic day, is to spend 3-5 days concentrating on a specific stream and sections of that stream. You will more than likely have a red letter day, a couple of average days and a couple of very tough days. Stone fly hatch fishing is a mixture of big nymph and big dry

fly fishing. In June you begin to get hatches of mayflies and the early caddis. Rivers like the Big Hole can produce superb small dry fly fishing when conditions trigger the hatches. On the Beaverhead you will be fishing small nymphs and streamers with some fine small dry fly fishing after water temperatures warm towards mid day.

■ JULY

Probably the most consistent dry fly period in southwest Montana. You will encounter hatches of caddis and small stone flies on the Big Hole, The Madison offers caddis, occasional mayfly hatches and attractor dry fly fishing. The Beaverhead also offers mayfly and caddis fly hatches for the dry fly fisherman.

■ AUGUST

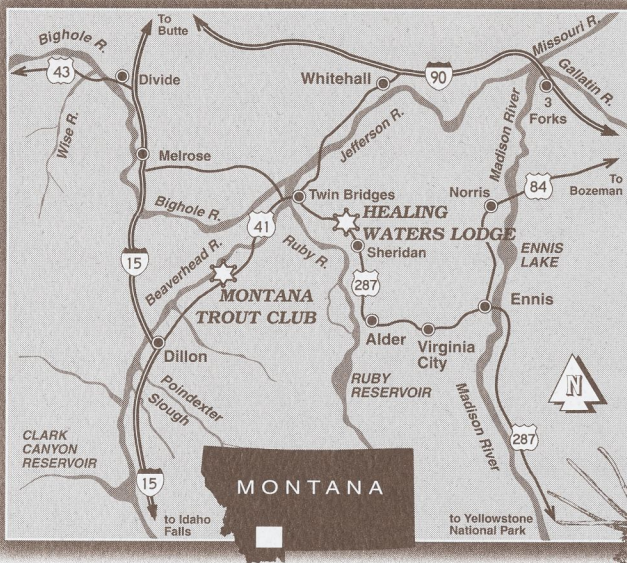
This is terrestrial time in Montana. All of the southwest Montana streams will produce fish on hoppers, beetles and ants. If you are not adverse to learning to fish streamers and nymphs you can continue to fish wet all summer and turn big trout. Don't overlook the opportunities the month of August offers fly fishermen in southwestern Montana. There is a tendency for people to jump to the conclusion that late summer is a time to avoid Montana fishing. That is just not true. You must

be flexible in the times of day you fish, the techniques you use and the water types you fish. Good stream flows in our mountains this winter mean that we will have plenty of water in August.

■ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

My favorite time of the year as a fly fisherman. The dry fly fishing becomes erratic again, but if you will convince yourself to learn to fish streamers you will have the experience of a lifetime. The brown trout are beginning to think about spawning and are more aggressive. Streams are free of pressure again and you will find the solitude many of you crave. The fall days with changing leaves and crisp autumn air are difficult to beat.

So to make the point again, any time you can get to Montana you are going to find good fishing. The key is to come with an open mind and be flexible. If you are willing to try something new and continue to grow as a fly fisher you will always find enough fishing to keep you happy.



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-includes quality fisherman's lunch, assortment of beverages, guided fishing & car shuttles on float trips
- "FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY FISHING SCHOOLS" \$995/student
-based on double occupancy: includes 3 nights of lodging, all meals, instruction, guiding, school packet and framed group photo
- HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE \$395/angler/day
-based on double-occupancy: includes guiding, lodging, meals and transportation while at the lodge
- SPECIAL SPRING FISHING PACKAGE (April 15 - May 10) \$800/angler
-based on double-occupancy: includes 4 days of guided fishing, 2 days of lodging and meals at Missouri Riverside Lodge and 2 days of lodging and meals in Sheridan, MT, and transportation while staying at both lodges
- MONTANA TROUT CLUB LODGE FISHING \$425/angler/day
-based on double-occupancy, minimum of 11 anglers required to reserve MTC and includes all guiding, lodging, meals and transportation while at the ranch
- NON-FISHING ACTIVITIES \$225/1 or 2 people/day

Getting To SW Montana

The Valleys of the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Ruby rivers are easily accessed from all parts of the U.S. You fly into either Butte or Bozeman, Montana. Butte is 60 minutes from Sheridan, Montana and Sky West Airlines runs a 50 passenger jet from Salt Lake to Butte a couple of times a day. Bozeman is a 1 1/2 hour drive from Sheridan. Delta Airlines services Bozeman from Salt Lake City and Northwest flies from Minneapolis. All major rental car agencies are available in Bozeman and Butte. For a minimum charge, airport pickups can be arranged.

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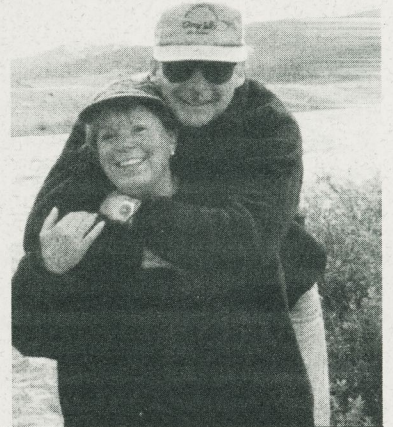
Dear Fishing Friends,

Winter has her icy claws buried in the heart of the Ruby Valley. Winds that drop the temperatures to minus 30 degrees are rattling the windows of our office, the pond beside the summer house is frozen solid and the ground is blanketed with snow. Spring seems an eternity away yet in less than three months we will again be welcoming the first guests of the season to Southwest Montana.

You might notice that we have changed the format of our newsletter somewhat this season. We have created a separate color brochure to promote Healing Waters Lodge and we will use this newsletter to keep our friends and clients informed about fishy things we think will be of interest to anglers planning visits to Montana in 1999.

We want to thank those of you who were able to get to Southwest Montana last season to fish with us. We hope to see many of our established guests and friends again in 1999 and look forward to making new acquaintances in the coming year.

- Greg and Janet Lilly

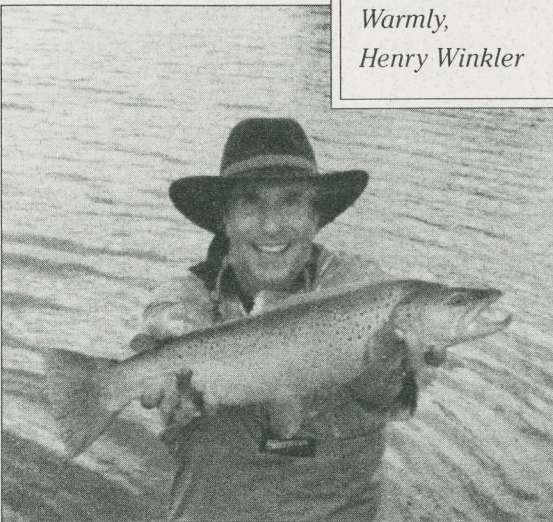


NEWS FROM HEALING WATERS LODGE

New Retail shop to be added in 1999 - The Ruby, Big Hole and Beaverhead Valleys all have existing fly shops that do a good job providing the tackle needs for our lodge guests. However there are times when it is inconvenient to stop at a fly shop on the way to the river so we have decided to open a small retail outlet at Healing Waters where you can supplement your fly selection, pick up some extra leaders and fly dressing or buy that all-important cap with the Healing Waters logo! We will work with our friend Tom Harman in Sheridan to stock the shop with basic tackle. For the more substantial purchases we will still refer our guests to Tom's shop in Sheridan or one of the other area shops.

*Dear Greg and Janet,
Thanks you so much for a most wonderful 3 1/2 days of fishing. The two of you have created a beautiful, comfortable and homey lodge. I can't wait to bring Stacey and Max to have the same delicious time!*

*Warmly,
Henry Winkler*



Janet Lilly's Garden - In 1998 Janet and her daughter Kathy grew a terrific vegetable garden from which they harvested much of the produce used in the Healing Waters kitchen. Plans are in the works to expand the garden in 1999 and you can look forward to more fresh, homegrown produce on the dining room table at the lodge.

Healing Waters receives national publicity - This past fall Michael Pearce published a very complimentary article in the Wall Street Journal that featured Healing Waters Lodge and the fine fishing available in Southwest Montana. For those of you who occasionally pick up The Robb Report look for another article about Healing Waters Lodge in the March 1999 issue.

1999 HW Guide Crew - We are delighted to announce that each of the professional guides that worked exclusively with Healing Waters Lodge in 1998 will be returning to work with us again in 1999. Ben Smith, Bob Flynn, Bill Kempf, Mike Stack, Eric Slagle and Joe Salisbury all are looking forward to the new season.

Healing Waters Rate Increase for 1999 - We know that this is not news most people want to hear but we have raised our rates for next season. The price will be \$425 per angler per day based on double occupancy. That price will again include lodging, meals, all beverages and guided fishing.

■ 1999 Healing Waters Lodge Color Brochure!

This year we have decided to create a new four-color brochure to promote Healing Waters Lodge. If you have never visited the lodge or if you have fishing friends you would like to introduce to Healing Waters Lodge, please call us and we will drop a brochure in the mail.

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FISHING FOR A GUIDE!

The guides at Greg Lilly Fly Fishing Services and Healing Waters Lodge insist on keeping the day interesting for their clients. This past October, for Rodney Friedman and Charlotte Milholland, the fishing day ended somewhat more dramatically than they expected. Their guide (who shall remain anonymous) was backing his boat trailer onto the ramp to load his raft when a rear tire on his four-wheel-drive vehicle slipped off the crumbling ramp. As darkness descended, Eric (whoops!) made an attempt to drive the car out of difficulties. The more he jockeyed the car the more trouble he encountered until eventually the vehicle was totally sitting in the river. Finally admitting defeat, Eric got on his cell phone and called for assistance. Being a Sunday evening in October in a small town, there was no tow truck available. A vehicle was dispatched from the lodge to shuttle guide and guests home and the stranded vehicle was abandoned until

Monday morning when the tow truck was able to "fish" it out of the river!

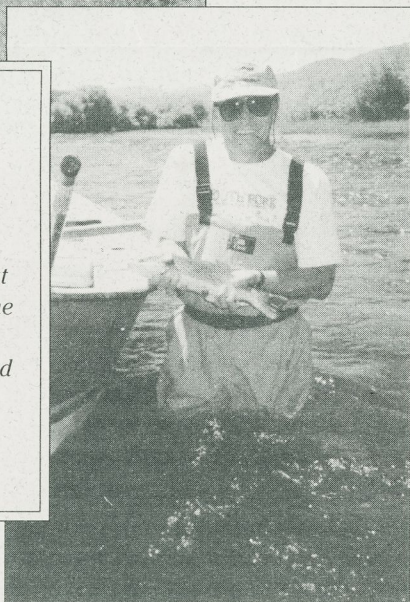


Dear Janet and Greg,

As I believe we expressed to you before our departure the fishing in itself met and probably exceeded our expectations. But, beyond that we both thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful hospitality, friendship, and comfort you provided us during our stay with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Beckert, Tulsa, OK



HIGH COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING AND FLY FISHING !

For several seasons now we have had the pleasure of working with the McNeil family who run Diamond Hitch Outfitters out of Dillon, Montana. The McNeils offer day horseback trips



into the mountains of Southwest Montana to fish some gorgeous alpine lakes or to just ride and enjoy some spectacular scenery.

For anglers, Diamond Hitch will select a high country lake that requires about an hour and a half ride and is located at about the 8,500' elevation. You will catch Golden and Cutthroat Trout on dry flies. You can have freshly caught and cooked cutthroat for lunch right on the lakeshore. After you get your fill of fish and fishing you will enjoy a leisurely ride back to the trailhead. The horses and mules are excellent, the fishing is a nice change of pace from stream fishing, the country breathtaking and the wranglers competent and personable.

If you prefer riding without fishing, Diamond Hitch will work with you to choose a ride based on your riding experience, physical condition and the amount of time you want to be on horseback.

You will ride through unbelievably beautiful country, you will enjoy a well prepared lunch in a lush alpine meadow, perhaps take a plunge in a cold mountain lake and then return to the trailhead, tired but invigorated!

■ Diamond Hitch Outfitting Rates:

If you are a guest at Healing Waters Lodge the day of horseback riding is substituted for your guided fishing day and there is no extra charge. If you are not staying at Healing Waters Lodge a day of riding is \$135 per rider per day.

Included in the ride: beverages, a horse and a wrangler to accompany you.

NEW VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR 1999!

For the past few years we have been managing a very attractive log home located on the banks of the Big Hole River just outside of Twin Bridges as a fishermen's rental. This has worked very well for anglers who enjoy doing some of their own cooking and like the freedom a housekeeping accommodation provides.

This season we will not only have the house on the Big Hole to offer anglers, but have added four more terrific properties that we will be renting out on a daily and weekly basis. These homes are located in the Sheridan area on sites that city slickers dream about. Sizes and rates vary to match your needs.

If you are interested in a rental home for vacation purposes in the Sheridan/Twin Bridges area, call or e-mail us and we will send you a separate brochure with photos, details and rates.

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DAILY GUIDED FISHING SERVICES

In 1999 we will again be working with anglers who are only interested in the services of a guide and not necessarily a package that includes meals and lodging. Both Twin Bridges and Sheridan now offer more choices in eating establishments and accommodations for those anglers who prefer to make their own arrangements.

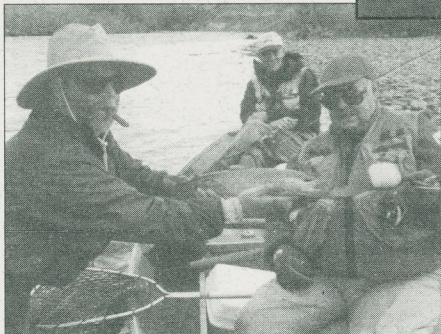
When you hire a guide from Greg Lilly Fly Fishing Services he will work to provide you an action-filled day and optimistically provide a shot or two at a trophy trout (important). Each guide will do more than that—it has always been our philosophy that a guide's job is also to help anglers continue to grow as fly fishers. If you leave the river after a day with a guide and feel you are a better angler for the experience and above all else you have had a great time, then we have done our jobs as guides.

■ *The Guided Day*

When you fish with us we try to tailor the day to meet your expectations and desires. We will discuss with you what kind of fishing you enjoy, what waters have been productive, the length of day you like to fish, float fishing vs. wade fishing, your experience level and your tackle needs for the day.

■ *Daily Guided Fishing Package*

Includes boat and guide, beverages, streamside lunch and car shuttle when needed. Daily guided fishing for one or two anglers is \$325/day.



A DAY WITH A NATURALIST!

For several seasons now we have worked with Cathy Cain of High Country Discoveries to provide a very unique experience for guests at Healing Waters Lodge. Cathy is a professional naturalist with her doctorate in zoology. She specializes in putting together one day outings for people who are not anglers or anglers who want to take a day off the streams to enjoy the other attractions Southwest Montana offers.

Cathy can take you to the high meadows of the Gravelly Mountains to photograph wildflowers or spend the day touring the old gold diggings of Bannock and Virginia City. She can help you add new bird species to your master's list, dig for quartz crystals at Crystal Mountain or accompany you to the Big Hole Battlefield to help you understand and appreciate the incredible journey of Chief Joseph.

Cathy will visit with you about your interests and your preferences when she plans your day together. Every guest who has spent time with Cathy Cain is effusive about the experience and we highly recommend her services to those who may be non fishing partners or anglers ready for a day away from the rivers.

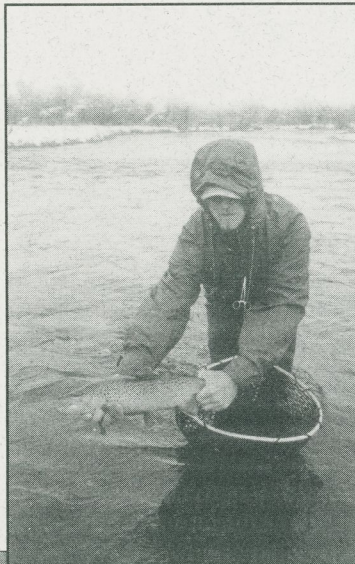


EARLY SEASON SPECIAL: APRIL 1ST- JUNE 1ST

Healing Waters Lodge has offered an early season discount to anglers the last few years to encourage the fishing that Montana offers in April and May. We strongly believe the spring fishing is very underrated and not being enjoyed by enough

people. There is a misconception that Montana is a frozen wasteland except between the months of June and September! That is just not true. The last three years in which we have offered the early season special not one group of anglers has missed a day's fishing because the weather was too cold.

The spring run-off does not start until mid May and even at that time in the Beaverhead and Big Hole Valleys the rivers are rarely unfishable. The majority of your fishing in the spring is nymph and streamer but you can also find excellent caddis, blue winged olive and skwalla stone fly hatches in late April and May. You will share the rivers only with the waterfowl, wildlife and a very occasional other angler.



Spring Fishing is great **FUN!** This is the time to see the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Madison, Ruby and some small spring creeks when there is little competition for hungry trout just out of the winter doldrums.

■ *Early Season Special Pricing (Apr. 1-June 1)*

\$325 per angler per day. Pricing based on double occupancy. The Early Season Special includes: Lodging, meals and beverages at Healing Waters Lodge, and your guided fishing.

■ *High Country Discovery Rates*

If you are a guest of Healing Waters Lodge the day with Cathy Cain is substituted for your guided fishing day and there is no extra charge. If you are not a guest at Healing Waters Lodge a day with Cathy Cain is \$225.

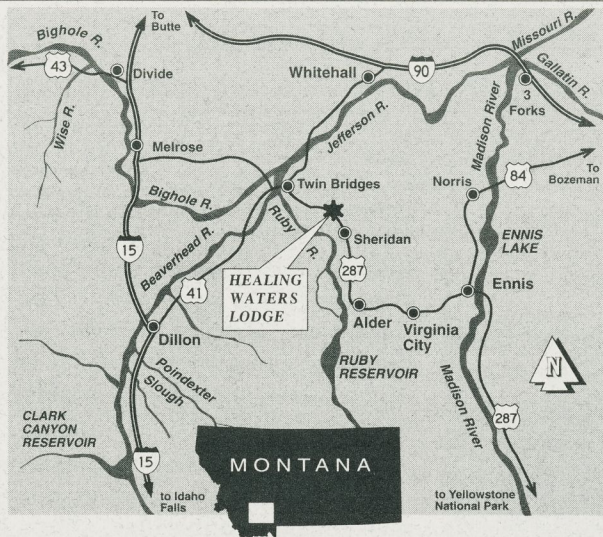
Included with the Naturalist Outing is: Transportation from the lodge, a gourmet lunch and beverages.

Dear Janet and Greg,

I wanted to drop you guys a note to say "Thanks". While we thoroughly enjoyed the rest of our trip, without a doubt the highlight was Healing Waters Lodge. As we have told our friends, we felt as though we were visiting old friends in their home. It was a truly wonderful week and you are both to be complemented in the way you make everything work so well and make your guests feel completely at home. Everything—the food, the room, and the fishing were wonderful.

Regards,

John O'Malley, Wayzata, MN



GETTING TO SOUTHWEST MONTANA

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1999 STREAM FLOW PROJECTIONS

Montana, like the rest of the Rocky Mountain West has had heavy snows in the mountains the past few seasons. Lots of snow means good flows in all the rivers of Southwest Montana and good flows equate to high fish populations with good numbers of larger fish.

The one price we pay when we have high snow packs is that some of our area streams do not drop and clear as early as we all would like to see. In 1998 that was the case with the Madison. It was after the fourth of July before the Madison was fishable. Fortunately the Big Hole and Beaverhead Rivers both fished very well through the spring run-off period.

The winter of 1999 is shaping up like it is going to be more mild and dry than the past three seasons. It is always difficult to forecast mid to late winter storms and spring rains but the pattern appears to be set for a lighter moisture year. As anglers this means we should look for the major hatches to appear closer to normal times this season than has been the case the past few seasons. The Salmon Flies on the Big Hole River will probably appear about the 10th of June. On the Madison River we should expect to see Salmon Flies the last week in June and the river should be in fine fishable shape.

With lighter snow packs in the mountains spring fishing in Southwest Montana should be excellent. You should see good early season caddis hatches on the Big Hole in mid May and on the Beaverhead you will experience BWO hatches on darker days.

We are always happy to provide river condition reports and to make guesses on when the various hatches are going to materialize on the rivers we work. Feel free to call at any time.

HEALING WATERS LODGE CONSIDERING WATERFOWL HUNTS IN 1999

It is hell to live in a part of the world that offers so much to the outdoorsman! Not only does Southwest Montana have some of the finest trout fishing in the world but it also offers waterfowl shooting that is as exciting as any duck and goose shooting in the country.

Veteran Healing Waters Lodge guide Bill Kempf is an established big game and bird hunting outfitter who is considering outfitting and guiding duck and goose shooting from Healing Waters Lodge. We would like to know if there is any enthusiasm for waterfowl shooting packages from any of our established fishing clients who might be also be waterfowl hunters.

You would hunt on private land on rivers like the Beaverhead and Ruby. Hunts will be conducted depending upon time of day, weather conditions and the hunters. You may start your day at dawn hunting over decoys in grain fields (two hunters and a guide), and finish the day hunting from blinds along the rivers. At times, when the weather dictates, you may enjoy jump-shooting spring creeks and river bends.

In the Pacific Flyway, the limits on ducks are quite liberal again and you will enjoy hunting a variety of species of ducks and a couple of types of geese.

Your outfitter will provide well trained retrievers but if you own your own dog you are welcome to bring it.

Healing Waters Lodge will be your shooting headquarters. Waterfowl shooters will enjoy the same deluxe accommodations, meals, guides and personal service that fly fishers have been exclaiming about for several years.

If you have a chance, let us know what you think about the potential for waterfowl trips like those we have described.

MONTANA STORM

*How quiet doth the dawn break,
And pass with blue azur skies,
Which hide and guard the secret whole,
Of what they keep inside.
Somewhere lies, just past the plain,
And yonder rounded hills,
The clouds which gather one by one,
To raise the aft noon's chill.
So high and white the cumulus,
Named long before today,
They merge and blend and bring about,
The thunder's roaring bay.
From far the rumble lightning's flash,
Doth herald its own time,
It comes to us, as sure it must,
Full power to unwind.
The universe, before this mark,
Hath n'er known more,
Of nature's thrust and mighty force,
She's writ the final score.
d.c.bird*

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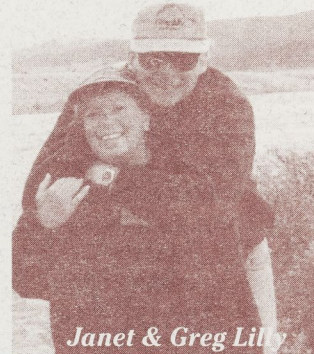
Fly Fishing Lodge



Dear Fishing Friends,

The Cottonwoods around Healing Waters Lodge stand naked and embarrassed, their fallen leaves blowing by our open office door with a very lonesome rustle. The early morning squawking of Sand Hill Cranes in the fields across from the lodge has been replaced with an occasional shot from a duck hunter's shotgun. The 1999 fishing season is history. It was a great season and we thank all of you who helped make our third year at Healing Waters Lodge a very successful one. Now we can all look forward to the first season of the new

millennium! As always, at Healing Waters Lodge we are constantly working to improve upon your fishing and lodging experience. The 2000 season will be no exception. Those anglers returning to HW from previous seasons will find many changes; from a new exterior coat of paint on the main lodge and guest house to more private fishing waters, a new hot tub and deck and fabulous new recipes from Janet's kitchen. Enjoy this edition of our year 2000 newsletter. We hope to see many old friends back at Healing Waters in the New Year and to welcome other anglers who might be first time visitors to SW Montana and Healing Waters Lodge.



Janet & Greg Lilly

GREG AND JANET LILLY'S Healing Waters Lodge Newsletter

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HEALING WATERS LODGE AND THE RIVER'S EDGE OUTFITTERS TEAM UP FOR A SPECIAL EARLY SEASON PACKAGE!!

Greg Lilly and Dave Corcoran, long time friends and former business partners, have collaborated to put together a unique spring fishing package that will offer anglers the opportunity to sample some special fisheries in two different regions of Montana.

You will fly into Bozeman, spending three nights at the Grantree Inn. Dave and Lynn Corcoran at The River's Edge have arranged for you to float one of the premier big rivers in their area, such as the Yellowstone or Lower Madison. The other two days you will fish world famous Depuy's Spring Creek and either private ranch waters for monster rainbows, or Armstrong Spring Creek.

After fishing the third day in the Bozeman area, you will travel about an hour and fifteen minutes to Twin Bridges, passing into the care of Greg and Janet Lilly at Healing Waters Lodge. While staying at Healing Waters you will float one of the famous rivers in that area such as the Beaverhead, Big Hole or Jefferson. Your other fishing day will be spent on a private ranch where a very limited number of anglers are permitted each season. You will fish for brown trout, rainbow trout and cutthroat trout you likely have never before experienced! The ranch offers the opportunity to fish three spring ponds, a spring creek and portions of the Beaverhead River.

Healing Waters/River's Edge Package only available between April 1st and May 10th! Package includes: 3 night's lodging at the Grantree Inn and 3 night's lodging and meals at Healing Waters Lodge, 3 days of guided fishing with River's Edge guides and 2 days of guided fishing with Healing Waters guides. Package Price is \$1650 per person based on double occupancy.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!!

Healing Waters Lodge is entering its fourth year and as a result there are already periods in the 2000 season when the lodge is full. We would like to encourage old customers and new to make their reservations for this next season as early as possible in order to insure that you get the dates you want.

Healing Waters Lodge pricing in High Season for the year 2000: \$450 per person per day based on double occupancy. A single angler in one room with a guide to himself is \$550 per day. Non-fishing spouse or partner rate is \$225 per day.

A color brochure and additional trip planning materials are available upon request.



John Hurley

REFLECTIONS ~ A 1999 Memory ~

The season began this spring with Peter Bashaw celebrating his 50th birthday with us. Peter spent his birthday fishing with guide Dennis Rehse. Dennis put Pete into some fish that almost made turning 50 worthwhile! Pete hopes to celebrate many more birthdays on Montana rivers.



Peter Bashaw

GUIDE CREW NEWS FOR 2000

The relationship between a fishing guide and his client is more than just a professional one. A good fishing guide and his clients become a team as they spend time together pursuing fish and pleasant times on a trout stream. Most guests at Healing Waters enjoy fishing with guides with whom they are familiar each year and we are very happy to report that in the upcoming season Bill Kempf, Eric Slagle, Mike Stack, Ben Smith, Joe Salisbury, Bart Doig and Dick Crane will all be working from the lodge again.

REFLECTIONS ~ A 1999 Memory ~

The Healing Water's guides will fondly remember the 12 attractive women who were entertained at HW by New Woman Magazine. Not one of these women had ever had a fly rod in her hand. By the end of their second day of fishing every one of them had landed trout on a fly!

The season ended with Frank and Lucille Farrell hosting six couples this fall at Healing Waters. This is the only group of the season who had enough energy to fish hard all day then turn the Healing Waters living room into a West Coast Swing Club until 1:30 am!

SOME OLD FASHIONED IDEAS NEVER GO OUT OF DATE!

You are the most important person in our business.

*You are not dependent upon us,
we are dependent upon you.*

*You are not an interruption of our work,
you are the purpose for it.*

*You do us a favor when you use us,
we are not doing you a favor by serving you.*

*You come to us with your needs,
it is our job to fulfill them.*

*You pay our salaries...without you
we would have to close our doors.*

*You deserve the most courteous
attention we can give.*

*Let us take this moment to say, "Thank You.
We appreciate having you as a friend."*

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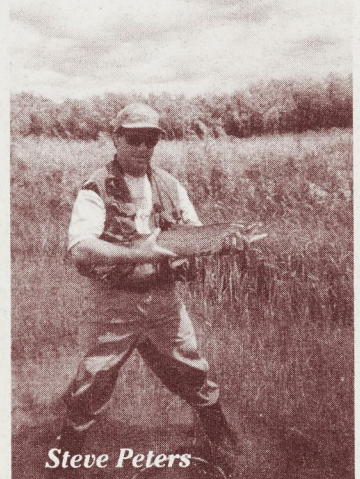
THE SALMON FLY HATCHES!!

The question most often asked of me, as an outfitter is "when is the best time to fish in SW Montana?" I always have to answer the same way. It is impossible to pick out a "best" time because it is really a very subjective choice. Each angler has a style of fishing he prefers on a water type he favors. The weather in which an angler is willing to fish is important and angler experience level should also be factored in since this will affect success at various times of the year.

So I normally do not single out a particular time of the year or a particular hatch to highlight in our newsletter. This year however I have decided to make an exception and discuss the famous Salmon Fly Hatches of the Big Hole and Madison Rivers. There is a lot of interest in catching these hatches and I believe it is important for fishermen to understand the best way to be successful when chasing "The Hatch"

The Salmon Flies are really giant stone flies. The emergence of the adult stone flies, which provides the dry fly fishing action during the hatch, starts on the lower end of a river and each day over a period of about ten days the adult stone flies appear farther and farther up river. On the Big Hole River with normal water conditions you can expect to see adult stone flies between the 10th and 15th of June. Usually by about the 22nd or 23rd of June the hatch is over. On the Madison it is usually close to the end of June before the adult flies appear near the town of Ennis. This hatch will end about the 7th or 8th of July.

When adult stone flies are on the rivers it does not automatically mean an angler is going to find every large fish in the river feeding on the dry fly patterns. There will be days that the fish are gorged and not eating at all. The key to success with Salmon Flies is to plan three to five days of fishing during the hatch periods. Be prepared to keep fishing a given section of either the Big Hole or Madison so that you are in the right place at the right time when the big fish turn on to the adult Salmon Flies. If you accept that you may have a real dog day while chasing "The Hatch" but persist in your efforts you should be rewarded with a magical day of dry fly fishing!



Dear Greg and Janet,

I'm compelled to write some of my observations and feelings after spending the last four days with you.

First of all, the English language begs the issue of trying to say thank you for a wonderful time. Thank you doesn't go far enough in expressing the peaceful joy and positive impact that staying at Healing Waters Lodge had on me. Everyone in our group was impressed with the caliber of your operation.

**Vern Bates, US Ink
Seattle, WA**



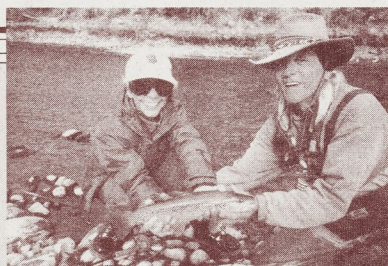
Greg and Janet-

We really had a fantastic time at Healing Waters. It is the toughest vacation to get back from- Totally relaxed to Type A chaos again.

Thought you both might like to see this photo of Martha's big Luncker. Can't wait until next year.

Best Wishes

Jim Kaley, Greensboro, NC



MONTANA WRESTLES WITH THE QUESTION "WHAT IS A QUALITY ANGLING EXPERIENCE?"

The state of Montana has been on the leading edge of fisheries management for the past thirty years. As a result Montana can lay claim to possessing the finest system of **wild trout** rivers in the lower 48 states. The numbers of fish per mile on rivers like the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Madison, Yellowstone, and Missouri are higher than ever and the numbers of trophy sized fish are at record levels as well.

There has been a price to pay for this bounty of beautiful wild browns, rainbow, native cutthroat, brookies and even grayling and that is a dramatic increase in the numbers of anglers traveling to Montana to fish.

Anyone who spends quality time on a trout stream understand that there is more to the sport than catching fish. Fishing for wild trout provides an angler the chance to escape for a few hours the competition of the work world and the noise and franticness of the city. They can do this in some of the most gorgeous places on earth.

As fishing pressure increases on rivers everywhere the benefits of "total experience" flyfishing for trout begin to be threatened. The people of Montana who care about preserving the state's incredible trout fisheries and the experience they offer, recognize that we now must begin to address preserving the "quality" fishing experience.

This past season the Governor of Montana mandated that several committees be established to study and plan for the preservation of not only the biological success of Montana's rivers but also the social success of the fishing experience on our rivers. These committees consist of people from every stakeholder group on Montana's Rivers: Farmers and ranchers, outfitters and guides, river rafters and kayakers, and of course anglers. These committees must deal with some enormously difficult questions and try to formulate a river management recreation plan in the next 12-18 months.

At Healing Waters Lodge we applaud the effort of beginning to "wrestle" with the difficult issue of how to protect and preserve "the total trout fishing experience". We have been involved from the outset with establishment of an outfitters and guides association to address social issues on our rivers. We will continue to work with all our associates in the outfitting business as these committees progress towards some policy decisions that will help maintain the terrific fishing and fishing experience all anglers now enjoy in Montana. We will keep our friends and clients informed of developments as the process of "preserving a quality experience" unfolds in Montana over the next year. We urge each of you to monitor the process as well through fly fishing publications, fishing web sites, etc.. Your input is as important as any other angler's!

SHOULDER SEASONS SPECIAL PRICING (APRIL 1ST - JUNE 1ST) & (OCTOBER 15TH - NOVEMBER 7TH)

Healing Waters Lodge has offered an early season discount to anglers the last few years to encourage them to enjoy the fishing that Montana offers in April and May. This year we are going to extend that same pricing to the late fall season. There is a misconception that Montana is a frozen wasteland in both the spring and fall. That is just not true. The last three years in which we have operated HW Lodge there have been only one or two days fishing missed due to inclement weather.

The spring run-off does not start until mid May in SW Montana and even at that time in the Beaverhead and Big Hole Valleys the rivers are rarely unfishable. In the fall by the middle of October our waters are almost deserted. Local anglers are involved in hunting and other activities. The brown trout are beginning to move into spawning areas and the fishing is very good.



Davison Westmoreland

Most fishing in the shoulder seasons is sub-surface with nymphs or streamers. However in the spring you may encounter early season caddis and skwalla stone flies and in the fall on dark, overcast days you will find some fish working on blue winged olives.

Shoulder season fishing is great fun! You will share the rivers of SW Montana only with waterfowl, wildlife and a very occasional angler. These are the times of year when you will find the professional guides getting their licks in on the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby, Jefferson and Madison.

Shoulder Season Special Pricing (April 1-June 1 and October 15-November 7). \$350 per angler per day. Pricing is based on double occupancy. Package includes lodging at Healing Waters, meals and beverages and guided fishing.

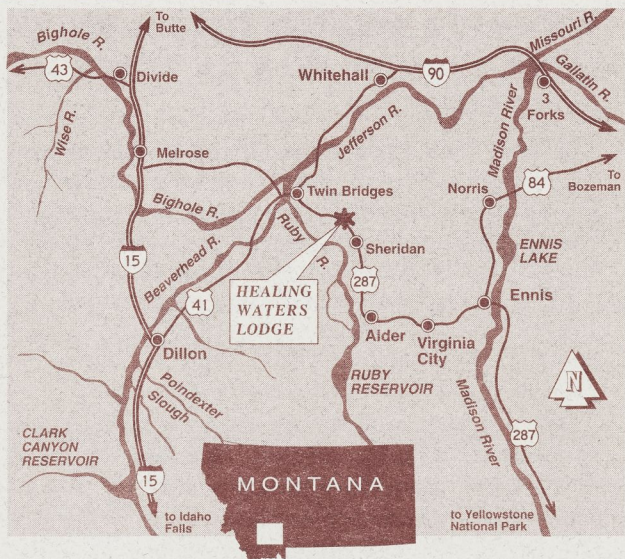
Dear Janet and Greg,

Thank you for the absolutely perfect week of fishing at Healing Waters. Janet, the food was incredibly delicious (gained 5 pounds). You could compete with Le Cirque any day. Your staff is warm and very accommodating. Eric was very professional, informative and tolerant of our foolishness. He also put us on some great fish.

Again, thanks to you and your staff at Healing Waters for a wonderful week. Spending time with old friends, meeting new ones and sharing a laugh is surely one of life's greatest pleasures. Looking forward to next year.

**Charlotte Houser
Merritt Island, FL**





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HEALING WATERS LODGE ADDS HOT TUB

Our new hot tub and deck will be a great addition to your stay at Healing Waters Lodge. You can soak those tired muscles at the end of the day to get ready for your next day of fishing. And think of how welcome that warm tub will be in the spring and fall when you hit a cool, wet day on the water and know you can return to Healing Waters for a warming soak. Follow that with a glass of wine and a bowl of Janet's terrific homemade soup and you will be ready for another day of fishing!

Bring a bathing suit as part of your kit bag for the 2000 season at Healing Waters Lodge! Robes will be provided in each room.



WHAT DOES A NON-FISHING GUEST DO?

Healing Waters Lodge offers two unique experiences as alternatives to a guided fishing day. You can horseback ride into the high country of Montana with professional horse packers or you can spend a day with a professional naturalist. If you desire an unstructured experience then you can relax around the lodge or we are happy to help you plan a day exploring southwest Montana on your own.

A DAY WITH A NATURALIST

For several seasons now we have worked with Cathy Cain of High Country Discoveries. Cathy is a naturalist with her doctorate in Zoology. She specializes in putting together one day outings for people who are not anglers or anglers who want to take a break from fishing.

Cathy can take you to the high meadows of the Gravelly Mountains to photograph wildflowers or spend the day touring the old gold diggings of Bannock and Virginia City. She can help you add new bird species to your master's list, dig for quartz crystals at Crystal Mountain or accompany you to the Big Hole Battlefield to help you understand and appreciate the incredible journey of Chief Joseph. She will tailor the day to fit your preferences.

HIGH COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING

For three years we have worked with the McNeil family and Diamond Hitch Outfitters in Dillon, Montana. The McNeils offer horseback trips into the mountains of SW Montana to fish some gorgeous alpine lakes or to just ride and enjoy some spectacular scenery.



If you are an angler the McNeils will accompany you to cold, mountain lakes 8,500' above sea level where you fish for wild cutthroat and brook trout. The fish are not large but their cooperative attitudes and numbers more than make up for their lack of size. After a lakeshore lunch and more fishing you will enjoy a leisurely ride back to the trailhead. The horses and mules you ride are excellent, the fishing fast and the wranglers competent and personable.

For a scenic trailride the McNeils will choose a ride based on your riding experience, physical condition and the amount of time you would like to be out. You will ride through some unbelievable country and enjoy a well prepared lunch in a lush alpine meadow, perhaps take a plunge in a cold mountain lake and then return to the trailhead tired but invigorated.

Both the Day with a Naturalist and the High Country Horseback Riding can replace your guided fishing day as part of the Healing Waters Package.

REFLECTIONS ~ A 1999 Memory ~

Several couples celebrated their wedding anniversary with stays at Healing Waters. That is always special for us. The most memorable however was Lyle Tyler's anniversary. Normally Lyle and his wife Denise both come to HW to fish. This year Lyle came with brother-in-law Jerry Breen. It so happened that Lyle's 40th wedding anniversary fell while Lyle and Jerry were visiting Montana. The day of the anniversary Lyle and Jerry were riding horses into a mountain lake to fish. Lyle's wife, Denise, knew there was a good chance Lyle would be pretty stiff and sore after a three hour horseback ride. As a wedding anniversary present she called Montana from Michigan and found a professional masseuse whom she had waiting at Healing Waters when Lyle returned from the ride! Now that is an understanding wife!

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Are You Looking for a Job That You Can Love?
Consider enrolling in—

Greg Lilly's School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides

A Career as a professional fly fishing guide is regularly perceived as being as close to the perfect job as anyone can imagine. You are outside all the time, you are fishing constantly, and you have absolutely no real pressure compared to your old college roommate who is sitting in an office cubicle in downtown Cleveland trying to meet his company's budget projections for this quarter.

Well not quite! It is true that you are outdoors all the time however many of those days can be spent in cold driving



rain, snow, or at the other extreme in 90+ degree heat. If you are fishing at all on a guided trip other than for demonstration purposes, then you are not doing your job and if you don't think there is any pressure in this job then you are under a very wrong impression. Try spending a ten hour day with two type-A personality Wall Street bankers, who have high expectations but no experience or fly fishing skills, trying to fool very selective trout in low water conditions!



A fly fishing guide works ten to twelve hours each day, often going weeks without a day off trying to produce successful fishing experiences for people who have no fly fishing skills in an environment with hundreds

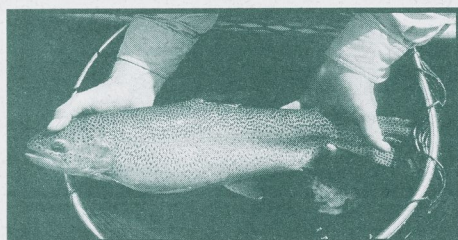
of variables that the guide can't control. It is a difficult job demanding skill as a fly fisherman, extraordinary patience, an aptitude for teaching, and an ability to deal with all kinds of people. The good news is that it is an extremely exciting and rewarding career. You do spend your days on the water in some of the most beautiful places on earth. Every day you fish vicariously through your clients and the pleasure you take away from seeing people enjoy a sport that you love is very gratifying. You develop special, long term relationships with people from all walks of life and all parts of the globe. A good guide earns about \$300 per day and he can take his talents almost anywhere in the world and find work.

As a graduate of *The Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides* you will have improved your overall personal fishing skills, learned to be an effective teacher of fly fishing, become an accomplished boatman, polished your people managing skills, and learned how to be a good employee. You will be well prepared to pursue a career as a professional fly fishing guide anywhere in the world that flies are cast to fish.

What Are the Requirements for Being a First Class Fly Fishing Guide?

First, you must be a better than average angler. You must possess the basic skills of fly casting, water reading, hatch matching, tackle rigging, fly presentation, and wading.

Second, you must be able to teach these same skills to your clients. A guide is more than just someone who points to a spot and says the fish are there. You must be able to teach your clients in a very short time how to cast their fly to a rising fish or a particular piece of water. You must be able to explain nymphing, dry fly fishing and streamer fishing so that your clients understand what you want and why. Clients have got to be able to read water so that they are effective when you are not at their elbow.



Third, you need a great deal of patience and you must be a people person. You must be a psychologist, cheerleader, slave driver and coach. Most fish are taken not with skill but persistence

and hard work. It is the guide's job to keep his clients excited, enthused and working hard. Additionally it is critical that you see that both your clients are having as much fun in your boat as is humanly possible.

Fourth, you must be a very accomplished and safe boatman if your job entails watercraft of any type.

Fifth, you must be a team player. You must be able to work for your outfitter and you must be able to work with your fellow guides. Additionally you should be able to get along with competitive guides on the river and the non-guided fishing public.

The Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides offers an intensive, two week program that will provide you all the tools you need to become a fly fishing guide. You will elevate your personal fly fishing skills, you will become an effective teacher of fly casting and the other basic fly fishing skills the client needs, you will learn to deal with all types of client personalities and you will learn how to work with outfitters, fellow guides and the non-guided fishing public. Your time in school will be divided between the classroom and the rivers.

Program Areas of Emphasis:

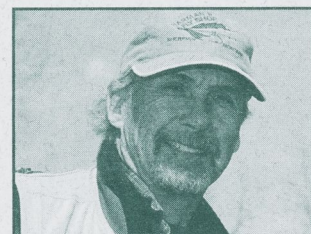
- An assessment is done of each student's fishing skills and a program of instruction is tailored to his/her specific needs.
- Understanding the mechanics of the fly cast and how to properly teach it
- Drift Boat rowing, safety and fishing
- Guiding the wading only fishing trip

- Guiding etiquette and stream courtesy
- Streamside photographic basics (guest lecturer)
- First Aid and CPR (optional)
- Risk Management for the guide and outfitter (special guest speaker)
- Leadership seminar (special guest speaker)
- Dealing with difficult clients (role playing)
- Working with the woman client and children
- The guide's responsibility to the environment, politics and conservation
- Basic business concepts-taxes, licensing, Independent Contracting status
- One day of actual guiding with critiques by clients and school instructors
- Being a well informed guide (special guest speaker on wildflowers, birds, geology and history)
- Job hunting skills, and resumes

Instructors for *Greg Lilly's School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides*

Greg Lilly

Greg Lilly is the director and lead instructor in our school for professional fly fishing guides. He has been a guide in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming for 38 years. He has been an outfitter and owner/operator of four outfitting businesses in Montana for 22 years. Greg Lilly has a reputation world wide as a teacher of fly-fishing and as one of the finest guides in the Rocky Mountain area. Most importantly, Greg knows what the attributes of a good guide are and he has the ability to use that knowledge to teach other men and women how to become successful professional fly fishing guides.



Dino Pagano

Dino has been a guide and outfitter in Montana for the last dozen years. He came to Montana as a young man determined that he was going to make a place for himself in the outfitting industry and he has done just that. He learned the craft of guiding by working for the R.L. Winston Rod Company and eventually he became the outfitter for their Lodge near Dillon, Montana. Dino is a very skilled angler. He has appeared on numerous ESPN fishing programs and captained Team Powell in the ESPN World Fly Fishing Championships. He is a superb casting technician and a very fine fly fishing instructor.



Catherine Cain

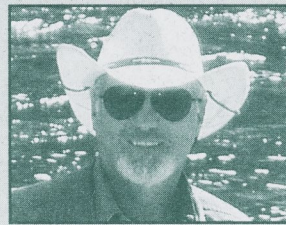


Catherine earned a PhD. in Zoology at the University of California Santa Barbara. She and her husband own a home on the Big Hole River where they raise llamas and dogs and they fly fish. Cathy has her own business specializing in guided nature and

history tours. She is a gourmet chef, accomplished photographer, gifted teacher, speaker and elk hunter as well as enthused angler. You will not find a person with more knowledge about the plants, birds, geology and history of Montana than Catherine Cain.

Bill Cain

Bill Cain grew up fishing the rivers of western Montana. He was one of the earliest members of Trout Unlimited in Montana and has been actively involved in conservation on Montana's rivers for over 35 years. He currently is a director of the Big Hole Watershed Committee. After retiring from the Montana Power Company six years ago, Bill went to work guiding on the Big Hole River for two premier fly fishing lodges. Like his wife, Catherine, Bill is a serious down hill skier, elk hunter and backpacker. In the summers you can find him almost daily at the oars of his drift boat or fishing the evening hatch on the banks of the Big Hole right in front of his house.



The Location of Greg Lilly's School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides

Sheridan, Montana is the home of the *Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides*. Sheridan is centrally located in SW Montana with five major trout streams within a 45 minute drive of our classroom. You will hone your boat handling and guiding skills on rivers like the Madison, Big Hole, Beaverhead and Jefferson. There are small meadow streams, mountain tributary streams and still water fisheries on which to learn to work with clients on walk/wade trips.

Your time at the *Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides* will be split between our classroom in Sheridan and the rivers.

The Classroom:

Obviously, learning to be a fly fishing guide will entail a great deal of instruction out of doors on the casting field or on the water. However to be a complete angler and fly fishing guide you need to be well grounded in tackle rigging, entomology, streamside photography, nature, area history, and the very important people handling skills.

All classroom work will be done in our comfortable, well lighted and well equipped facility in Sheridan.

Field Work:

Basic casting instruction will be conducted on our practice field. All fishing and guiding skills will be practiced on area rivers and lakes. Typically each day you will rendezvous at the classroom for a preview of the day's activities and some classroom instruction and then you will move to the rivers to work on fishing and guiding skills.

Lodging and Meals

The Sheridan, Montana area is blessed with a wide choice of accommodations to fit each student's needs and pocketbook. You will find several excellent small independently owned motels that cater to fishermen, bed and breakfast accommodations, rental units with kitchens where you can do your own cooking and for those who want to stay in luxury, the area fly fishing lodges are first class. On the flip side if you choose to camp there are some beautiful Forest Service Camp Grounds available. (A list of all area accommodation choices will be sent to students when they sign up for school)

Your dining choices are equally as broad as the lodging options. The student is responsible for breakfast and dinner each day. There are a number of good breakfast cafes in our area and everything from pizza to gourmet dining is available each evening after you finish your day of instruction. Lunches and beverages are provided to each student as part of the guide school.

Get Acquainted Barbecue — As part of your tuition, there is a barbecue the first evening before school begins to allow students and instructors to meet and get acquainted.

Graduation Dinner — The last evening of the school there will be a graduation dinner, again as part of the cost of the school, to celebrate the completion of what is always an intense but enjoyable two weeks for everyone.

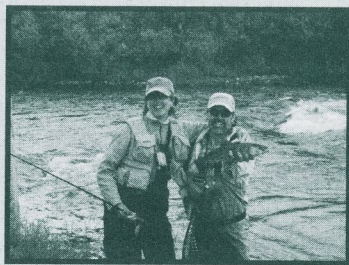
Women and a Career as a Professional Fly Fishing Guide

In the last ten years, women have become a very large part of the clientele of fishing guides everywhere. It has become more and more important for the complete outfitting business to have women on its staff of guides. Unfortunately the number of women guides available for the fly fishing outfitting industry is not sufficient to meet the demand. For the woman interested in becoming a fly fishing guide, it means that there is a tremendous opportunity.

Greg Lilly's School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides, prides itself on its mix of male and female instructors and the aspiring woman guide should feel comfortable that she is going to be welcomed and encouraged in her quest to become a professional guide.

Career Assistance

Breaking into the guiding business is not an easy task. Most outfitters first choice for a guide hire is an experienced guide who knows the outfitter's area of operation. Preferably an outfitter would like to hire someone he already knows. If he cannot find someone he knows then the next choice is to hire a guide recommended by someone else who knows what the requirements are for a first class guide.



At the *Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides*, we will provide you a very solid foundation from which you can launch your search for a job as a fly fishing guide anywhere in the world. We will give you the fishing skills, the people handling skills, the boat handling skills and we will help you put together a first class resume. In addition we will use our 38 years of experience in the outfitting and guide business and our extensive network of lodges, fly shops, outfitting businesses and adventure travel agents, around the world, to assist you in obtaining a job



as a fly fishing guide. What we cannot do is get you the fishing experience you will need in specific areas in order to work. However if you are an accomplished reader of water, a skilled angler and you can present

yourself well in the interview process, having graduated from the *Greg Lilly School for Professional Guides* should give you a leg up on other applicants for any job for which you apply.

Registration and Tuition for The Greg Lilly School for Professional Fly Fishing Guides

Guide School Cost is \$2395 per student and includes:

- Twelve days of classroom and on stream instruction
- All classroom materials
- Lunches each instruction day
- Kick-Off Barbecue and Graduation Dinner
- Classroom manual
- Use of boat and trailer and all guide equipment when on the water
- Use of classroom cameras
- Assistance with job placement

Students must provide the following:

- Their own fly fishing equipment, waders, rods and reels, rain jacket, flies, etc. (a recommended gear list will be sent to each student after they register for class).

- Accommodations while attending school
- All meals with the exception of lunches on school days and the kick-off and graduation dinners
- Transportation to Sheridan

First Aid and CPR Class

In Montana it is necessary to have a current first aid card to become a fly fishing guide. For those students who would like to complete their first aid and CPR training while attending the school. The last day (Day 13) will be First Aid and CPR. This is totally optional for each student and it is not part of the school tuition.

Deposit Policy

A deposit of 50% is required within ten days of signing up for a school. The deposit is refundable if notice is given at least 21 days before the start of class. If cancellation takes place under 20 days until start of class, the 50% deposit is forfeited but may be rolled over to a later school.

An insurance waiver of liability is required by our insurance company. Each student will be asked to complete and sign a waiver that will be sent to him or her in advance of class.

Tuition Financing is available with special arrangements in advance of a school.

Dates for Greg Lilly's Guide Schools

School One:
July 17th to 30th

July 17 – Evening Kick-Off Dinner
Instruction Days – July 18 through July 23
Free Day – July 24
Instruction Days – July 25 through July 30
Evening of July 30 is Graduation Dinner

School Two:
July 31st to August 13, 2005

July 31 – Evening Kick-Off Dinner
Instruction Days August 1 through August 6
Free day August 7
Instruction Days August 8 through August 13
Evening of August 13 is Graduation Dinner

Optional First Aid and CPR day *School One* is
August 1st

Optional First Aid and CPR day *School Two* is
August 15th

Greg Lilly



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EAR FISHING FRIENDS,

Yes! It is already time to begin thinking about another fishing season. As always, Janet and I would first like to thank those of you who helped make the 1997 season very successful—our inaugural year at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge went well.

Whether you stay with us as a guest at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge or take advantage of our daily guided service with optional accommodations, we will strive to provide an experience that assists you in enjoying Montana's historical and natural treasures, builds on your skills as a fly fisher, and meets your fishing expectations. We want you to have fun and we can't wait to go back to work in 1998 with fishing friends old and new

-Greg & Janet Lilly

WELCOME TO HEALING WATERS LODGE!

ANYONE who has spent time on a trout stream with a fly rod knows how therapeutic that can be. All the pressures of the real world tend to fade away for the few hours you are casting a fly to rising wild trout. At Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge we believe every ingredient of your fly fishing vacation should contribute to the "healing" of your soul: your room, your meals, your guides, and your fishing.

Healing Waters Lodge is nestled in a grove of cottonwoods on six acres of ground between Sheridan and Twin Bridges, Montana. Views from the decks of the guest rooms and the main lodge are of the Ruby, Tobacco Root, Greenhorn and Pioneer Mountains. Ten anglers can be accommodated in five beautifully and uniquely appointed rooms. Each room has a private bath, two queen beds, plenty of room for anglers to spread out, a private deck and some special touches to make your stay at Healing Waters Lodge memorable.

Healing Waters Lodge is centrally located in Southwest Montana's finest fishing. Each day you have the choice of fishing the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby, Madison or Jefferson Rivers. We float fish the larger rivers and wade fish smaller meadow and mountain streams. Anglers who occasionally enjoy fishing still water fisheries will find



that we have some excellent mountain lake and reservoir fishing available.

The guides with whom you spend your days on the water are a critical factor in the success of your fishing vacation. However that success is not just measured in the numbers and size of the fish you catch but also by how much you enjoy what we have always called the "total experience".

Our guides are personable, knowledgeable and very experienced professionals. They are anxious to help you catch fish, become better anglers and to enjoy the beautiful country and the rivers they love.

JANET LILLY is the chef at Healing Waters Lodge. Janet's reputation for knowing how to feed anglers is growing around the country. She prepares meals that are healthy, satisfying and incredibly delicious!

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Dear Greg,

Thank you again for everything you did to make our fishing trip to Montana last week a total success. Everything from the accommodations, to the food, to the fishing went off without a hitch.

Thanks again for a wonderful experience in such beautiful part of the country.

Walter Sprunt,—Dallas, TX

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HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE RATES

\$395 per fisherman per day, based on double occupancy. There is a single supplement charge of \$100/day. Package price includes all guided fishing, meals, accommodations and beverages. Airport pickups and drop-offs are available for an additional charge.

DAILY GUIDED FISHING SERVICES

SOME ANGLERS are not interested in staying at a lodge and using the services of a guide every day. We understand that and will continue to offer the same high quality daily guided service from Sheridan and Twin Bridges that we have provided for many years.

OUR GUIDE CREW will do everything they can to see that you have a successful Montana fly fishing vacation. They will work to provide you an action-filled day and hopefully provide a shot or two at big fish (this is important). But each guide will do more than that. It is our philosophy that a guide's job is also to help anglers to continue to grow as fly fishers. If you leave the river after a day with a guide and feel you are a better angler for the experience and above all else you have had a great time, then we have done our jobs.

The Guided Day

When you fish with us we try to tailor the day to meet your expectations and desires. We will discuss with you what kind of fishing you enjoy, what waters have been productive, the length of day you like to fish, float fishing vs. wade fishing, your experience level and tackle needs for the day.

Daily Guided Fishing Package:

Includes boat and guide, beverages, streamside lunch and car shuttle when needed.

Daily Guided Fishing for one or two anglers is \$325 per day.



UNIQUE HIGH COUNTRY ADVENTURES FOR 1998

COUNTLESS TIMES each year we are asked "when is the best time of year to fish Southwest Montana?" I always tell people the same thing—there is no one time that is the best for everybody. It is important that you try to select a time most closely matching your expectations from a Montana trip. If you want to position yourself to experience the least amount of traffic on our blue ribbon waters then you should think about fishing the early season (April 10-June 10) or the late season (September 15-October 31). If seeing the Rockies at their most beautiful is important to you then you want fish from June 15th-August 15th. If you are interested in fishing the "glamour hatches" you want to fish between June 15th and July 15th. If you want to fish small mountain streams, August is your time. If you cannot wade comfortably, then late summer is the best time for you. The most consistent dry fly fishing is from July 10th to August 31st. The point is that if you have the flexibility to plan a trip at anytime during the summer then we suggest you put together a list of criteria that are most important to you and plan your trip around those criteria as closely as possible. Obviously not everyone can get away any time of the season they want. If time constraints limit you, then my advice is to remain as open minded and flexible about your fishing as possible in order to maximize your experience. By that I mean: learn to fish all types of flies. Most people who call themselves dry fly purists do so because they have never really been comfortable with other methods. If you will learn to use nymphs and streamers you'll find your fishing success increases. The same advice goes for water types. We find that many anglers do not want to fish certain water types and that is because they have never been very successful or comfortable on those streams or lakes. If you will utilize your guide and have him teach you how to fish those places that give you difficulty, you will find your days on the water, when you are fishing on your own, become more satisfying as well as more productive.

HIGH COUNTRY DISCOVERIES

LAST SEASON we introduced a new service—spend a day exploring Southwest Montana with professional naturalist, Cathy Cain. Cathy has her doctorate in zoology and runs High Country Discoveries. She specializes in tailoring activities for people who are not fly fishers or those who may just want to take a day off from fishing to enjoy the other attractions Southwest Montana offers.

ONE DAY you might hike and photograph wildflowers, wildlife and the incredible scenery of the mountains of Southwest Montana. Another day might be spent digging for quartz crystals, bird watching, or taking a relaxing dip in a natural hot springs. Yet another choice is to visit pioneer ghost towns and soak up the fascinating history of Montana's gold rush years. You can visit historical battlefields such as the Big Hole Battlefield where Chief Joseph gave the U.S. Army a lesson in guerrilla warfare.

OUR CLIENTS who spent a day with Cathy Cain in 1997 were effusive in their praise of her enthusiasm and knowledge. If there are members of your family or party not fishing every day, we highly recommend that you consider having them spend time with Cathy.

High Country Discoveries Rates:

If you are staying at Healing Waters Lodge you can spend a day with Cathy Cain as part of your Healing Waters package.

FOR OUR CLIENTS who use accommodations other than Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge, Cathy Cain charges \$225/day for one or two people.

A DAY with Cathy Cain includes: transportation, beverages and a gourmet lunch in the field.

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Greetings,

King and I enjoyed our brief visit to your lodge last month! You both go out of your way to make your guests feel "at home".

The food was outstanding thanks to Janet's special touch. Greg, we both had a great time fishing with you on the Beaverhead. We hope you can take us again in the future.

Lyle Tyler—Milford, Michigan

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HIGH COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING AND FLY FISHING—NEW FOR 1998!

WE HAD the good fortune last season to work with the McNeil family who run the Diamond Hitch Outfitting business out of Dillon, MT. Diamond Hitch Outfitters offer day horseback trips into the mountains of Southwest Montana to fish some gorgeous mountain lakes or just ride and enjoy some spectacular scenery.



FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COMBINE RIDING AND FISHING, Diamond Hitch will choose a destination which requires about an hour and a half ride to a beautiful lake where you can cast to cutthroat, rainbow and brook trout for as long as you choose. You will eat a great lunch prepared on the lake shore then you will enjoy a leisurely ride back to the trailhead. You are accompanied by members of the McNeil family and their wranglers. The horses are excellent, the fishing superb, the country breathtaking and the guides very competent and personable.

If you are not interested in fishing on your ride, Diamond Hitch will work with you to choose a ride based on your riding experience, physical condition and the amount of time you want to be on horseback.

YOU WILL RIDE through unbelievably beautiful mountain country, enjoy a well prepared lunch at noon, perhaps take an afternoon plunge in a cold mountain lake and then return to the trailhead, tired but invigorated!

Diamond Hitch Outfitting Rates:

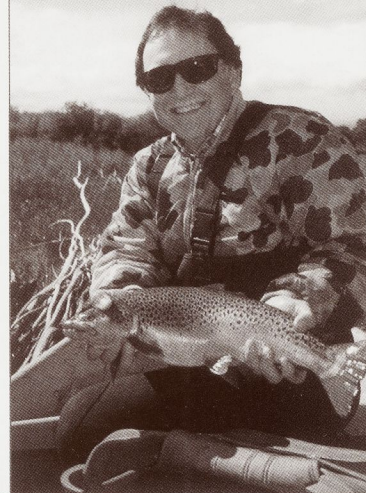
If you are staying at Healing Waters Lodge, the day of horseback riding or horseback riding/fishing is included in your package.

For our clients who are using accommodations other than Healing Waters Lodge: cost of the horseback riding is \$125/ rider/day.

Included in the ride: horses, wrangler, beverages and lunch.

EL NINO!

You can't open a news magazine or newspaper this winter without reading about El Nino and the impact it may have on the West this year. Predictions for the Rocky Mountain West vary with each publication. Some "experts" anticipate another very wet year while others predict a dry winter for the Rockies. At the time of this publication, snowpack in Southwest Montana mountains was considerably lighter than at this time in 1997. We suggest you call or e-mail us for regular updates on water conditions and how they might impact fishing during the time of season you are contemplating your Montana trip.



GREG & JANET LILLY'S "HEALING WATERS" FLY FISHING LODGE

HEALING WATERS LODGE EARLY SEASON FLY FISHING SPECIAL

EARLY SEASON SPECIAL!- April 10th-May 10th

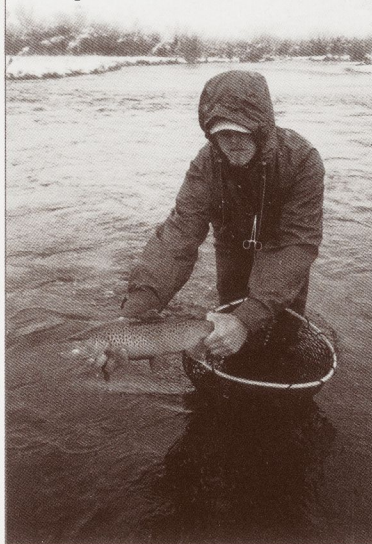
IN 1997, we instituted a special spring fishing package to introduce anglers to our newly opened Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge and to encourage anglers to take advantage of what we consider to be a vastly underrated time of the season in South-west Montana's fishing year. Despite some unusual water conditions, anglers who took advantage of the early season special had a great time. We are again going to offer special rates to those anglers adventuresome enough to travel to Montana between April 10 and May 10th.

Spring fishing in Montana IS NOT:

- *It's not fishing in sub-zero temperatures.* Spring fishing is very typical of October fishing conditions in Montana.
- *It's not fishing in high dirty water.* You are fishing prior to run-off when stream flows are low.
- *It's not sharing the rivers.* There is very little fishing pressure on any of our blue ribbon streams until mid-June.

Spring Fishing in Montana IS:

- *Fishing with primarily wet flies—nymphs and streamers with scattered top water opportunities.*
- *Consistent.* Trout are coming out of the winter inactivity period and generally are on the prowl.
- *Fun!* It is a real bonus to enjoy rivers like the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Ruby and Madison before they begin to see more pressure in the summer months.



Early Season Special Pricing:

\$250/angler/day. Pricing based on double occupancy. The Early Season Special (\$250/angler/day) includes:

- *Guided fishing*
- *Healing Waters Lodging*
- *Janet Lilly's country gourmet meals*

RUBY RIVER ACCESS

ANGLERS familiar with the Sheridan/Twin Bridges area are aware that in 1997, the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks leased four separate public access sites along the section of the Ruby River from the Ruby Reservoir Dam downstream. These access sites make about six miles of the river available to the fishing public. The state is currently working on the purchase of four more miles of access which should be available in 1998. Our hats are off to area ranchers, sportsmen and state FWP people who worked together to prove that groups with different interests in a resource can cooperate and come up with a plan that makes sense for all involved.

AFTERNOON ON THE BEAVERHEAD

*The raft is beached upon the isle,
We're bent on wading this one.*

But time grows short

As the big sky darkens

And thunder draws near.

*Cattle beyond the banks are lowing.
A brown rolls nigh the riparian
reeds.*

Shuffling and sloshing in the flow,

*The angler edges toward the
shallows.*

Now is the moment.

The fly need reach some forty feet

Just upstream of the rise

A mere half foot shy the bank,

Not too far lest it snag

Amongst the shoreline sticks.

With paid out line

False casts are made.

Luck is with him,

The fuzzy fly drops as planned.

Rod tip low

And gently swung downstream

For proper drift,

The tiny lure bobs and floats.

Then the leap; the brown is hooked.

A thunder clap warns.

The golden oner jumps anew,

Drags out line from arching rods,

And rushes down the channel.

Straining, the angler wins back line

And at last brings fish to net.

Rain begins to fall

*Lightning and thunder now act
as one.*

The splendid brown is freed.

TED HOWE

New Britain, CT

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HE SHERIDAN, TWIN BRIDGES AND DILLON AREAS offer a multitude of lodging choices. Let us know your lodging needs, and we will match you up with the right place. If it is a clean room, shower and a good bed, we will put you up in an area motel nearest the prime fishing during your stay. If you drive a motor home, pull a trailer or enjoy camping we will provide recommendations and maps for camp sites.

If you prefer something with housekeeping, we can offer a number of rentals in the area to meet your needs.

A VERY SPECIAL RENTAL CABIN!

A BEAUTIFUL LOG HOME located on the Big Hole River just ten minutes from Twin Bridges has been our good fortune to manage for the past two summers. Many of our guided fishermen have stayed in this house and the return bookings are very high. The house sits 100' above the Big Hole with indescribable views from its wraparound deck. The main house will sleep 5 people or 3 couples. An apartment over the garage will sleep two. The house is completely furnished from linen to bedding to kitchen. Laundry facilities located in a finished basement.

IF YOU THINK you and your party might be interested in the Big Hole House we recommend making reservations as early as possible.

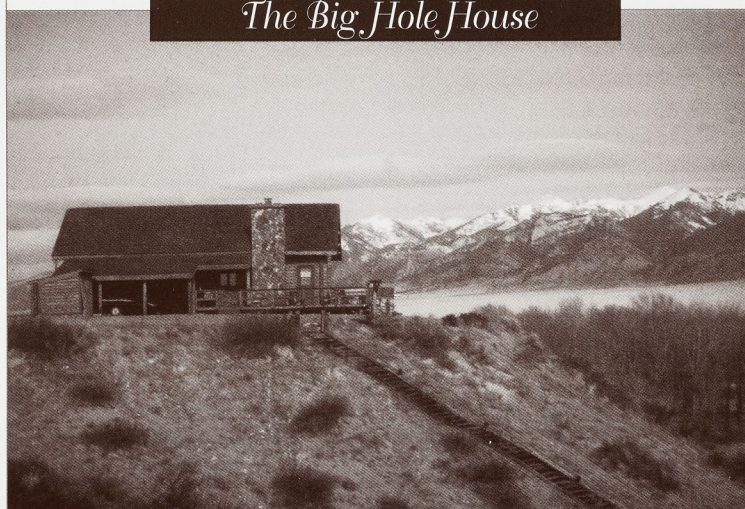
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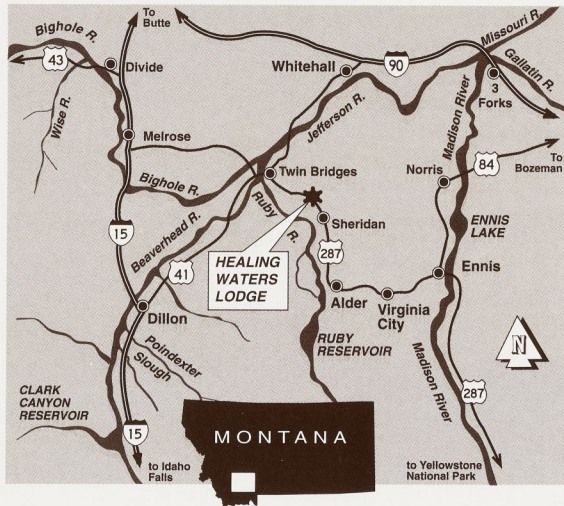
Main house- Up to four anglers: \$225/day/group. Five or six anglers in main house \$275/day/group

Apartment- One or two anglers: \$75/ day

A one-time cleaning fee is charged per rental.

The Big Hole House





GETTING TO SOUTHWEST MONTANA

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GREG LILLY'S GUIDED FISHING RATES-1998

- HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE \$395/angler/day
-based on double-occupancy: includes guiding, lodging, meals and transportation while at the lodge
- DAILY GUIDED FISHING, 1 or 2 ANGLERS \$325/day
-includes quality fisherman's lunch, assortment of beverages, guided fishing and car shuttles on float trips
- EARLY SEASON SPECIAL \$250/angler/day
-based on double occupancy: includes guiding, Healing Waters lodging and meals, and transportation while at the lodge.
- A DAY WITH HIGH COUNTRY DISCOVERIES \$225/for 1 or 2 people
-includes quality lunch, beverages and transportation
- DIAMOND HITCH HORSEBACK RIDING/FISHING \$125/day/person
-includes a good horse, wrangler, lunch and beverages

DEPOSITS

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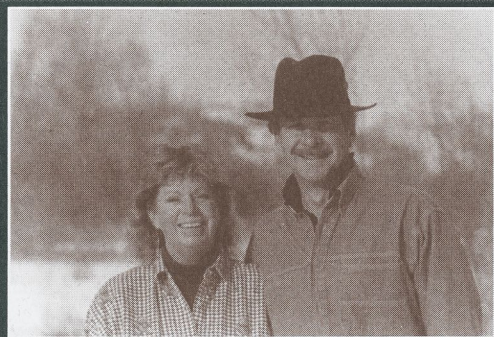
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Greg Lilly

"Guided Services & Fly-Fishing Schools"

Spring 1997

Dear Fishing Friends - 1996 was a great year!

The fishing in Southwest Montana was generally very consistent. We have had several years of strong stream flows and the fishing reflects that—1996 was one of the best big fish years this area has experienced. We have a good start on snow packs in the local mountains now and everyone is optimistic we will have another fine season in 1997. Janet and I would like to thank all the anglers we worked with this past season. Whether you fished with us from Sheridan on a daily guided basis or stayed with us at the Montana Trout Club, we enjoyed getting acquainted and will look forward to working with old and new friends in the coming season. Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services is going to have a very exciting year. We are delighted to announce several new projects for the approaching season:

■ HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE

For several years we have dreamed of putting together a small intimate fly fishing lodge that would incorporate everything we believe guests should experience in a premier fishing lodge. This past summer we had the opportunity to purchase the Healing Waters Estate between Sheridan and Twin Bridges, Montana. From this beautiful estate we are going to create **Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge**. We are looking forward to sharing with guests our gorgeous setting, finely appointed and spacious rooms, Janet's wonderful country gourmet meals and, of course, the superb fishing Southwest Montana offers.

■ THE MONTANA TROUT CLUB

We have arranged to again lease **The Montana Trout Club** and we will make this beautiful facility available exclusively to groups of more than ten anglers. It will be available only during very specific times. Details inside!

■ DAILY GUIDED FISHING

We will continue to offer daily guided fishing services for those anglers who prefer to be responsible for their own meals and accommodations. It is always our pleasure to assist anglers in finding an accommodation that matches their budget and preferences. This season we'll have a number of options to offer daily guided guests.

■ COMBINATION OVERNIGHT CAMP-FLOAT-FISH TRIPS

In 1996 we experimented with combining some overnight camping with float fishing trips. Happily, we are pleased to announce that the experiment was successful. In 1997 we are going to make available some two day float fishing trips with one night of camping streamside. Details inside!

■ NEW! NON FISHING ACTIVITIES

As another new service for 1997, we have arranged to work with **Cathy Cain**, an outdoor specialist who will provide a fascinating lineup of non-fishing activities for those in your party not fishing. Cathy will make sure non-fishers experience the same quality of vacation that fishermen enjoy. Be sure to read in this year's newsletter about the programs Cathy offers.

■ FLY FISHING SCHOOLS

Fly fishing schools taught by Greg and Annette Lilly will again be available. We have expanded the number of schools we offer to better meet the needs of those people interested in learning to fly fish. We hope you are looking forward to the 1997 fishing season as much as we are.

Please enjoy this year's newsletter—if there is any way we can help you put together the perfect fishing vacation be sure to call!

Early Season Special!

April 15th - May 10th: Too many fishermen are missing a terrific angling opportunity. April and early May fishing in Western Montana is simply great! Stream flows are low, the trout are anxious, and fishing pressure is non-existent. To encourage anglers to take a chance on the spring fishing in Montana, Arnie Gidlow, owner of Missouri Riverside Lodge, and Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services have collaborated to put together a four day fishing package at a special early season rate.

You will spend four days fishing some of Montana's prime waters and you may not see another angler! Two days will be spent at Missouri Riverside Lodge fishing 30 miles of the upper Missouri and the Dearborn River. The other two days will be spent with Greg Lilly and his crew of guides in the Sheridan, Montana area fishing rivers like the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Madison and Jefferson.

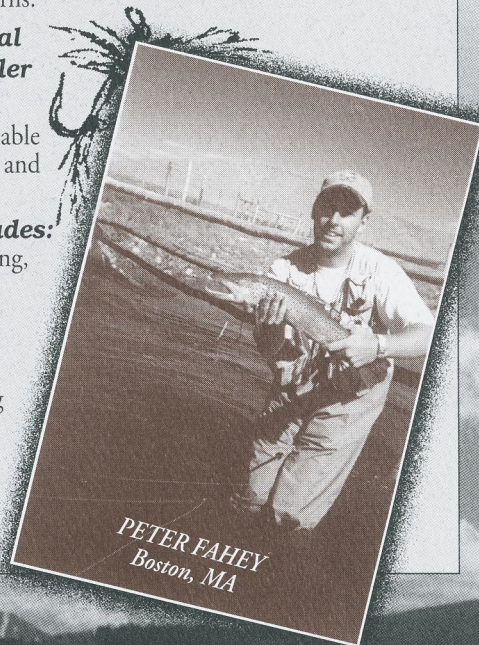
Spring fishing in Western Montana will be very diverse. You may fish a #2 stone fly nymph or size 16 and 18 mayfly nymph imitations; or, find fish feeding on the surface on size 18 midges or #8 Skwalla stone fly adults. You can encounter blue winged olive or caddis hatches. And, of course, there is always the possibility of stirring some big fish with large streamer patterns.

Early Season Special Package: \$800/Angler

Pricing based on double occupancy. Package available only between April 15th and May 10th.

Package Price Includes:

Two days of guided fishing, lodging and meals with Arnie Gidlow's crew and the Missouri Riverside Lodge. Two days of guided fishing with Greg Lilly's crew, two days of lodging at the Moriah Motel in Sheridan with Janet Lilly's country gourmet meals.



PETER FAHEY
Boston, MA

Daily Guided Fishing Services

Some anglers are not interested in staying in a lodge and using the services of a guide every day. We understand that and will continue to offer the same high quality daily guided service from Sheridan that we have provided the last few years.

My guide crew will do everything they can to see that you have a successful Montana Fly Fishing vacation. They will work to provide you an action-filled day and hopefully provide a shot or two at a big fish (this is important). But each guide will do more than that. It is our philosophy that a guide's job is also to help anglers to continue to grow as fly fishers. If you leave the river after a day with a guide and feel you are a better angler for the experience and above all else you have had a great time, then we have done our jobs.

The Guided Day - When you fish with us we try to tailor the day to meet your expectations and desires. We will discuss with you what kind of fishing you enjoy, what waters have been productive, the length of day you like to fish, float fishing vs. wade fishing, your experience level and tackle needs for the day.

The Sheridan area offers a multitude of lodging choices. Let us know your lodging needs, and we will match you up with the right place. If it is a clean room, shower and a good bed we will put you up in one of the terrific family-run motels in the area. If you prefer a small cabin with housekeeping, we can provide that. If you drive a motor home, pull a trailer or enjoy camping streamside, we will suggest sites that will meet your needs. Perhaps you and your fishing partner prefer a bed and breakfast. Whatever your preferences, we will see that you are well taken care of.

New For 1997! A 2-Day Float Trip/Camping Trip

Last season we had a special request from four guests to put together a two day float trip with one night of camping along the river. We put this package together and it was such a success that we have decided that in 1997 we will offer a few special float fishing/camping packages to all our fishing friends.

We will offer the combination float fishing and camping trip on the Big Hole River. Your guide will meet you the morning of the first day and float and fish you down the Big Hole to your campsite that evening. You will stay in spacious wall tents and sleep on cots and air mattresses. A camp cook will be waiting at camp with hor d'oeuvres and beverages when you finish your fishing day. You can relax around a campfire while dinner is cooking or you can fish the evening hatch. The next morning you will rise at an hour of your choosing, eat a hearty camp breakfast and then spend the day floating and fishing the Big Hole again. At the end of this fishing day you will move onto the next adventure you have scheduled in your vacation.

Dates - August 4, 5, 6, 7:

You may start your trip on any of the dates listed above. As camp space is limited, we will only accommodate up to six anglers on any one night.

2-Day Float/Camping Trip Packages - \$525/person

Price includes two days of guided float fishing, streamside dinner and breakfast, two streamside lunches, car shuttles, and one night of camping streamside.

Dear Greg and Janet,
Your country is almost as beautiful as your hospitality. Had a terrific time. My wife noticed that I had not been underfed while there. Thanks again.
Don Halstead, Easton, CT

1997 RATES

- **Guided Fishing With Greg Lilly Guide - One or Two Anglers:**
\$325/day
Includes quality fisherman's lunch, assortment of beverages and car shuttle on float trips
- **Two-day Float/Camping Trip:**
\$525/person
- **Early Season Fishing Special:**
\$800/Angler

Greg Lilly's Guide Team

Teamwork in guiding is essential. It is difficult for any one guide to stay on top of fishing conditions on five or six different streams and lakes. When you have a team of guides working a broad area every day you are able to exchange information and make the best choice for your fishing guests about where to fish each day.

We are fortunate to have a very knowledgeable, personable, and experienced crew of guides. Each of these men are professionals in every sense and they look forward to sharing with you their love of Southwest Montana and the fishing it offers.

From Twin Bridges we have Don Mawyer, Ben Smith and Bob Flynn. From Sheridan Jerry Pack and Tom Harman. Bob Little, Shawn Jones and Jim Hawthorne come to us from Dillon. Stuart Howard will again join us from the Bozeman area in 1997.

Outfitter and Lodge Recommendations

Outside Twin Bridges, Sheridan, and Dillon areas

Montana is a very large state with an incredible amount of water to fish. Obviously we at Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services are able to cover only a small percentage of Montana's streams and lakes. We also understand that not everybody is going to come to the Sheridan/Twin Bridges area to fish each year. We are happy to suggest other outfitters and lodges outside of our operating territory. Below is a partial list of fellow outfitters that we know will take first class care of our fishing friends:

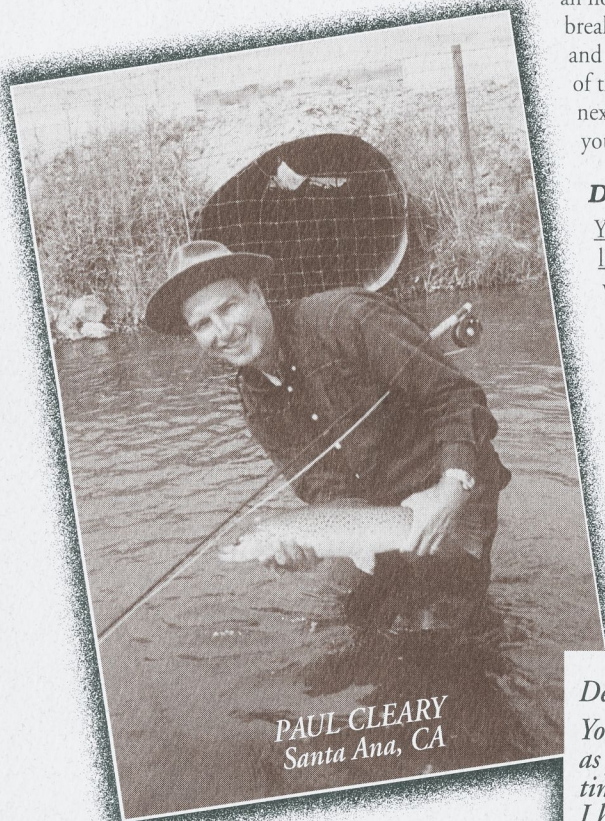
DAVE CORCORAN - *The Rivers Edge* - Bozeman, MT (406) 586-5373

CRAIG FELLIN - *Big Hole Outfitters* - Wise River, MT (406) 832-3252

ARNIE GIDLOW - *Missouri Riverside Lodge* - Cascade, MT (406) 468-9385

JOHN PERRY - *West Slope Outfitter* - Missoula, MT (406) 549-9703

CRAIG MATHEWS - *Blue Ribbon Flies* - West Yellowstone, MT (406) 646-7642



PAUL CLEARY
Santa Ana, CA



Greg and Janet Lilly's Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge

Janet and I have wanted for several years to have a small lodge operation where we could provide for our guests a package with all the ingredients we feel make up a successful fishing vacation. In 1996 we took the first step towards the creation of that lodge. We purchased the Healing Waters Estate.



The Healing Waters Estate is six acres of ground between Sheridan and Twin Bridges, Montana. The main lodge building which contains the guest dining room, living room, library/office, and game/flytting room was once the original Sheridan hospital built in 1890. In 1986 Jim and Sarah Cox bought the old hospital and moved it to the current location. The old hospital was stripped back to its skeleton structure and Jim Cox's brother, George, a very talented stone mason, created the gorgeous natural stone and hand hewn log home that became Healing Waters Estate.

Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge nestles in a grove of cottonwoods. Views from the decks of the guest rooms and the main lodge are of the Ruby, Tobacco Root and Greenhorn mountains. Ten anglers can be accommodated in five beautifully and uniquely appointed rooms. One room is in the main lodge and four are conveniently situated in a free standing building a 60' cast from the main lodge. Each room has a private bath, two queen beds, plenty of room for anglers to spread out, a private deck and some special touches to make your stay at Healing Waters a memorable one.

Fishing from The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge will be on the same blue ribbon rivers we have worked the past several seasons from Sheridan and the Montana Trout Club. We will float the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Jefferson and Madison rivers, and walk/wade some of the smaller area streams. Also in 1997 for those who enjoy it, we are going to be doing more still water fishing from float tubes.

For those of you who never have enough fishing there is a small pond on the property and you can cast a fly to rising fish while waiting for dinner and enjoying a cocktail.

Janet will be in charge of the kitchen at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge. Janet's cooking is becoming famous around the west and she will look forward to continuing to turn out healthy satisfying and delicious meals at Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge.

Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge Rates

Cost per fisherman is \$395 per day-based on double occupancy. There is a single supplement charge of \$100 per day. Package price includes all guided fishing, meals, accommodations and beverages. Airport pickups and drop offs are available for an additional charge.

All lodge stays are designed with the guests arriving for dinner the first evening. Check out is the morning of your last guided day. Your fishing package is complete at the end of your last guided fishing day. Should you prefer to stay over an extra night, it can be arranged and there is an additional charge of \$150 per person for the extra dinner, breakfast and night's accommodation.

New! For 1997 Special Non-Fisherman Activities

This past season we were very fortunate to get acquainted with Catherine Cain. Catherine is a Phd. zoologist with her own business, High Country Discovery. Catherine is a registered guide and her specialty is tailoring a full day of activities for folks who want to explore the many treasures Southwest Montana contains besides trout!

One day you might hike and photograph wildflowers, wildlife and the incredible scenery of the mountains of southwest Montana. Another day might be spent digging for quartz crystals, bird watching, or taking a relaxing dip in soothing hot springs. Yet another choice would be to visit pioneer ghost towns and soak up the fascinating history of Montana's gold rush years. You can visit historic battlefields such as the Big Hole Battlefield where Chief Joseph gave the U.S. Army a lesson in guerilla warfare.

Catherine is exceptionally knowledgeable in Montana's history and natural treasures. If you are concerned about keeping the non-fishing members of your party entertained while you fish, Catherine Cain offers the perfect solution.



A day with Catherine Cain is \$225 for one or two people. For guests staying at the Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge, Catherine Cain's rates are included with the lodge's \$395/day charge. The day includes transportation, a gourmet lunch and beverages.

*Dear Greg and Janet,
Just a note to express my thanks to you for giving me such a perfect time of "float and bloat" at your lodge. It was so well managed. I enjoyed the other guests and all of my guides. Your lodge and atmosphere were the best. Hope to see you next year.
Eleanor Peterson, Devon, PA*



FUNDAMENTALS of Fly Fishing Schools For Men and Women

Taught by Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ

Just as with any sport students must acquire the basic skills or they quickly become frustrated with their level of success. Instructors Greg Lilly and Annette Lilly-Russ have designed a program to teach students all the skills they need to become complete fly fishers and not just fly casters. Greg and Annette are especially pleased to be able to offer a fly fishing school that recognizes that men and women do not always get into fly fishing for the same reasons. Annette understands this and will provide not only her extensive teaching skills, but also her insights into the sport as a woman.

This program is designed for anglers new to fly fishing. Students will spend the first day of the three day school learning about: fly fishing tackle (the balanced outfit), leaders and knots, fly casting theory and practice, water reading, basic trout stream entomology, fly presentation, wading and water safety, angling courtesy, and playing and landing fish. The student's time is split between the classroom, casting field and casting pond. After completion of the first day's instruction the student is then ready to join a partner for two days of guided fishing on Montana Rivers such as the Big Hole, Beaverhead and Madison. The guides will continue to work with you on all of your fly fishing skills but playing and landing fish will be emphasized!

Accommodations for the 3-day fundamentals of fly fishing schools will be either the Montana Trout Club or The Healing Waters Fly Fishing Lodge depending upon class size. Both facilities offer superior accommodations. Guiding for the Three day Fundamentals Schools will be provided by the guides of Greg Lilly's Fly Fishing Services.

An orientation dinner in the evening prior to the start of school, kicks off all three day programs. Janet Lilly and her staff prepare all meals for the three days of school. Janet's country gourmet cooking has been a real hit with our students for several years and we are sure you will find the evening meals and story telling after the day's fishing to be a delightful part of your experience.

Fly Fishing School Dates

School One April 25, 26 and 27

School Two June 13, 14, and 15

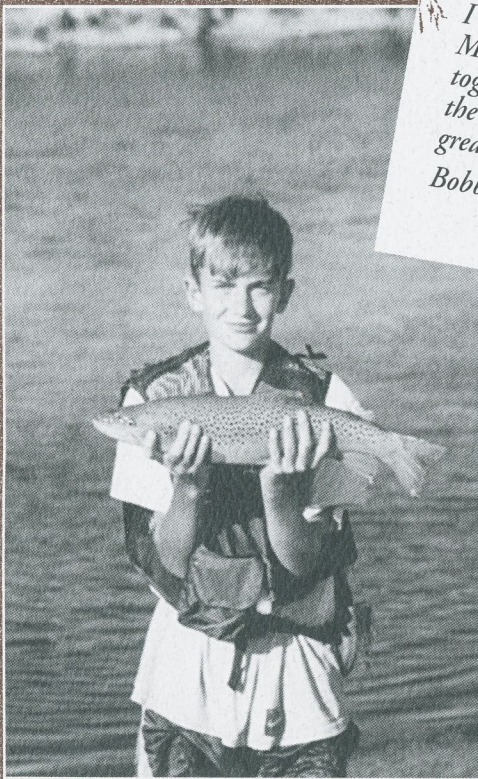
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School Four August 8, 9, and 10

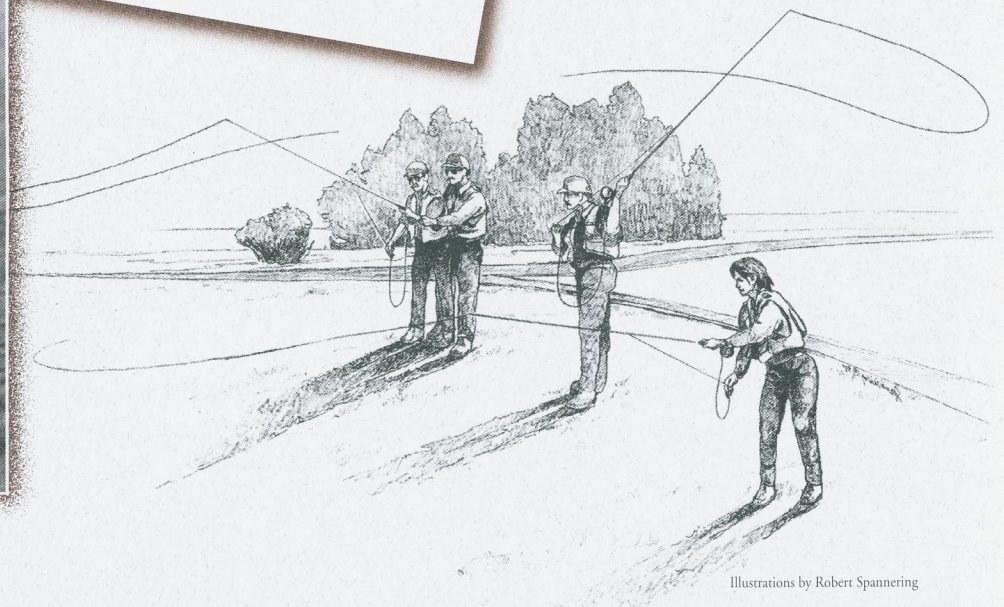
Pricing for 3-Day Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Schools - \$995 per student

- Includes three nights of lodging, all meals, three days of instruction and guided fishing, school packet, and a framed photo of the group. Pricing is based on double occupancy.

Dear Janet and Greg,
Fishing Montana just gets better and better!
I can't believe what a great time I had. Your
Montana hospitality really brought things
together for me. Greg you sure have recruited
the best guides in Southwest Montana. My skills
greatly improved under their tutelage. Thanks.
Bobbie Armor, Fremont, CA



DAVISON WESTMORELAND
Winston-Salem, NC



Illustrations by Robert Spannering

Special Group Accommodations

THE MONTANA TROUT CLUB AT THE DIAMOND "O" RANCH

In 1996 Janet and I leased the Montana Trout Club and made it available to individual anglers for a limited number of weeks during the season. We thoroughly enjoyed the use of this historic and picturesque lodge and ranch.

Greg Lilly Fly Fishing Services will operate the Montana Trout Club for *groups only* in 1997. If you have a corporate group, are in the travel business and sell hosted group trips, or perhaps have a larger group of family or friends that enjoy a common fishing vacation, then The Montana Trout Club may be just what you are looking for. If you have 11 to 18 people in a group, you can reserve the Montana Trout Club for your exclusive use.

MTC is situated on 6,000 acres of lush pasture land between the Ruby, Pioneer and Tobacco Root mountains. Nearly six miles of the Beaverhead River flows through the ranch.

A small lake within casting distance of your quarters has rainbow trout up to 20". The Big Hole, Upper Beaverhead, Jefferson and Madison rivers are all within comfortable driving distance. Greg Lilly's crew of guides will work with Montana Trout Club guests. We will have available to us the six miles of the Beaverhead River on the ranch, the small ranch lake, and at various times during the season an interesting piece of water on the ranch called Alber's Slough which occasionally produces a very large fish. Of course we will also float all the major area rivers.

Janet Lilly will oversee the creature comforts of the ranch, guaranteeing exquisite country gourmet meals, the finest in fishing accommodations, and a level of personal service you would associate with any first class lodging.



Available 1997 Dates

May 15th through July 5-August 29 through October 15.
A minimum three day stay is required.

Trout Club Rates

Cost per fisherman is \$425 per day; rates based on double occupancy. There is a single supplement charge of \$100 per day. Package price includes guided fishing each day, three meals per day, accommodations, and private fishing on ranch waters. Airport pickups are available for an additional fee.

Note: A four color brochure is available upon request which further describes the ranch and lodge.

The Montana Seasons

If you ask an outfitter the best time to fish in Montana, you're going to be told, "Whenever you can get here!" It's true! Montana offers good fishing year round. Look at when you can get away and then research which waters will be fishing best at that time of year. Or you may want to choose a river or rivers to fish and then travel to Montana when those streams are at their peak. I have outlined for you how my home waters fish throughout the season to assist you in making your vacation plans.

■ APRIL/MAY

Many anglers have yet to experience the pleasures spring fishing in southwest Montana provides. There is a common misconception that Montana is a frozen wasteland until the middle of June. Not true! Early spring fishing has a great deal to offer anglers. Streamflows are low before snowmelt starts, and fishing pressure is light. Nymph and streamer fishing with limited midge and small mayfly hatches offers erratic dry fly opportunities. April and May are months when many of our Montana guides do their own fishing!

■ JUNE

In southwest Montana, June means stone fly hatches. Usually on the Big Hole, the large stone flies appear between the 10th and 15th of June. On the Madison you will normally see salmon flies about the last week in June. If you have chased the salmon fly hatches on any of Montana's rivers you will know that the secret to the magic day, is to spend 3-5 days concentrating on a specific stream and sections of that stream. You will more than likely have a red letter day, a couple of average days and a couple of very tough days. Stone fly hatch fishing is a mixture of big nymph and big dry

fly fishing. In June you begin to get hatches of mayflies and the early caddis. Rivers like the Big Hole can produce superb small dry fly fishing when conditions trigger the hatches. On the Beaverhead you will be fishing small nymphs and streamers with some fine small dry fly fishing after water temperatures warm towards mid day.

■ JULY

Probably the most consistent dry fly period in southwest Montana. You will encounter hatches of caddis and small stone flies on the Big Hole, The Madison offers caddis, occasional mayfly hatches and attractor dry fly fishing. The Beaverhead also offers mayfly and caddis fly hatches for the dry fly fisherman.

■ AUGUST

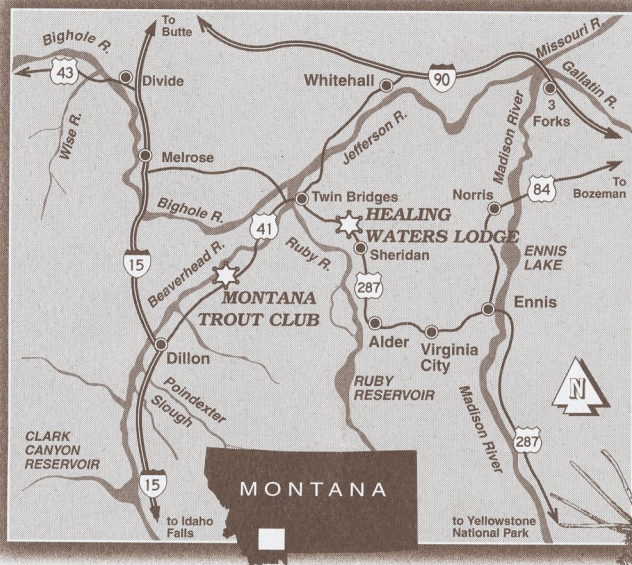
This is terrestrial time in Montana. All of the southwest Montana streams will produce fish on hoppers, beetles and ants. If you are not adverse to learning to fish streamers and nymphs you can continue to fish wet all summer and turn big trout. Don't overlook the opportunities the month of August offers fly fishermen in southwestern Montana. There is a tendency for people to jump to the conclusion that late summer is a time to avoid Montana fishing. That is just not true. You must

be flexible in the times of day you fish, the techniques you use and the water types you fish. Good stream flows in our mountains this winter mean that we will have plenty of water in August.

■ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

My favorite time of the year as a fly fisherman. The dry fly fishing becomes erratic again, but if you will convince yourself to learn to fish streamers you will have the experience of a lifetime. The brown trout are beginning to think about spawning and are more aggressive. Streams are free of pressure again and you will find the solitude many of you crave. The fall days with changing leaves and crisp autumn air are difficult to beat.

So to make the point again, any time you can get to Montana you are going to find good fishing. The key is to come with an open mind and be flexible. If you are willing to try something new and continue to grow as a fly fisher you will always find enough fishing to keep you happy.



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- HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING LODGE \$395/angler/day
-based on double-occupancy: includes guiding, lodging, meals and transportation while at the lodge
- SPECIAL SPRING FISHING PACKAGE (April 15 - May 10) \$800/angler
-based on double-occupancy: includes 4 days of guided fishing, 2 days of lodging and meals at Missouri Riverside Lodge and 2 days of lodging and meals in Sheridan, MT, and transportation while staying at both lodges
- MONTANA TROUT CLUB LODGE FISHING \$425/angler/day
-based on double-occupancy, minimum of 11 anglers required to reserve MTC and includes all guiding, lodging, meals and transportation while at the ranch
- NON-FISHING ACTIVITIES \$225/1 or 2 people/day

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Dear Fishing Friends,

- Spring 2002 -

The 2001 fishing season is in the creel and Janet and I are enjoying our off-season. We would like to again thank those of you who traveled to SW Montana this past summer to stay with us at Healing Waters Lodge and who fished the great waters of the Beaverhead, Big Hole and Madison Valleys. Despite the pre-season concerns about wildfire, drought, the sagging national economy, and of course the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on NY and Washington, we enjoyed our best season ever at Healing Waters Lodge.

As always when we write this letter, we are rested and re-invigorated and looking forward to the new season. The fishing in 2001 was consistently excellent and we anticipate another great year in 2002.

As you read through this year's newsletter you will see that we have broadened our area of operations and we are very excited to be able to offer some special hunting packages. Also for the first time in several years we can make available a couple of fly fishing schools for those folks who may have a desire to learn the sport.

Have a good winter and we will hope to see you in Montana in 2002!



Janet & Greg Lilly

THE STATE OF FISHERIES IN SOUTHWEST MONTANA

As all regular Montana fishermen are probably aware, the last couple of years the State of Montana has experienced some public relations problems with regards to its tourist business. Devastating forest fires in 2000, drought conditions in 2000 and 2001, confusing fishing regulation changes in 2001 and the ongoing concerns with whirling disease for several years have all spawned a lot of misunderstanding, misinformation and just plain rumor mongering especially about our fisheries.

Without trying to sound too defensive we felt it would be beneficial to address the negative PR that has pounded Montana and its fisheries the last two seasons.

Montana is a very large state and too often when people read about an event occurring in the state they have a tendency to extrapolate those conditions to the entire state when in reality there may only be a small area that is affected.

It is our hope at Healing Waters Lodge that when you read or hear something you feel is going to impact the quality of your fishing vacation in Montana, that you call us directly for information. Our interest is in building a business that develops long-term relationships with our guests and we are going to provide you information that we believe is accurate and honest. If you only believe what you see on the internet or in print media it is possible that you are going to make your fishing vacation plans with inaccurate information.

So, for a quick update on the state of the fisheries in Montana:

The Madison - The Madison has fished as well the past two seasons as I personally have seen it fish in the over 30 years that I have been a guide on the river. The rainbow population has climbed back on the river. The numbers of browns and rainbows are strong and the size of the fish exceptional.

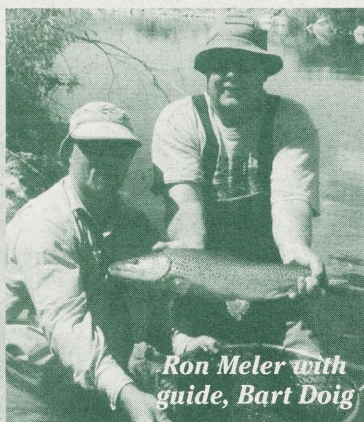
The Big Hole - Despite lower stream flows on the Big Hole the last two summers, the population of fish has held up very well. Again, both numbers and size of the fish on the Big Hole are strong. Cooperative efforts among all water users have kept the

flows in the river at levels that sustain good trout populations and protect the fishery.

The Beaverhead - Flows are very low this winter and without a doubt there is probably going to be a decline in the overall numbers of trout per mile on the Beaverhead River. The good news is that this unique river has so many fine trout per mile that anglers' success rate is probably not going to change. Fish and Game closed the river in late fall to protect the spawning browns and the spawning rainbows will be protected this spring. The Beav will continue to be the river you all know and love!!!

The Ruby - The Ruby drainage fared better than many in SW Montana the last couple of seasons. Flows held up and the fishery is in very fine shape.

The Jefferson - As we have reported in the past, the Jefferson is a troubled river. Fortunately its problems are being addressed and we hope in the future that this beautiful river will recover as a premier trout fishery. Right now it does produce some large fish and we enjoy it under the right conditions.



Ron Meler with guide, Bart Doig

HEALING WATERS VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

Our good friend, Dan Iwata, produced a very fine video for Healing Waters Lodge this past season. This is a 12-minute piece that provides an overall look at the fishing opportunities in SW Montana and the facilities, food and guides at Healing Waters Lodge. The video is available

in either VHS or CD format. This video is free to anyone who would like a copy. We believe the video will be a good planning tool especially for someone trying to put together a group of business associates, friends or family.

Just call or email us and we will be happy to send you a free copy of the Healing Waters Video in VHS or CD format.

Remember that you can also view the Healing Waters Lodge Web site for quite a lot of good fishing and lodging information: www.healingwaterslodge.com

A four-color brochure for Healing Waters Lodge is also available upon request.

ACTIVITIES FOR NON-FISHING GUESTS

Each year we receive a number of calls from potential guests wanting to bring a non-fishing friend or spouse along on their fishing vacation and they are wondering first, do we accept non-fishing guests at the lodge and secondly what is there to do for the non angler?

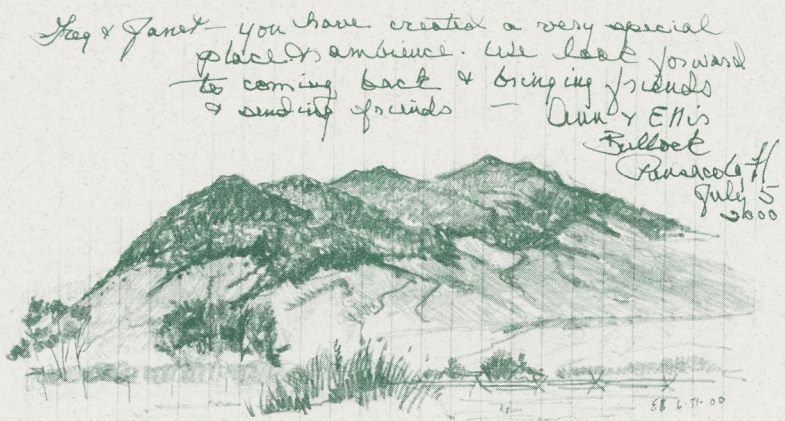
Yes, we do heartily welcome non-fishing people at the lodge and there are many activities available to the non-fishermen to keep them happy while their fishing partners are on the river.

The non-fishing guests have two options open to them. They can sign up for formally organized activities available through Healing Waters Lodge or they can spend time exploring and enjoying the area strictly on their own.

Formal Non-Fishing Activities

For those guests who want to participate in organized activities we are very fortunate to still work with **Catherine Cain of High Country Discoveries**. Cathy has a unique program that offers day tours tailored to meet your interests. You can travel Lewis and Clark's trail with her from Beaverhead Rock to Lemhi Pass, work on your nature photography and birdwatching, travel to the high country when the wild flowers are in bloom, tour pioneer ghost towns and other historical sites, dig for quartz crystals or even take a Llama on a picnic hike. Cathy is a phd biologist, historian, talented photographer, articulate story teller and extremely enjoyable person with whom to spend a day.

A **horseback ride** into the gorgeous mountains around SW Montana is another very popular outing with non-fishermen. We work with two outfitters who have been in the business in Montana many years. Upper Canyon Ranch located on the Ruby River just south of HW Lodge and Diamond Hitch Outfitters in the Dillon area. Both outfitters operate in the high country of SW Montana and they can take you on a ride of a couple of hours or all day to some of the most beautiful alpine settings you will ever see. When working with both Upper Canyon and Diamond Hitch you will have excellent stock, good equipment, an experienced wrangler/guide and the rides are tailored to the experience level of the group so that you are not intimidated if you are a new rider. A picnic lunch and beverages are included in the rides.



Activities to Do on Your Own:

Golf is within 40 minutes of the lodge. The **ghost towns** of Virginia City and Bannock are open for public enjoyment. The **Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman** is one of the finest institutions in the western US. **Lewis and Clark Caverns** are spectacular limestone caves run by the state of Montana. **Butte, Montana** is rich in history, architecture and character. **Day hiking** is easy and convenient. **Retail shopping** is available. **White water rafting** or **scenic floats** are a kick, and the list goes on!

Healing Waters Lodge Non-fishing rates:

If you choose to work with Cathy Cain or ride with Diamond Hitch Outfitters or Upper Canyon Ranch, the rate is the same as the fishing rate-\$475 per person per day. On the days that the non-fisherman just explores SW Montana on their own and does not use a formal guide, the rate is \$250 per day per person.



JoAnne Trent with 20" Brown trout.

Greg and Janet,

Here are the photos of our monster brown trout caught on 8/17/2001, our 50th wedding anniversary! We enjoyed our time at Healing Waters Lodge.

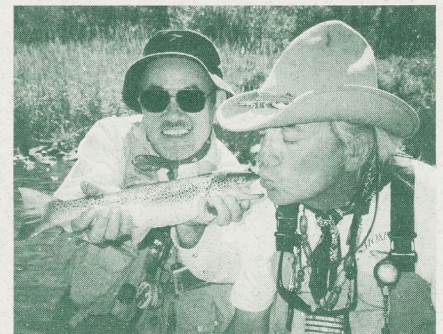
Regards,

**Bob and JoAnne Trent
Charlottesville, VA**

DAILY GUIDED FISHING TRIPS

A lodge stay is not necessarily every angler's ideal fishing vacation. We understand that. For those anglers who may prefer to stay in local motels or bed and breakfasts or who may want to rent a cabin and do some of their own house-keeping, we can offer daily-guided fishing service. If our own guides are not available we now work closely with several other area outfitters and we will refer you to them.

A float trip or walk/wade trip on one of SW Montana's great blue ribbon streams or stillwater fisheries for one or two anglers is \$335 per day. Daily-guided fishing trip includes: lunch and beverages, loaner equipment if needed, car shuttle on float trip and guide. Daily Guided fishing: \$335 for one or two anglers.



Shinji Kashiwai and guide, Joe Salisbury.

NEW FOR 2002!! TROPHY WHITETAIL AND MULE DEER HUNTS

Many of the guests of Healing Waters Lodge with whom we visit during the summers, first got to Montana as Deer and Elk Hunters. They fell in love with the state and returned for its great trout fishing.

It has been our pleasure to work with anglers at Healing Waters for the past five years and now we have an opportunity to offer trophy Whitetail and Mule Deer Hunts to those of our guests who enjoy stalking big game.

Bill Kempf will be your outfitter. Bill has specialized in Trophy Elk Hunts in Western Montana for seven years. During this time he has kept his eye peeled for a property that would provide hunters an exclusive opportunity to shoot a big Whitetail or Mule Deer Buck. That opportunity has arrived!

Bill has the **exclusive** right to hunt a gorgeous 9,000 acre ranch with some magnificent Trophy Whitetails found along the river bottoms and Mule Deer Bucks in the rolling hills of the upper ranch. You will hunt from ground blinds or tower stands for the Whitetails or you will stalk the Mules in the higher country. The opportunity to shoot a beautiful buck exists for the patient and skilled hunter.

You will stay at Healing Waters Lodge where you will start your day with a hearty early morning breakfast and end your day with a glass of wine, a soak in the hot tub and a fabulous western gourmet meal!

Because of Montana's licensing requirements all trophy whitetail and Mule Deer hunts must be booked by **March 15th!** A license entitles each hunter to one deer only, either a Whitetail or Mule Deer.

Trophy Deer Hunts with rifles available the following dates:

1. Arrive November 3rd and hunt 3-5 days through November 8th.
2. Arrive November 12th and hunt any 3-5 day period through November 22nd.

Whitetail and Mule Deer Hunt Packages:

Deer Hunting Packages are a minimum of three days with five-day hunts recommended! Cost is \$500 per hunter per day based on double occupancy. Single hunters not accommodated. A maximum of four hunters accommodated per hunt.

Included with the trophy whitetail hunts: lodging at Healing Waters Lodge, all meals and beverages, private hunting rights, guides, and handling of meat and trophy.



*Ann Klopman and guide,
Mike Stack.*



A Unique Fly Fishing School Program!!

It has been a number of years since we have been able to offer or recommend a good fly-fishing school to our clients and their friends. In 2002 we are very happy to be able to refer potential fly fishers to the Royal Tine Fly Fishing School.

Cody and LeRee Hensen along with Healing Waters Lodge guide Bill Kempf have put together two very special and comprehensive fly fishing schools. The Royal Tine Fly Fishing School is located in Western Montana at the head of Rock Creek, one of the premier streams in Montana and the Rocky Mountain West. Classes are held literally on the banks of the three major tributary streams that make up Rock Creek. The Hensens own a magnificent ranch where these beautiful trout streams begin and you will have exclusive use of the water.

The Royal Tine Schools are four-day programs. The first two days you will learn about fly fishing tackle, leaders and fishermen's knots, trout food identification, fly casting theory, basic fly casting, water reading, streamside courtesy, and fly presentation and fish handling. The second two days are fully guided fishing days with two anglers per guide. Your guide will continue to work with

you on becoming a complete fly angler while assisting in catching some of our Montana Trout!

Headquarters for the Royal Tine Fly Fishing School is a very comfortable tent camp set on the bank of the Middle Fork of Rock Creek at the base of the magnificent Pintlar Wilderness area. Two anglers share a spacious wall tent with each angler bunking on a roomy camp cot with mattress. Meals are served in the dining tent where LeRee Hensen prepares wonderful home cooked meals. Hot showers and sanitation facilities are first class for those concerned.

Two schools are being offered:

April 25-April 28, Students arrive April 24th with classes beginning the morning of April 25th. You will spend the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th honing your fly fishing skills. Departure is after fishing on April 28th.

The Second School is June 6-June 9, Students arrive June 5th with classes beginning the morning of June 6th. You will spend June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th learning to fly fish. Departure is after fishing on June 9th.

Pricing for the Royal Tine Fly Fishing Schools- \$995 per student. Included with the school: loaner fishing equipment, two days of classes, two days of guided fishing, lodging (five nights), meals and beverages.



HEALING WATERS LODGE RATES FOR 2002

Pricing per angler is \$475 per day based on double occupancy. If a single angler

desires a room to his or her self and a guide exclusively then there is a \$100 single supplement, which means that the single angler pays \$575 per day.

A non-fishing spouse or partner pays \$250 per day. The extra night's stay-over is \$175 per person. This enters into the pricing, when for example; you stay four nights at the lodge and fish only three days.

Airport shuttles are available from Bozeman or Butte for an extra charge.

Included in your Healing Waters stay are all lodging, meals, beverages, loaner fishing equipment if needed, and guided fishing.

More and more we are finding that some small corporate groups, families, and groups of fishing buddies enjoy reserving all six rooms of the lodge for their exclusive use. When a group reserves the entire lodge we do offer a ten percent price break to that group.

Greg & Janet

Janet and I want to truly express our warmest thank you for the memorable time we spent at the famous Healing Waters Sanctorum. This was, of course, Janet's first fly-fishing experience. Well, she was overwhelmed. Most pleasantly I might add!

Ms. Janet's meals were again, truly superb. You both have that knack for making everyone feel special. Heartfelt Thanks

*Burgess and Janet Holt
Cleveland, OH*



SPECIAL RENTAL CAR ARRANGEMENTS!!

This season we are pleased to announce that we have worked out an arrangement with Hertz Rental cars in Butte, Montana that will be very beneficial to any guest who has need of a rental car when fishing in Montana.

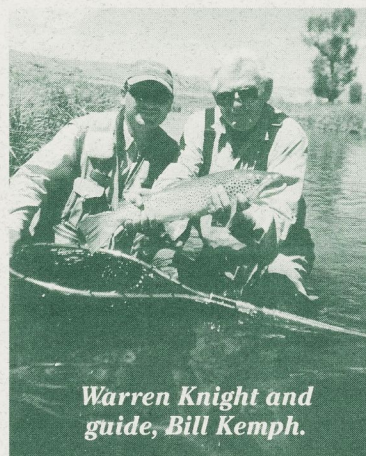
If you will call, Marty, the Butte Hertz Franchisee, directly at (406) 782-1054 and tell him that you will be a guest at Healing Waters Lodge he will work with you on the kind of vehicle that meets your needs and he can provide a substantial savings over the published rates. In addition he very often can upgrade you to a larger vehicle or more practical vehicle for your specific needs for the same price as a smaller car.

It is important that you do visit with Marty directly!

DON'T FORGET THE SPRING FISHING!!!

Every year when we do this newsletter I make a point of encouraging anglers to think about fishing Montana in April or May. Over the past five seasons we have developed a great group of guests who have gotten onto this terrific early season fishing. They know that they are going to have dependable, quality fishing and that they are going to be almost the only ones on the rivers.

Again this season, I want to urge those of you who might be suffering through a dreary winter and in need of a relief from cabin fever, to consider a long weekend of terrific pre summer fly-fishing in SW Montana.



*Warren Knight and
guide, Bill Kempf.*

We are offering an early season price break for those who fish in April and May. You will still enjoy all the creature comforts of Healing Waters Lodge, the fine accommodations, food and guides but at a reduced rate.

Healing Waters Spring Pricing

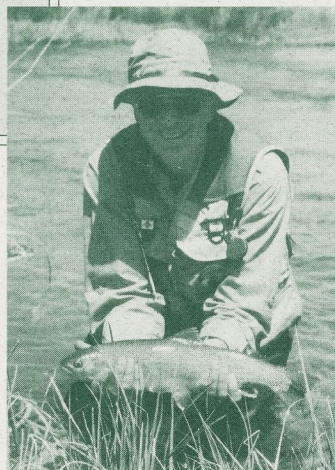
\$400 per angler per day based on double occupancy. A single angler in a room by himself with a boat and guide to himself is \$500 per day. Included with your spring fishing: lodging at HW, all meals, beverages and guided fishing.

CLEARING UP SOME REGULATION CONFUSION

In 2001 the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission implemented some changes in the Regulations on The Big Hole and Beaverhead Rivers and these regulations created a great deal of confusion and consternation.

This is what you need to know! On the **Beaverhead River** on Saturdays only, there is one section of river closed to commercial float fishing. (Clark Canyon Dam to Henneberry bridge). This section of the river can be wade fished on Saturdays but not floated. The rest of the river is open to floating on Saturdays and the entire river is open to float fishing Sunday through Friday.

On the **Big Hole River** there is one section of the river that is closed to commercial float fishing each day of the week. The closed section changes each day. As on the Beaverhead, you are allowed to wade fish that section of the Big Hole that is closed to float fishing on a particular day. Remember that the Big Hole River is almost 125 miles in length



Tom Cox.

and when one section of about ten miles in length is closed on a particular day, the other 115 miles are still open to float fishing.



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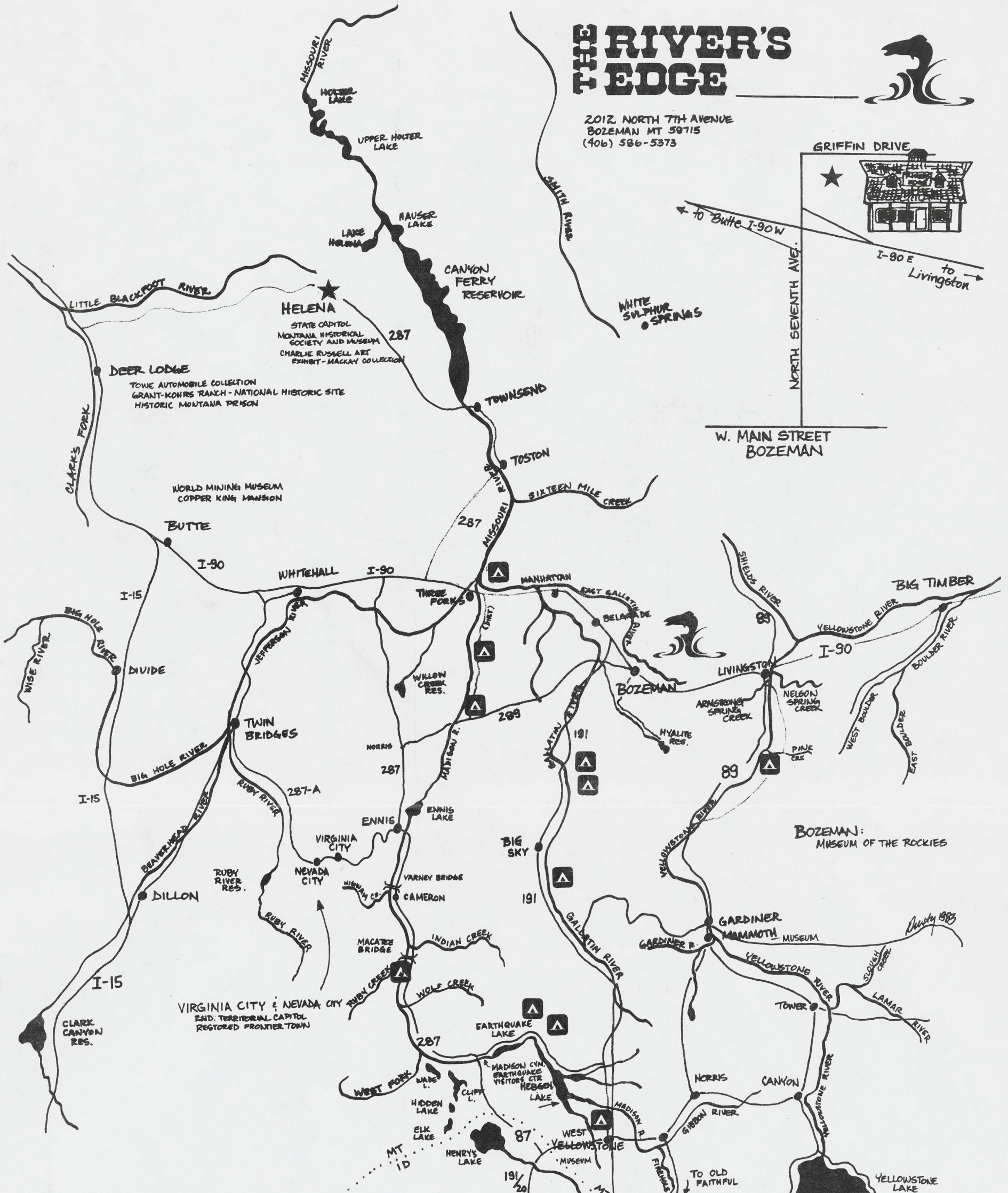
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Major Fisheries of the Upper Missouri Country

	Water Type	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	Winter
Lower Madison River (Ennis Lake to Three Forks)	CANYON AND RIFLE WATER FLOATING OR WADING	SOME DISCOLORATION EARLY CADDIS HATCHES STONE FLY NYMPHING	SALMON FLY HATCH MID-JUNE CADDIS HATCHES	CADDIS HATCHES TERRESTRIALS ATTRACTOR DRY FLIES	WATER WARMS AND FISHING IS SLOW	WATER BEGINS TO COOL LIMITED DRY FLY ACTION NYMPHS AND STREAMERS	EXCELLENT STREAMER FISHING	RIVER RISES NYMPHS AND STREAMERS EFFECTIVE	DEEP NYMPH AND SCULPIN FISHING
Upper Madison River (Quake Lake to Ennis)	50 MILES RIFLE WATER FLOATING OR WADING	WATER DISCOLORED SOME NYMPH FISHING CAN BE EXCELLENT	PRE-SALMON FLY HATCH NYMPHING	STONE FLY HATCH CADDIS HATCHES ATTRACTOR DRIES	TERRESTRIALS ATTRACTOR DRIES	DRY FLIES UNTIL WEATHER TURNS STREAMERS AND NYMPHS	STREAMERS AND NYMPHING	WATERS UP DEEP NYMPHS AND STREAMERS	FINE NYMPHING
Gallatin River	POCKET/RIFLE WATER FLOATING ON LOWER REACHES	DISCOLORED	DISCOLORED	LIMITED STONE FLIES CADDIS ATTRACTOR DRIES	TERRESTRIAL AND ATTRACTOR DRIES	LIMITED DRY FLY STREAMERS AND NYMPHS	NYMPHING AND STREAMERS DEEP	NYMPHS AND STREAMERS	NYMPHS
Yellowstone River	LARGE WESTERN RIVER ALTERNATE RIFFLES AND FLATS FLOATING AND WADING	DISCOLORED	DISCOLORED	STONE FLIES MID-MONTH CADDIS ATTRACTOR DRIES	TERRESTRIAL ATTRACTOR DRIES	LIMITED DRIES STREAMERS NYMPHS	SUPER STREAMER MONTHS		MIDGE HATCHES NYMPHS
Missouri River	LARGE WESTERN RIVER WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES FLOATING WITH LIMITED WADING	DRY FLY ACTIVITY WITH CADDIS HATCHES AND MAY FLY HATCHES PREDOMINANTLY BELOW HOLTER DAM			LIMITED TERRESTRIAL FISHING	OUTSTANDING STREAMER FISHING THROUGHOUT THE RIVER FROM THREE FORKS TO HOLTER DAM			
Big Hole River	ALTERNATE CANYON WATER AND MEADOW STREAM FLOATING OR WADING	HIGH AND DIFFICULT FISHING NYMPHS	MID-MONTH SALMON FLY HATCH CADDIS AND ATTRACTORS	CADDIS AND ATTRACTORS MID-LOWER REACHES MAY FLY UPPER STRETCHES	TERRESTRIALS AND ATTRACTOR DRIES WATER WARMS	WATER REMAINS LOW AND WARM ACTION SPORADIC	NYMPH AND STREAMER ACTIVITY IMPROVES	MEDIUM WET FLY ACTIVITY	CLOSED
Jefferson River	LARGE SLOW RIVER MEADOW WATER FLOATING AND LIMITED WADING	DISCOLORED	DISCOLORED	MARGINAL SURFACE ACTIVITY		PRIME TIME ON THE JEFFERSON NYMPHS AND STREAMERS			
Beaverhead River	SMALLER DEEP MEADOW RIVER DENSE BANK COVER FLOATING AND LIMITED WADING	PRIMARILY GIRDLE BUG AND STREAMER FISHING		SPORADIC HATCH ACTIVITY CADDIS AND MAY FLY. SOME ATTRACTOR DRY FLY EXCELLENT GIRDLE BUG AND STREAMER FISHING		FALL ON THE BEAVERHEAD MEANS NYMPHS AND STREAMERS DEEP			
East Gallatin River	SMALL VALLEY STREAM PRIMARILY WADING	DISCOLORED	DISCOLORED	CADDIS, MAY FLY AND TERRESTRIAL TOP WATER FISHING		NYMPHS AND STREAMERS DEEP			
Lamar River	HIGH VALLEY MEADOW STREAM WADING ONLY	CLOSED	DISCOLORED	CADDIS HATCHES MAY FLY HATCHES TERRESTRIALS	←		ATTRACTOR DRIES TERRESTRIALS	NYMPHS AND STREAMERS DEEP	CLOSED
Gardiner River	SMALL MOUNTAIN FREESTONE RIVER WADING ONLY	CLOSED	DISCOLORED	STONE FLY HATCH	←		HOPPERS CADDIS ATTRACTOR DRIES	WET FLIES DEEP	CLOSED
Boulder River	SMALL MOUNTAIN FREESTONE AND MEADOW WADING ONLY	DISCOLORED	DISCOLORED	←		TERRESTRIALS AND ATTRACTOR FLIES AND SOME HATCH ACTIVITY		→	
Firehole/Gibbon/Madison	CLASSIC MEADOW STREAMS WADING ONLY	OPENS END OF MAY	EARLY JUNE NYMPHS AND STREAMERS LATER CADDIS AND MAY FLY HATCHES	EARLY HATCH ACTIVITY WITH ACTION SLOWING END OF MONTH	LIMITED TERRESTRIAL ACTION	←		WATERS COOL AND MIGRATORY RUNS OF BROWN AND RAINBOW FISHING SUPERB	CLOSED
Spring Creeks	WADING ONLY	CADDIS AND MAY FLIES HATCH ACTIVITY YEAR ROUND WITH SMALL NYMPHS AND DRIES THE KEY							
Ruby River	ALTERNATE FREESTONE AND MEADOW WATER	FINE TERRESTRIAL FISHING IN MEADOW SECTIONS							



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Dear Fishing Friends,

Many of you are already calling The River's Edge to make reservations for the approaching season. For those of you still dreaming and planning, we hope this newsletter will provide both ideas for a Montana fishing Vacation and the impetus to get those plans solidified very soon!

1987 is going to be an exciting year at The River's Edge. We have added several new programs. The bird shooters among you will be able to bring along your shotguns as well as your fly rods for late fall hunting and fishing. Anglers seeking solitude will be able to book day trips into high country streams and lakes, or five to ten day wilderness pack trips.

Our multi-day trips on the Upper Missouri, Big Hole and Big Horn continue to be very successful. And, of course, you will still be able to spend as many days as you can finagle, wading or floating the miles of prime trout water around Bozeman.

If you have questions or concerns about a particular program or trip planning detail, be sure to give one of us a call. As always, we are anxious to see that your Montana fishing experience is as pleasant and successful as possible.

Regards,

Greg Lilly and Dave Corcoran

1987 Runoff Projections

In 1986 we suggested anglers anticipate emergence of the major hatches (salmon flies, caddis and drakes) about a week ahead of schedule. Uncharacteristically, we were right!! Even though snowpacks were about normal, an unusually hot period of weather brought snows out of the mountains in a torrent. Runoff was over quickly!

In 1987 it appears we are headed towards similar conditions. Snowpacks are below normal and the long range forecast is for the trend to continue. We would advise salmon fly hatch chasers especially, to figure on seeing adult stoneflies seven to ten days ahead of dates that are considered "normal."

We are happy to keep you abreast of the conditions and to make hatch projections. Give us a call anytime for snowpack and runoff condition reports (406) 586-5373.

Early Spring Pre-Runoff

April and May traditionally have been months in Montana enjoyed only by local anglers. However, we encourage anglers each winter to seriously take a look at a spring trip. There are some terrific opportunities available and just no one fishing!

You can fish for RAINBOWS that move into spawning areas. The Upper Madison below Quake Lake, in the catch and release section, the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry Reservoir, and the spring creeks - Nelson, Armstrong and Depuys - all experience good runs of beautiful, strong rainbows.

The CADDIS HATCHES on the Yellowstone and Lower Madison, below the Beartrap Canyon, are still two of the premier hatches of the year. When the early season caddis appear on the Yellowstone, spent adults will be found several inches deep along the banks and in backwater eddies. The "Blizzard Hatch" is a genuine occurrence in early May on the Yellowstone River!

Big Horn River 1987

If we were to summarize, in one word, our 1986 Spring Big Horn River trips, we'd have to say fantastic! The fishing was great, the accommodations perfect, and we even found some fun places to dine. The fact that a major portion of our clients have already booked a repeat trip for 1987 is an indication of just how great it really was. The dry fly fishing was everything we had hoped for and more. Between hatches, we had excellent wet fly fishing with shrimp imitations, pheasant tail nymphs, and the not-so-famous San Juan worm.

This year we are going to take advantage of the uncrowded conditions that April offers on the Big Horn. We'll set up our headquarters at the Lariat Motel in Hardin on April 15 and be there through the end of May. If you've been thinking about fishing the Big Horn, but have been putting it off, this is the year to be there. The Montana Fish and Game has leased another access point on the river which opens up an additional 22 miles of river to float fishing and wading.

We suggest you fish with us at least three days to really experience the type of exceptional fishing that is there on the Big Horn. Please make your reservations with us as soon as possible. The dates that are still available will fill quickly and we hate to disappoint anyone. Please call us with any questions you may have regarding the Big Horn. Once you've booked your days, we will be sending you a complete package of information detailing the trip.

Salmon Fly Hatches

Every serious fly fisherman has at least read about the famous stonefly or salmon fly hatches of the west. Bozeman, Montana is situated to place you within striking distance of four of the finest "hatches" in the country.

HATCH PREDICTIONS

Big Hole River	June 9 to about June 20
Upper Madison River	June 24 to about July 4
Gallatin River	June 25 to about July 4
Yellowstone River	July 10 to about July 20

If you are interested in fishing one of the "hatches," plan on spending several days. Salmon fly hatch fishing is a matter of persistence. You must pay some dues before you usually hit the magic day everyone dreams about – lunker trout slashing greedily on the surface for a giant insect!!

Remember – hatch dates are affected by water temperatures, number of bright days, stream flows and several other factors only the Voodoo Doctors know . . . call us for updates whenever you like.

Wilderness Fly Fishing

Montana's backcountry fishing is superb. However, it is not usually trophy trout the wilderness angler is going to find. Instead, he is rewarded with fast action, a variety of species, breathtaking scenery, solitude, and a completely relaxing experience.

This summer we can offer you two styles of wilderness fishing experiences:

1) Day Hikes – Vince Gordon of The River's Edge has spent a great deal of time exploring high country lakes and streams. He is anxious to show interested anglers some of his favorite backcountry haunts. Most day hikes will entail a short walk of one to three miles. Hikes are not hard uphill climbs, but good trail walking.

2) Wilderness Pack Trips – A five- to ten-day wilderness horse pack trip is an exciting, fascinating way to see some of the most spectacular country in the world, completely escape the pressures of work, and experience some interesting fishing. We are delighted to be working with a fellow outfitter who can provide first-class stock, camping equipment, food and guides. A variety of trips are available to choose from. The style of fishing you prefer, the duration of the trip, and the time of year you are free will all determine your destination. Families are welcome or singles and couples can be hooked up with a group.

We can go on with adjectives describing the experience a number of our friends and clients have had on the wilderness pack trips; however, if you are interested in this type of vacation, I would suggest you write us for a brochure with full details and prices.

NOTE . . . Any backcountry trip depends on Mother Nature's cooperation as to when the high country will be open enough for travel. Usually July and August are the prime months for wilderness fishing.

Terrestrial Fishing

The end of July, August and early September is hopper time in the Rockies. Montana has actually been plagued by hoppers the past couple of seasons. However, we all know one man's poison may be another man's pleasure, and that is the case in southwest Montana. Trout love hoppers and dry fly enthusiasts love to catch trout on high floating hopper patterns.

In the Bozeman area we have terrific hopper fishing on the major rivers like the Yellowstone, Gallatin and Upper Madison. Less demanding meadow rivers like the Shields, the Boulder, the Lamar, the Gardiner and sections of the Upper Gallatin, provide a great deal of excitement with hoppers. If you want something more challenging, then the spring creeks of the Gallatin Valley worked with smaller meadow hoppers will keep you talking to yourself.

Upper Missouri Hopper Haven - In past newsletters we have talked about the Upper Missouri below Holter Dam as a very large "spring creek." The caddis, pale morning dun and trico hatches of July and August are spectacular. But we have been remiss in emphasizing the fabulous hopper fishing also available in late July and August. In the warm afternoons along canyon walls strong 15"-18" rainbows and an occasional very good brown, lie in wait for hoppers to drop into the river. It is hopper fishing you won't forget for some time!!

** Remember, if you are interested in working the Upper Missouri with one of The River's Edge guides, you should plan to fish three days. We headquarter out of Wolf Creek, Montana. Fishing is from early morning till dark with a streamside dinner break prior to the evening hatch!

Fall Cast and Blast 1987

Many of our clients have expressed an interest in combining their fall fishing with waterfowl hunting here in Montana. After two years of scouting the region, we're delighted to announce that this year we will be offering combination Cast and Blast Fall Trips.

Imagine the excitement of mallards coming into your spread of decoys and fighting a strong brown trout that's just smashed your streamer, all in the same day. This is the type of quality experience we hope to share with you.

We will conduct these trips from October 20 through November 30 on both the Pacific and Central flyways. In the Bozeman area, we will fish and hunt the Madison, Jefferson, Gallatin and Missouri Rivers. We'll combine decoying with pass and jump shooting to fit your preferences. Our Central flyway trips will take place on the Big Horn River and will be for a minimum of three days.

Bring your shotgun, your warm clothing, and if you've got a favorite retriever, bring him/her along and we'll have some fun this fall in Montana.

Trip Planning Guides

For trip planning assistance, we have put together a selection of four very informative books!

LIGHT TACKLE FISHING GUIDES OF NORTH AMERICA by Richard Swan

Dick Swan has done all of us a favor by putting together a comprehensive list of fishing guides (fly and light spinning) in North America. Today, you can literally catch any species of fish on light fly or spinning tackle in any part of North America. However, if you are unfamiliar with an area, you can waste precious days learning the where, when and hows. Hiring a guide very often will make the difference between success and failure with new species in unfamiliar territory. This book provides the starting point to finding the right outfitter or guide . . . paperback \$14.95.

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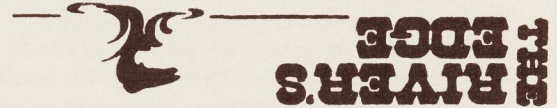
* Bud Lilly has graciously consented to autograph each edition of his guide. However, the book will not be available until May, so please do not expect immediate shipment when ordering.

THE ANGLER'S GUIDE TO MONTANA by Mike Sample

This guide book goes beyond the scope of most such books. Not only does it provide detailed information on 16 major streams, 70 of their tributaries and 108 lakes and reservoirs, it also includes information on techniques, patterns and times to fish. Accurate maps and excellent photography accompany the text. We think The Angler's Guide should be part of every angler's trip planning . . . paperback \$8.95.

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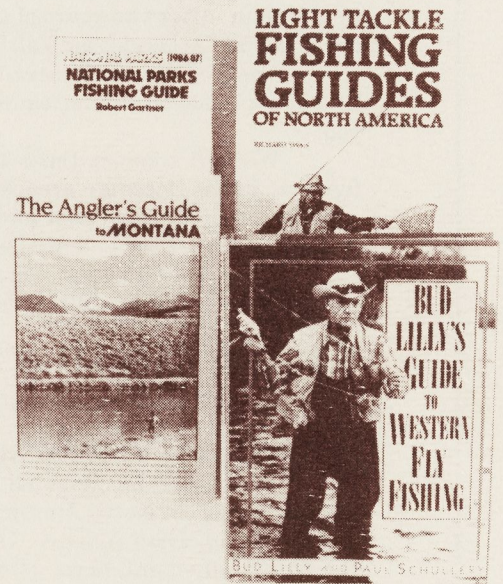
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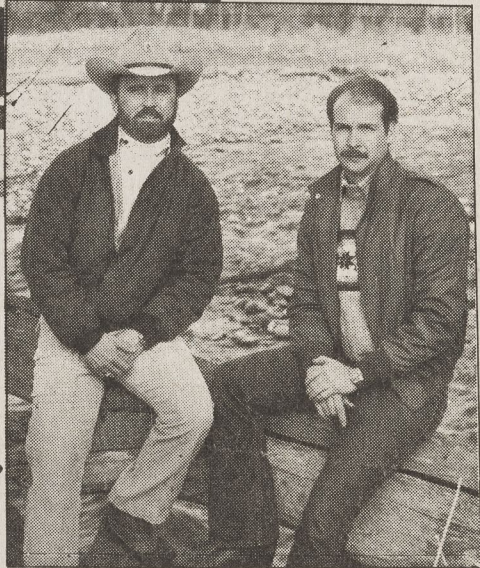
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As a holistic practitioner, Exley stresses prevention and self-care and de-emphasizes surgery. He recommends better eating habits and exercise. He encourages his patients to make their own decisions about medical care.

"Instead of a \$20,000 or \$30,000 solution, I think people should change their habits," he said.

Exley said the time he spends talking with his patients is crucial.

"There's a tremendous amount of healing potential in a person's belief. But I don't see myself as a healer. I'm nothing more than a lost pilgrim trying to find his way, as it were."

Though some of the townspeople question whether therapy and counseling belong in a doctor's office, Exley said he believes the majority of the people "respect me for what I am."

As a resident of a small community where everyone in town knows one another, Exley finds himself in "an ideal" environment for practicing his style of medicine. He generally knows more about the lives of his patients than does a doctor in a large city.

"I'm not a stranger who says 'Now, tell me about your problem,'" he said.

Exley set up practice on Absarokee's main street 10 years ago.

The Absarokee experience has been a positive one for the single father of two boys.

"Over the years, I've moved away from believing I know what's best for others. Ten years after training, I'm beginning to feel like a physician," he said.

Speaking of Money...

by Doug Tillet

Faith and confidence, a must in the world of money.

Modern day banking, in spite of the trend to mechanization and computerization, is, if successful, thoroughly dependent on mutual understanding and faith.

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Modern day successful bankers welcome the opportunity to counsel with you and to offer the advice and guidance in money matters so important to better living.

Congratulations to Ann Anderson of Bozeman Junior High School for receiving an award as an inspirational teacher.



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The governor's office said the letter would be sent to the proper authorities.

Three die on roads

KALISPELL (AP) — The Montana Highway Patrol says the state's Memorial Day traffic fatality toll has risen to three.

The latest victim is Daniel Emmett Koehler, 16, of Libby. The Highway Patrol said Koehler was driving on U.S. 2 about 29 miles west of here when the accident occurred at 12:45 p.m. Sunday.

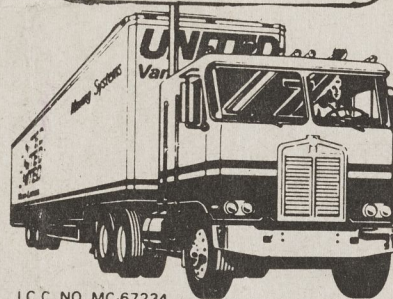
He apparently fell asleep at the wheel, then woke and tried to prevent his vehicle from going into the ditch, the Highway Patrol said. The vehicle rolled several times, ejecting the victim and Tony Cate, 15, also of Libby, the Highway Patrol said. Cate was injured.

The death raises Montana's traffic fatality toll for the year to 95, compared with 87 on May 30, 1982.

Montana's first Memorial Day weekend highway victims were identified Sunday as 22-year-olds Tracy Ann Bilant of Billings and Carmen Maki of Denver.

The Montana Highway Patrol said the two women were killed Friday night on U.S. 89 about 10 miles west of Lewistown when an eastbound passenger vehicle driven by Ms. Bilant ran into the back end of a 2½-ton truck that had stopped to make a left turn.

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