

Fishing in the Bob

Fishing on a summer backcountry trip can be a great part of the adventure! To fish in Montana you need a fishing license. There are a variety of fishing licenses available. Each trip that 7 Lazy P Outfitting takes has different opportunity for fishing. Please call us to verify the dates that fishing is available on your trip and help you determine which fishing license is best for you.

7 Lazy P does have a couple sets of fly fishing gear for those that do not have fishing gear, but would like to try it. You will be required to purchase one of our boxes of flies. Please let us know ahead if you intend to borrow our gear.

Good fishing days on each trip. This should help you determine which fishing license you would like to purchase..... the 1 day, multiple 1-day, 5 consecutive day, or season long. The licenses are date specific.

The good fishing opportunity days on each trip:

Relax @ Wrong Creek(trip dates June 29-July 2),fishing dates: June 30, July 1

We recommend purchasing a 1-day license or 2- 1-day licenses

North Fork Sun River (trip dates July 6-12), fish July 7,8,9,10

If you want maximum fishing, we recommend the 5-day license

South Chinese Wall (trip dates July 15-22), fish July 16, 20, 21

We recommend purchasing 3 1-day licenses.

North Chinese Wall (trip dates July 25-31), fish July 26, 30

We recommend 2 1-day licenses.

Scapegoat (trip dates Aug 4-11), fish Aug 5

Need the 1-day license

Trilobite (trip dates Aug 16 & 21

Big River (trip dates Aug 25-31), fish Aug 27, 28

We recommend 2 1-day licenses

Big River (trip dates Sept 3-8), fish Sept 5

You will need a 1-day license

The streams we get into are not large and are easily wadeable. On the high country trips there may only be a couple of days for fishing. So unless your trip is fishing specific, we ask that you keep the gear minimal and not bring waders, using instead water shoes to wade with. Thanks!

- Montana fishing license (can get one online at www.fwp.mt.gov or locally)
- Fishing rod – a 4 wt rod will be fine in most situations. Pack rods if you have one.
- A few incidentals – tippet, float-ant, and extra leader or two
- A short list of dry flies will most likely do, however some like to bring a few Nymphs and Streamers
 - **Dry flies:** Royal Wulfe, Royal Coachmen, Crazy Goof's, Elk Hair Caddis, Joe's Hopper, Dave's Hoppers, Pale Evening Dunn, Parachute Adams, Stimulators
 - **Nymphs:** Copper John, Prince Nymph
 - **Streamers:** Muddler Minnow, Woolly Bugger
 - 7 Lazy P usually has boxes of appropriate flies available to purchase. Try to let us know ahead of your trip if you plan to purchase a fly box to ensure we have availability.

If you are an avid fisherman, you will have your own list. This is just a few of the common flies for our area. Barbless hooks are recommended.

- Spinning outfits: if you bring a spinning rod, make sure lures are single hook.

Fish License Information

To fish in Montana, a valid fishing license is required for all types of fishing on state waters for anyone 12 or older. (Those under 12 years old are not required to have a fishing license.) A fishing license allows a person to fish for and possess any fish or aquatic invertebrate authorized by the state's fishing regulations. It is nontransferable and nonrefundable.

To fish in Montana, anglers need 3 things:

1. Conservation License

Resident: \$8

Resident Youth/12-17 years: \$4

Resident Senior/62+: \$4

Nonresident: \$10

2. Base Fishing License

Full season: March 1-February 28

- Resident: \$21
- Resident Youth 12-17: \$10.50
- Resident Senior 62+: \$10.50
- Nonresident: \$100

2-day Resident: \$5

1-day Nonresident: \$14 (Nonresidents can purchase several 1-day licenses)

5 consecutive day Nonresident: \$56

3. AISPP (Angler Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Pass)

Resident: \$2

Nonresident: \$7.50