

Fly Fishing the Yellowstone Area: Hatch Charts and Angling Quality Charts

This document compiles the general hatch charts, angling quality by timeframe charts, and fishery-specific hatch and fly suggestion charts provided on the how-to portion of the Parks' Fly Shop website (www.parksflyshop.com) in an easy-to-print (and view) format. Please visit this website for much more information on fly fishing the Yellowstone area and southern Montana. I hope you find this information helpful. If you're considering booking a fly fishing trip in Yellowstone or Montana, we would appreciate your business.

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Here are some notes on how this document is organized...

First up is the **general section of the document**, which includes general hatch charts for important insects in the region, organized by month. Separate charts are given for each insect type (mayflies, caddisflies, etc.). Except where scientific names are often used instead of the common names, I have used the most common local name for a given insect. Within each chart, the insects of greatest general importance are listed first, with the least-important listed last. Note that this is a *region-wide* assessment. Certain insects might not be very important overall but be very important on one specific body of water, or just happen to pop one day on a water where they are not usually important.

An uppercase X means the hatch is of major importance. A lowercase x means it is of minor importance. A question mark beside either means the hatch is of variable quality in this timeframe. This usually means the hatch is highly dependent on water levels and/or air and water temperatures, and the question mark occurs at the beginning and/or end of the possible hatch timeframe. If there's a blank, it means a given insect is unlikely to be important at a certain timeframe.

I have not included insects that are of minor importance, only those that anglers stand say a 25% chance of seeing if they're in the region at a given timeframe on a body of water that possesses a reasonable number of these insects.

The second part of the document is a chart entitled and answering the question "When Should I Come?" This is the single most common question I get. In this chart, I cover the good, fair, and ugly times to come to fish a given water or water type. An "X" means it's prime, one of the best available options. An "x" means it is definitely worth fishing but there are better areas to focus on. A question mark after either denotes uncertainty, usually indicating the potential but not certainty for spring runoff, water temperatures that might be too warm (summer), or water temperatures that might be too cold, in the autumn. A blank indicates that the water in question is either closed or a terrible option at the given time.

Note that these charts do not quite match those given with each entry in the fishery-specific section described below, due to a slightly different organization and purpose. For example nowhere is likely to offer more than "fair" fishing in the dead of winter, but in this section of the document portions of the Missouri are described with an "X" in January simply because it's one of the few places to fish at this time at all, while in the third section it gets an "x" reflecting the fact it's likely not going to gangbusters fishing. In other words, fisheries in the "When Should I Come" section are described in relation to each other. In the fishery-specific section, they're described in relation to their overall fishing quality.

The fishery-specific section of this document comes next. It is the larger section. Each entry in this section might cover an entire river, a section of a river or river drainage, or a type of water (i.e. "spring creeks" or "small lakes in Yellowstone Park"). Each fishery-specific entry begins with a chart describing the likely angling quality over the course of the year or legal fishing season. On these charts, an uppercase X specifies excellent angling quality *for the water in question*. Comparing different waters is an apples to oranges comparison. For example both the upper Yellowstone River near Yellowstone Lake and beginner brook trout fisheries are great in late July. On the upper Yellowstone this means experts might get two or three huge fish. On the brookie creeks it means rookies stand a good chance of catching a half a dozen tiny trout. Again, a question mark suggests uncertainty. Again this mostly depends on weather and water conditions.

Each entry in this section continues with a chart covering good aquatic insect hatches, good terrestrial and attractor dry flies, and good subsurface flies. A big X means a given hatch or fly type is a good bet. A small x means it's a secondary tactic. A blank means a hatch probably isn't important or a tactic isn't worthwhile. A question mark next to an X again denotes uncertainty and usually depends on weather/water conditions. In this section of the document, insect hatches are organized by importance, from greatest to least, with insects

organized first by important family, then by important species. So in the Lamar River Drainage, where mayflies are the most important insect family, they are presented first. In the canyon sections of the Yellowstone, where stoneflies are more important, they come first.

Charts in this section are **broken down by month for fisheries in Montana**, which are generally open year-round, and are **broken down in two-week blocks for fisheries in Yellowstone National Park**, where the general season runs from sunrise on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend in late May (the “M” in the charts) through sunset on the first Sunday in November (the “N” in the charts). Where the open fishing season differs from the general season in whatever jurisdiction, or factors like muddy water, geothermal (geyser) water, or ice make a body of water unfishable, this will be noted on the chart.

Note that the titles of most tables in both sections of this document include a web address in parentheses, i.e. “(mayflies.html).” Simply add a slash and this page designation to www.yellowstoneflyfishing.info to visit this page, i.e. www.yellowstoneflyfishing.info/mayflies.html. These pages go into far more detail about each insect type. Basically, this document just has the charts in an easy-to-print format.

Now, on to the document...

General Hatch Charts

Mayfly Hatch Chart (mayflies.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blue-winged Olive	x?	x?	x	X	X	x		x?	X	X	x?	
Pale Morning Dun					x	X	X	x				
Western Green Drake and Little Green Drake						x	X	X	x			
<i>Callibaetis</i>					x?	X	X	X	x	x		
Drake Mackerel								X?	X	x		
Trico							X	X	x			
<i>Heptagenia</i>							x	x	x			
Western March Brown			x	X	X							
Western Sulfur (Cream Baetis)								x	x			
Mahogany								x	x			
Western Cahill (Epeorus)							x	x	x			
Gray Drake						x	x	x				
Brown Drake						x	x	x				

Caddisfly Hatch Chart (caddisflies.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tan Caddis						X	X	X				
Olive (Mother's Day) Caddis				x?	X	x						
White Miller*					x	x	x	x	x	x		
Green Rockworm						x	x	x				
Traveling Sedge						x	x	x	x			
Giant Brown Caddis						x	x					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Amber Caddis							x	x				
Microcaddis (Glossosoma)							x	x				
October Caddis									x	x		

*Note: The White Miller (*Nectopsyche*) caddis is rare to absent in most waters and only of moderate importance in the Gibbon and Madison Rivers. It is placed so highly in the above list because it is far and away the single most important insect present in the Firehole River. You will see these bugs if you fish the Firehole for several days any time between early June and late September.

Stonefly Hatch Chart (stoneflies.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Salmonfly					x?	X	X	x?				
Golden Stonefly					x?	X	X	x?				
Midnight Stonefly							X	X	x			
Yellow Sally					x?	x	X	X?				
Little Olive Stonefly					x?	x	X	x				
Tiny Black Stonefly		x	x	x								

Other Aquatic Insects (otherinsects.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
“Winter” Midges	x	X	X							x	x	x
Large Black Midge						x	x					
“Lamar” Midge								x	x	x		
“Missouri” Midges	x	x	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
“Spring Creek” Midges	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X
Chironomids*				x	X	X	X	x	x			
Damselflies*					x	X	X	x	x			
Craneflies						x	x	x				
Water Boatmen & Backswimmers*					x	x	x	x	x			

*Note: Insects marked with an asterisk are generally only important in lakes.

Terrestrial Insect Hatch Chart (terrestrials.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ants*					x?	x?	X	X	X			
Small Grasshoppers							X	X	X	x		
Small Beetles						x	X	X	x			
Crickets & Cicadas							X	x	X	x		
Large Grasshoppers							x	X	x	x		
Spruce Moth							x	x	x			
Large Beetles							x	x	x			
Mormon Crickets								x	x			
Bees							x	x	x			

Note: Possible ant importance in May and June is generally limited to spring creeks.

Other Trout Food (otherprey.html)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Baitfish (Streamers)	x	x	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	X	X	x
River Scuds¹	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
Eggs	x	x	X	X	x			x	x	X	X	x
Sowbugs¹	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
River Worms¹	x	x	x	X	X	x				x	x	x
Lake Worms²			X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	
Leeches²			X	X	X	x	x	x	x	X	X	
Lake Scuds²				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Crayfish³	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mice							x	x	x			

- 1.) Primarily important in tailwaters (Missouri and Lower Madison), but may also work in spring creeks. Worm imitations occasionally work in freestone streams at the tail end of runoff or after summer storms.
- 2.) Most useful in fertile, weedy lakes.
- 3.) Crayfish are only found in fishable numbers in the Lower Madison, the Yellowstone east of Livingston, the Missouri, and a handful of low-elevation lakes.

Where Should I Fish?

Waters in Yellowstone Park (Open from the Saturday of Memorial Day through the First Sunday in November)

Yellowstone River

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Lake to Falls					X	x						
Grand Canyon	X?	x?	X?	X?	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	
Black Canyon			x?	X?	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x

Lamar River Drainage

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Lamar River			x?	X?	X	X	X	X	x	x		
Soda Butte Creek				X?	X	X	X	X	x	x		
Slough Creek	X?		x?	X?	X	X	x	x	x			

Gardner River

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Headwaters to Osprey Falls				x?	x	x	x					
Osprey Falls to Boiling River			x?	x	x	x	x	x	X	X?	X?	X?
Boiling River to Yellowstone River	x?	x?	x?	X	X	x?	x?	x?	X?	X	X	X

Madison River Drainage

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Firehole River	X	X	X?					x	X	X	x	x
Gibbon River	x?	X?	X	x				x	x	X	X	X
Madison River, Headwaters	X?	X	X	x	x			x	X	X	X	X
Madison River, Riverside to Hebgen							x?	X?	X	X	X	X

Other Yellowstone Park Waters

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Gallatin River in YNP				x	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	
Falls & Bechler River System				x?	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	
Lewis Channel		X	X						x	x	X	X
Lewis River			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X
Headwaters Snake R.				x?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Meadow Creeks			x?	X?	X	X	X	x	x			
Rough Mountain Creeks				X?	X	X	X	x	x			
Brook Trout Creeks			x?	X?	X	X	X					
Small Lakes		X?	X	x	x	x						
Large Lakes	X?	X	X	x	x					x	x	

Waters Outside YNP

Yellowstone River

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gardiner to Carbella*		x	X	X	X?	X?	X	X	X	X	X	
Carbella to Livingston*			X	X	X?	X?	X	X?	X	X	X	
Livingston to Laurel			x	X			X?	X?	X	X	X	

*Note: The marked sections of the Yellowstone typically enter runoff sometime in the first half of May and drop out of runoff in the last ten days of June or first week of July. They are typically excellent right up until runoff begins and the instant they are low enough and clear enough to fish.

Madison River

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hebgen L. to Quake L.	x	x	X	X	X	x				x	x	x
Quake L. to Ennis L.	x	x	X	X	X?	X?	X	x	x	x	x	
Ennis L. to Three Forks	x	x	X	X	X?	X?			x?	x	x	

Gallatin River

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
YNP Line to Big Sky			x	x	x?		x	x	x	x	x	
Big Sky to Gallatin Gateway	x	x	x	x	x?		X	x	x	X	x	x
G.G. to Three Forks		x	x	x	x?		x			x	x	

Missouri River

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Three Forks to Canyon Ferry Lake							x	x	x	x	x	x
Hauser Dam to Holter Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X	x			x	x	X
Holter Lk to Cascade	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	X	X

Other Waters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring Creeks	X	X	X	x		X?	X			x	X	X
Mountain Streams							x	X	x			
Private Lakes			X?	X	X	X	x		x	X	X	
Large Reservoirs			X?	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	

Fishery-Specific Charts: Yellowstone River (yellowstone.html)

Headwaters to Yellowstone Lake and Yellowstone Lake to Upper Falls

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
CLOSED UNTIL 7/15				X	x	x					

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
PMD	CLOSED				X	X	x					
Western Green Drake					X	x	x					
Gray Drake					x	x	x					
BWO						x?	x?	X	X	X		
Little Green Drake					x	x	x	x				
<i>Epeorus</i>					x	x	x	x				
<i>Heptagenia</i>					x	x	x	x				
Tan Caddis					X	X	x					
Chocolate Caddis					x	x	x					
Microcaddis					x	x	x					
Olive Caddis					x	x	x					
Salmonfly					X							
Golden Stonefly					X							
Yellow Sally					x	x						
Little Olive Stonefly					x	x						

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Large Attractor Dries	CLOSED				X	x	x					
Small Attractor Dries					X	X	X	X	X	X		
Grasshoppers					x	x	x	x	x			
Beetles and Ants					x	x	x	x	x			

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Mayfly Nymphs	CLOSED				X	X	X	X	X	X		
Caddis Pupae					X	x	x					
Stonefly Nymphs					x	x						
Streamers					x	x	x	X	X	X		

Lower Falls to Gardiner: The Grand and Black Canyon

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
x?	x?	x?	X?	X	X	X	X	X	x?	x?	x?
Note: The Grand Canyon upstream from the Lamar Canyon may occasionally be fishable in late May and early June. The Black Canyon between the Lamar and the town of Gardiner is never fishable before mid-late June.											

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Salmonfly			x?	X	x	x?						
Golden Stonefly			x?	X	X	x?						
Yellow Sally				x?	X	x						
Midnight Stone					x	x	x	x				
Tan Caddis				X	X	x						
Giant Brown Caddis			x	x	x							
Olive Caddis	x	x										
BWO							x?	X	X	X	x?	x?
Western Green Drake			x?	x	x							
PMD				x	x							
Drake Mackerel								x	x	x		
<i>Epeorus</i>						x	x	x	x			
Mahogany							x	x	x			
Large Black Midge			x?	x?	x?							

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Large Attractor Dries			x	X	X	X	X	X	x			
Small Attractor Dries			x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	
Grasshoppers				x	X	X	X	X	x	x		
Ants					x	x	x	x	x			
Cicadas & Crickets				x	x	X	X	X	X	x		
Mormon Cricket						x	x	x	x			

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Streamers	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X	X
Stonefly Nymphs	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Attractor Nymphs	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x
Mayfly Nymphs							x	x	x	x	x	x

Gardiner to Carbella: “The Upper Yellowstone”

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
x	x	x	X	X?	X?	X	X	X	X	X?	

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tan Caddis						x?	X	X				
Olive Caddis				x?	X?							
Giant Brown Caddis						x?	x	x?				
Salmonfly						X?	X?					
Golden Stonefly						X?	X?					
Midnight Stone							X	X	x			
Yellow Sally						x?	x	x				
Blue-winged Olive	x?	x?	x?	x	x			X?	X	X	x	
Drake Mackerel								x	x	x		
Mahogany								x	x			
Western Green Drake						x?	x					
PMD						x?	x	x				
March Brown				x	x							
Trico							x	x				
Midges	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Small Attractor Dries	x?	x?	x?	x?	x?	X?	X	X	X	X?	x?	
Ants							X?	X	X	x		
Grasshoppers							x	X	X	x		
Large Attractor Dries						X?	X	x	x			
Crickets & Cicadas							x	x	x			
Spruce Moth								x?	x?			

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Stonefly Nymphs	x	X	X	X	x	X	X	x	x	x	x	x
Attractor Nymphs	x	x	X	X	x	x	X	X	x	x	x	x
Caddis Pupae				x	X		x	x				
Mayfly Nymphs	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x
Streamers	x	x	x	X	X	X	x	x	x	X	X	x
Midge Larvae & Pupae	x	x									x	x
Egg Patterns		x	x	x						x	x	

Carbella to Livingston: Paradise Valley

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	x?	x	X	X?	x?	X	X?	X	X	X?	

Note: High water temperatures can cause problems here in August during low-water years, but closures are uncommon. Just expect to fish only in the morning if the river is low and warm.

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tan Caddis						x?	X	X				
Olive Caddis				x?	X?							
Giant Brown Caddis						x?	x	x?				
Microcaddis							x	x				
Midnight Stone							X	X	x			
Yellow Sally						x?	x	x				
Salmonfly*						X?	X?					
Golden Stonefly*						X?	X?					
Blue-winged Olive	x?	x?	x?	x	x			X?	X	X	x	
Drake Mackerel								x	x	x		
Mahogany								x	x			
Western Green Drake						x?	x					
PMD						x?	x	x				
March Brown				x	x							
Midges	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	

*Note: Salmonfly and Golden Stonefly populations are heavy but location-specific in this stretch. Look for fast and turbulent areas with large cobble and boulders as bottom substrate.

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ants							X?	X	X	x		
Small Attractor Dries	x?	x?	x?	x?	x?	X?	X	X	X	X?	x?	
Grasshoppers							x	X	X	x		
Large Attractor Dries						X?	X	x	x			
Crickets & Cicadas							x	x	x			
Spruce Moth								x?	x?			

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Stonefly Nymphs	x	X	X	X	x	X	X	x	x	x	x	x
Attractor Nymphs	x	x	X	X	x	x	X	X	x	x	x	x
Caddis Pupae				x	X		x	x				
Mayfly Nymphs	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x
Streamers	x	x	x	X	X	X	x	x	x	X	X	x
Midge Larvae & Pupae	x	x									x	x

Livingston to Laurel: “East of Town

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		x	x	x?		X	X*	X	X	x?	

*Note: High water temperatures can cause problems here in August during low-water years, but closures are uncommon. Just expect to fish only in the morning if the river is low and warm.

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tan Caddis							X	X				
Olive Caddis				x?	X?							
Blue-winged Olive			x?	x				x?	X	X	x	
Drake Mackerel								x	x	x		
Mahogany								x	x			
PMD							x	x				
March Brown				x	x							
Midnight Stone							X	X	x			
Yellow Sally							x	x				
Midges	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Grasshoppers							x	X	X	x		
Ants							X?	X	X	x		
Large Attractor Dries							X	x	x			
Small Attractor Dries			x?	x?			X	X	X	X?	x?	
Crickets & Cicadas							x	x	x			

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Streamers	x	x	x	X	X		x	x	x	X	X	x
Stonefly Nymphs	x	X	X	X	x		X	x	x	x	x	x
Mayfly Nymphs	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x
Attractor Nymphs	x	x	X	X	x		X	X	x	x	x	x
Caddis Pupae				x	x		x	x				
Midge Larvae & Pupae	x	x								x	X	x

Fishery-Specific Charts: Lamar River Drainage (lamar.html)

Lamar River Mainstem

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
		x?	X?	X	X	X	X	X?	x?	x?	

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Western Green Drake				X	X	x	x	x	x			
PMD				X	X	x	x					
Little Green Drake				x	X	X	X	X	x			
Drake Mackerel							X?	X	X	x		
BWO						x?	x	x	x	x	x	
Tan Caddis				x	x	x	x					
Salmonfly*			x?	X	x?							
Golden Stonefly*			x?	X	x?							
Midnight Stonefly*					x	x	x	x				
Midges							x	x	x	x	x	

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Grasshoppers				x?	X	X	X	X	X	x?		
Ants					x	X	X	X	X			
Cicadas & Crickets				x?	X	X	x	x	x	x?		
Beetles					x	x	x	x	x	x		
Mormon Crickets						x	x	x	x			
Large Attractor Dries			x?	X	X	x	x	x				
Small Attractor Dries				x?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bees						x	x	x	x			

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Mayfly Nymphs			x?	X?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Attractor Nymphs			X?	X?	X?	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Streamers			x?	x	x			x	x	x	x	
Caddis Pupae			x?	X?	X	x	x					
Midge Larvae & Pupae						x	x	x	x	x	x	
Stonefly Nymphs*			x?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

*Note: Stonefly patterns of any kind are only useful in the Lamar's canyon sections, not the more-popular meadows.

Soda Butte Creek

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
		x?	X?	X	X	X	X	X?	x?	x?	

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Western Green Drake				X	X	x	x	x				
PMD				X	X	x	x					
Little Green Drake				x	X	X	X	X	x			
Drake Mackerel							X?	X	X	x		
Gray Drake				x	x	x	x					
BWO						x?	x	X	X	X	x	
Tan Caddis				x	x	x	x					
Midges							x	x	x	x	x	
Yellow Sally				x	x	x	x					

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Ants					x	X	X	X	X			
Grasshoppers				x?	X	X	X	X	X			
Spruce Moth*					x	X	X	x				
Beetles					x	x	x	x	x			
Cicadas & Crickets				x?	X	X	x	x	x			
Small Attractor Dries						x	x	x	x	x	x	
Bees						x	x	x	x			
Mormon Crickets						x	x	x				

Note: Spruce Moths are limited to areas near evergreen trees, particularly upper Soda Butte Creek.

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Mayfly Nymphs			x?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Caddis Pupae			x?	X?	X	X	x	x	x			
Midge Larvae & Pupae						x	x	x	x	x	x	
Attractor Nymphs			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Streamers								x	x	x	x	

Slough Creek

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
X?*		x?	X?	X	X	x	x	x	x?	x?	

*Note: Late May fishing is rare and consists of streamer fishing suitable for advanced anglers only, but it's gangbusters when it happens. It depends on a late spring runoff.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Western Green Drake			X?	X	X	x	x					
PMD				X	X	x	x					
BWO						x?	x	X	X	X	x	
Drake Mackerel							X?	X	X	x		
Little Green Drake				x	x	x	x	x	x			
<i>Heptagenia</i>						x	x	x	x			
Gray Drake				x	x	x	x					
Brown Drake				x	x	x						
Tan Caddis				x	x	x	x					
Midges							x	x	x	x	x	
Yellow Sally*				x	x	x						
Little Olive Stonefly*				x	x	x						
Salmonfly*			x?	x	x?							
Golden Stonefly*			x?	x	x?							

Note: Larger stoneflies are limited to the short stretches of rough water, and smaller stoneflies are far more common in these areas as well.

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Ants					X	X	X	X	X			
Beetles					X	X	X	X	X			
Grasshoppers				x	X	X?	x	x	x			
Cicadas & Crickets				x?	X	X?	x	x	x			
Bees						x	x	x	x			
Spruce Moth*						x	x	x				
Small Attractor Dries				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

Note: Spruce Moths are limited to areas near evergreen trees.

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Mayfly Nymphs			x?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Midge Larvae & Pupae						x	X	X	X	X	X	
Streamers	X?		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Caddis Pupae			x?	x	x	x	x					
Attractor Nymphs			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Stonefly Nymphs			x	x	x							

Fishery-Specific Charts: Madison River Drainage (madison.html)

Firehole River

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
X?	X	X?	x*	x*	x*	x*	X?	X	X	X	X

*Note: July and August fishing is limited to the upper Firehole upstream of the Old Faithful closure area, which is a small, rough mountain stream. The area downstream of Old Faithful is always too warm in midsummer, sometimes beginning as early as mid-late June, before cooling to fishable temperatures again sometime in early September.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
White Miller	X?	X	X				X	X	X	x	x	
Olive Caddis	X?	x										
Tan Caddis		x	x	x	x	x						
Blue-winged Olive	X							x	x	X	X	X
Pale Morning Dun	x	X	X									
Western Green Drake*			x	x	x							
Little Olive Stone		x	x	x	x							
Salmonfly*	x	x										
Golden Stone*	x	x										

Notes: Western Green Drakes are present in fishable numbers only above Old Faithful. Large stoneflies are present only in the Firehole Canyon.

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries	x	x	x	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x
Small Terrestrials			x					x	x	x		

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Soft Hackles & Wets	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Mayfly Nymphs	x	X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Attractor Nymphs	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x
Stonefly Nymphs*	x	x						x	X	X	X	X
Egg Patterns*										X	X	X
Streamers	X?	x?							x	x	x	x
San Juan Worms*	x	x								x	x	X

Notes: These patterns are primarily useful downstream of Firehole Falls in the autumn, when fall-run brown and rainbow trout may be present.

Gibbon River

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
X?	X?	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X

Note: Midsummer fishing is limited to the area upstream of Norris Geyser Basin except in cool/wet years, when morning fishing downstream may be possible. The area upstream of Virginia Cascades (headwaters) is closed currently.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
ROUGH WATER SECTIONS												
Tan Caddis	x	X	X	X	x	x						
Giant Brown Caddis		x	x									
White Miller		x	x				x	x	x			
Little Olive Stonefly		X	X	x	x							
Yellow Sally		x	x	x	x	x						
Golden Stonefly		x	x									
Salmonfly		x	x									
Giant Black Midge		x	x									
MEADOW SECTIONS												
Western Green Drake		X?	X	x	x							
PMD	x	X	X	x	x							
Blue-Winged Olive	x							x	X	X	X	x
Little Green Drake		x	X	X	x							
Brown Drake			x	x								
Tan Caddis		x	x	x	x	x						
White Miller			x	x			x	x	x			

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x
Large Attractor Dries	X	X	x	x								
Small Grasshoppers				x	x	x	x	x				
Ants			x	x	x	x	x	x				
Beetles			x	x	x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stonefly Nymphs	X	x	x					x	X	X	X	X
Mayfly Nymphs	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x
Streamers	X	x						x	x	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae		x	x	x	x							
Egg Patterns*	x							x	x	X	X	X
San Juan Worms*	x	x						x	x	X	X	X

Notes: These patterns are primarily useful downstream of Gibbon Falls in the autumn, when fall-run brown and rainbow trout may be present.

Madison River: Madison Junction to Riverside Drive

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
x?	X	X	x?			x?	x	X	X	X	X

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Tan Caddis		X	X	x								
Olive Caddis	x	x										
White Miller		x	x	x			x	x	x			
Blue-winged Olive	x	x						x	x	X	X	X
Pale Morning Dun	x	X	X	x								
Salmonfly*		x	x									
Golden Stonefly*		x	x									

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries							x	x	x	x	x	x
Grasshoppers					x	x	x	x	x			
Ants				x	x	x	x	x	x			

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Soft Hackles & Wets*	x	X	X	x			x	x	x	X	X	X
Mayfly Nymphs	x	X	X	x				x	x	x	x	x
Streamers	X	X	x					x	x	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae		x	x	x					x	x	x	
Attractor Nymphs*	x	x	x	x			x	X	X	X	X	X
Stonefly Nymphs	x	x	x				x	X	X	X	X	X
Egg Patterns*								x	x	X	X	X
San Juan Worms*							x	x	x	x	x	x

Notes: Fish small soft hackles in the early season and big ones late in the year. Other patterns with asterisks are primarily important for fall-run browns. Note also that stonefly nymphs will only work in the rougher sections with boulder or cobble bottoms.

Madison River: Riverside Drive to Hebgen Lake

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Very low fish numbers save when fall-run trout present.						x?	X	X	X	X	X

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
October Caddis								x	x	x	x	
Tan Caddis		x	x	x	x							
Blue-winged Olive								x	x	x	x	x
PMD		x	x									

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Terrestrials and attractors are poor choices here. A fall-run brown might eat a hopper or a steelhead-style dry fly, but the subsurface flies below are far better choices.												

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Stonefly Nymphs							X	X	X	X	X	X
Attractor Nymphs		x	x				X	X	X	X	X	X
Streamers							x	x	x	X	X	X
Soft Hackles & Wets							x	x	x	X	X	X
Egg Patterns							x	x	x	X	X	X
San Juan Worms							x	x	x	x	x	x
Mayfly Nymphs		x	X				x	x	x	x	x	x
Caddis Pupae								x	x	x	x	

Fishery-Specific Charts: Gardner River (gardner.html)

Headwaters to Osprey Falls

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
		x?	X	X	X	X	x	x			

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Tan Caddis				x	x	x						
Yellow Sally				x	x	x						
Asst'd Mayflies					x	x	x	x				

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries			X?	X	X	X	X	X	x			
Small Grasshoppers					X	X	X	X				
Ants					x	x	x	x				
Spruce Moth					x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs			X	X	x	x	x	x	x			
Caddis Pupae			x	x	x	x						
Mayfly Nymphs				x	x	x	x	x	x			
San Juan Worms			x	x				x	x			

Osprey Falls to Yellowstone Confluence

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
x?	x?	X?	X	X	X?	X?	X	X	X?	X?	X?

Note: This section may or may not be clear enough to fish before the beginning of July. The lower reach downstream of the Boiling River hot spring is sometimes too warm in the afternoon in late July and August. The section upstream of this hot spring can get too cold late in the season, depending on day-to-day weather.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Salmonfly			X?	X	X	x?						
Golden Stonefly			X?	X	X	x?						
Midnight Stone				x	x	X	X	x				
Yellow Sally				x	x	x	x					
Tan Caddis			x?	x	X	x	x					
Giant Brown Caddis			x?	x								
Olive Caddis	x?	x?										
Blue-winged Olive							x	x	x	x	x	x
Drake Mackerel								x	x	x		
PMD				x	x	x						

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Large Attractor Dries			X?	X	X	X	x	x				
Small Attractor Dries			x?	x	x	X	X	X	X	x	x	x
Small Grasshoppers					X	X	X	X	x			
Crickets & Cicadas					x	x	x	x	x			
Large Grasshoppers					x	x	x	x	x			
Spruce Moth*					x	x	x	x				
Ants												

*Note: Spruce moths are found only in the canyon section between Osprey Falls and the “High Bridge” east of Mammoth Hot Springs.

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stonefly Nymphs	X	X	X	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X
Egg Patterns	x	x					x	x	x	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae				x	x	x						
Streamers	x	x	x						x	x	x	x
Mayfly Nymphs								x	x	x	x	x

Fishery-Specific Charts: Small Streams (smallstreams.html)

Any Small Stream Primarily Populated by Brook Trout

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
		x?	X	X	X	X	x	x			

Note that streams in this category are almost entirely found within Yellowstone Park, within my operations area.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Tan Caddis				x	x	x						
Yellow Sally				x	x	x						
Asst'd Mayflies					x	x	x	x				

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries			X?	X	X	X	X	X	x			
Small Grasshoppers					X	X	X	X				
Ants					x	x	x	x				
Spruce Moth					x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs			X	X	x	x	x	x	x			
Caddis Pupae			x	x	x	x						
Mayfly Nymphs				x	x	x	x	x	x			
Small Streamers									x	x	x	

Small Meadow Streams Containing Smaller Trout

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
x?		x?	X	X?	X?	X?	X	x	x	x?	x?

Most small streams that fit this category are located within Yellowstone Park, but even those that are not are unlikely to fish well in late fall, winter, or early spring. The "X?" designations in midsummer refer only to streams outside the park located at low elevations, which may be dewatered by irrigation at this time. If they are not, they will fish very well in midsummer.

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Tan Caddis				x	x	x						
Yellow Sally				x	x	x						
Asst'd Mayflies					x	x	x	x				

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x		
Small Grasshoppers					X	X	X	x	x			
Ants			x	x	X	X	X	X	x			
Beetles					x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae			x	x	x	x						
Mayfly Nymphs				x	x	x	x	x	x			

Steep/Rough Small Streams, aka “Mountain Creeks”

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
x?			x	X	X	X	X	x?	x	x	
While many small streams that fit this bill are located outside Yellowstone Park and are therefore open year-round, they are not generally worthwhile fisheries until midsummer.											

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Tan Caddis				x	x	x						
Yellow Sally				x	x	x						
Asst'd Mayflies					x	x	x	x				

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries				X	X	X	X	X	X	x		
Small Grasshoppers					X	X	X	X	X			
Spruce Moths					x	x	x	x				
Large Attractor Dries				X	X	x	x	x	x			
Ants					x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Attractor Nymphs	X			x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X
Caddis Pupae				x	x	x						
Stonefly Nymphs	x								x	x	x	x
Streamers									x	x	x	x

Spring Creeks (springcreeks.html)

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
x	x	X	X	x	X?	X	X	x	X	X	X
Angling quality in June depends on PMD hatches. They are more consistent through most of July.											

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
PMD						x	X	x				
Blue-winged Olive			x	X	x	x			x	X	X	x
Cream <i>Baetis</i>							x	x	x			
Trico							x	x	x			
<i>Callibaetis</i>						x	x	x	x			
Midges	x	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tan Caddis						x	x	x				
Olive Caddis				x	x	x						
Little Olive Caddis						x	x					

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ants						x	x	x	x			
Beetles						x	x	x	x			
Small Grasshoppers							x	x	x			
Small Attractor Dries	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mayfly Nymphs	x	x	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Midge Larvae & Pupae	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X
Streamers	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Scuds & Sowbugs	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
Egg Patterns		x	x	x						x	x	x
San Juan Worms		x	x	x						x	x	x
Caddis Pupae				x	x	x	x	x				

Lakes (lakes.html)

Low Elevation Private Ranch Lakes

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		X?	X	X	X	x?	x?	X?	X	x	
Midsummer angling quality depends on cool weather. In general, Burns Lake is better in the summer than any other private lake fishery.											

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chironomids					X	X	X	x	x			
<i>Callibaetis</i>					X	X	X	x	x	x		
Damselflies					x	X	x	x				

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Grasshoppers					x*	x*	x	x	x			
Ants						x	x	x	x			
Small Attractor Dries					x	x	x	x	x			

*Note: Grasshoppers are sometimes effective in May and June only on Burns Lake.

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Leeches			X	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	
San Juan Worms			x	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chironomids				x	X	X	x	x	x			
Mayfly Nymphs				x	X	X	X	X	x	x		
Scuds				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Streamers			X	X	x				x	X	X	
Crayfish*			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Backswimmers and Water Boatmen					x	x	x	x	x	x		
Egg Patterns*			x	x	x					x	x	

*Notes: Egg Patterns are only effective near inlet streams where the trout may spawn or on windswept rocky banks where they attempt to do so if there are no inlet streams. Crayfish are only present in certain lakes below about 4500 feet in elevation.

Small, Shallow, High-Elevation Lakes

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
	X?	X	X	x	x	x	x	x			
In general, small high-elevation lakes lose their ice in late May or early June and are best in the month or so after ice-out, though they do offer some summer and early fall fishing as well.											

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Chironomids		x	X	X	x	x						
<i>Callibaetis</i>			x	X	X	x	x	x				
Damselflies			x	x	x	x						
Traveling Sedge			x	x	x	x	x	x	x			

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Small Attractor Dries		x	X	X	x	x	x	x				
Ants					x	x	x	x				
Small Grasshoppers					x	x	x	x				
Beetles					x	x	x	x				

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Leeches		X	X	x	x	x	x	x				
Chironomids		X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Soft Hackles		X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Mayfly Nymphs		x	X	X	X	x	x	x				
Scuds		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Streamers		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
San Juan Worms		x	x	x					x	x	x	

Large (3000+ Acre) High-Elevation Lakes or Reservoirs

Angling Quality

M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
X?	X?	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Most large, high-elevation lakes in the area lose their ice in May or June and are best until mid-July, though the richer lakes (i.e. Hebgen) offer good fishing through the summer, particularly in the morning.											

Aquatic Insects

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Chironomids		x	X	X	x	x	x	x	X			
<i>Callibaetis</i>			x	X	X	X	X	x	x			
Gray Drake				x	x	x	x					
Traveling Sedge			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

Terrestrials and Attractors

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Generally a poor choice on large lakes.												

Subsurface Flies

	M	6/1	6/15	7/1	7/15	8/1	8/15	9/1	9/15	10/1	10/15	N
Streamers	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X
Leeches	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	X
Mayfly Nymphs		x	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x	x	
Chironomids	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Scuds	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Large (3000+ Acre) Low-Elevation (Under 6000 Feet) Reservoirs

Angling Quality

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		x?	X	X	X	x?		x	x	x	x

Aquatic Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Chironomids				x	X	X	X	x	x			
<i>Callibaetis</i>					X	X	x	x				
Damselflies						x	x					

Terrestrials and Attractors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Generally a poor choice on large lakes.												

Subsurface Flies

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Streamers			X	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	
Leeches			X	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	
Mayfly Nymphs				x	X	X	X	x	x			
Chironomids				x	X	X	x	x	x			
Scuds			x	x	x	x	x	x	x			