



Adventures above the rest.

3 Day Wilderness Fly Fishing Trip

3-day, 2-night backcountry guided fly-fishing trip

4 or more people - \$1680 per person (\$560 per person/per day)

2 - 3 people - \$1980 per person (\$660 per person/per day)

Extra \$100 for odd number person

Custom Trips Available Upon Request

2x1 angler to guide ratio

Optional: You could stay at the ABO Lodge in Big Timber the night before your trip begins and the evening of your return from the mountains. The lodge is comfortable and conveniently located. Your lodge stay would include dinner the afternoon you arrive, breakfast before departing for the mountains, dinner the evening you return from the mountains and breakfast the morning before you depart.

Lodge Cost with meals: \$300 (\$150 per room/per night - 2 people per room)

Lodge: Check in at 4:00 pm Departure Day: Check out by 10:00 am

TRIPS BEGIN JUNE 15 AND RUN THROUGH AUGUST 31

Fishing Licenses not included in price of excursions/trips. For license information check out [Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks](#).



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Cast into the wilderness.

Any angler visiting Montana, will not want to miss the opportunity to experience a few days of backcountry fishing. This 3-day, 2-night backcountry guided fly-fishing adventure in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness allows an angler to get off the beaten path to do some mountain fishing but, get back in time to fill their Montana vacation with other activities. The 1.5 to 2-hour horseback or ATV ride to camp allows time to fish the afternoon we arrive and the morning before we depart. The day in-between we pack a lunch and stay out all day fishing the creeks and high mountain lakes of the wilderness.

Evenings include relaxing by the campfire, sharing stories under a star-filled sky, delicious meals provided by our camp cook, and comfortable tent accommodations. If you are here to experience Montana, this is a trip you will remember.

Our guides are well acquainted with the areas where you will be riding, hiking, fishing, and exploring. They are experienced outdoorsmen and flexible to your needs. Whatever your endeavor, our guides are there to assist you every step of the way.

Our string of horses and mules are dependable. Previous riding experience is helpful but not required.

The weather in July and August is usually very comfortable. Daytime temperatures range from 60 to 80 degrees. On clear nights the temperatures can range from 20-40 degrees. However, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness weather is variable. Prepare for the changing mountain weather. Be sure to check ABO's suggested Clothing & Equipment List.

The most important thing to remember is a great attitude. Be ready to enjoy an adventurous trip and the special things the mountains have to offer.



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Deposit, Payment and Refund Policy

A deposit of 50% of the trip is required to book your reservation.

This deposit is non-refundable.

The balance of the trip is due 30 days prior to trip date and is nonrefundable.

Trips not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled.

We recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance. Montana Outfitters & Guides Association suggests Global Rescue travel insurance.

<http://www.montanaoutfitters.org/travelersinsurance/>

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

What's Included

The rates for fishing and pack trips include:

- Caravanning to and from the trailhead (leaving from and returning to ABO Headquarters in Big Timber) You may be driving your vehicle to the trailhead.
- In the backcountry, use of horses, mules, tack, all camp accommodations,
- all meals, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Experienced Guides

What's Not Included

The rates for fishing and pack trips do not include:

- Accommodations and meals for incoming and outgoing nights, prior to and after your trip
- Transportation to Montana
- Montana fishing licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Sleeping bags
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides, cook and wranglers



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Travel Arrangements

Wilderness Fly Fishing Trips

- ✓ Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters is headquartered in Timber, Montana. You will meet at ABO Headquarters to depart for the mountains.

- ✓ **Directions to ABO Headquarters and Lodge**

Address:

[1263 Hwy 10 West](#)

[Big Timber, MT 59011](#)

From Bozeman take Interstate 90 to Big Timber. Take the 1st Big Timber Exit and go left under I 90 to the light. *

From Billings take I 90 to Big Timber. Take the 2nd Big Timber Exit and go right to the light. *

***At the light turn left on the frontage road.** You will be heading west. Go approximately one mile. Turn right at the white mailbox. Cross the railroad tracks and follow the ranch road to the brown barn.

- ✓ **GUESTS DRIVING:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.
- ✓ **GUESTS FLYING:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman International Airport** (BZN) the day before your trip begins. The following airlines service Bozeman:

Delta 1-800-325-1999

American 1-800-433-7300

Alaska 1-800-252-7522

United 1-800-864-8331

The service is usually very good into Bozeman. However, this is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or (info@mttravel.com) for some of the best air fares available. Remember, Bozeman is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.



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- ✓ **If you are flying** do not make your outbound flight **too early**. Remember, **you are an hour and 15 minutes from Big Timber to the Bozeman airport. Add 1 ½ to 2 hours for airport check-in and rental car return.** Plan on leaving Big Timber 3 hours before your flight time.
- ✓ We recommend you rent a car. It is an easy drive from the Bozeman airport east on Interstate 90 to Big Timber. It is a very busy time of year and all our “hands” are busy preparing a great adventure for you.

If you have the time, arrive a day or two early or stay a day after your ABO trip to enjoy some of what Bozeman and Big Timber to offer. Bozeman and Big Timber are delightful old western towns.

Big Timber has 5-star dining at the Grand Hotel and the best Huckleberry Milkshake you will ever experience at the Frosty Freeze! Check out McLeod Street for fun and unique shops with great prices. Don't miss Gusts Department Store (it will take you back in time), Cinnabar Creek for a great espresso and gifts, the Bakery for yummy treats and many other fun shops. Sweet Cast Angler is a good place to pick up any extra flies or fishing supplies. The Fort offers any last-minute needs from sleeping bags, hunting & fishing gear, gifts, food and “spirits” to name a few. Take in the real flavor of Montana at The Timber Bar with its delicious “made in house” food and top it all off with a broad assortment of both local and national refreshing craft beers.

Bozeman has great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies, a fabulous shop on Main Street called Go West and many other fun places to shop and visit.

For your incoming and outgoing nights, or if you plan to extend your trip, we recommend the following accommodations.

BIG TIMBER, MONTANA

ABO Lodge and Ranch House

www.ABOadventures.com (406-931-0102) (406-579-3866)

ABO lodge and ranch house are located on Cross Triangle Ranch, a working cattle and sheep ranch, in Big Timber, MT. We offer affordable, comfortable lodging from which to base your explorations in Big Sky Country. The headquarters for Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters is also located on the ranch and offers lodge and house guests a variety of fun activities to fill their days. Activities include horseback riding, fishing, floating on the



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Yellowstone river and ATV tours on our working cattle and sheep ranch. If you want to help feed the sheep or move a few cows, we can always use an extra hand. Helicopter rides to access a day in the mountains are also available. You choose, we provide the experience. Families welcomed!

ABO Lodge - provides comfortable rooms with vistas of the Crazy Mountains, green grasslands for horse and cattle grazing and a pond. There are five rooms in the lodge, Two of the rooms have queen beds & one extra-long twin, two rooms have two extra-long twin beds and one room has one queen bed. The rooms share two full baths with another full bath in the main lodge. There is a washer and dryer conveniently located near the rooms for guests. A microwave and refrigerator are available for guest use in the main lodge. The main lodge is a large open concept room with a sitting and TV area, dining area and kitchen. The main lodge kitchen is not available for guests to cook but a cook is available upon request for an extra charge.

Lodge Room Cost: \$75 per room/per night - 2 people per room (some rooms will sleep 3 people- 3rd person additional \$15 per night. Check in time is 4:00 pm Check out time is 10:00 am

Cross Triangle Ranch - Another lodging option ABO offers, is a 1500 sq. ft. ranch house next door to the lodge. It has 4 bedrooms, a full kitchen with open concept living and dining areas, two full baths, washer & dryer and a deck with a great view of the Crazy Mountains. The house is furnished, sleeps up to 7 people and has a fully equipped kitchen.

Ranch House Cost: \$250 per night – minimum 2 nights
Weekly rental - \$1650 -Friday -Thursday
Check in time is 4:00 pm Check out time is 10:00 am

The Grand Hotel (www.thegrand-hotel.com) (406-932-4459).

The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar which serves lunch and dinner. But for those with a “grander” palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.



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The Super 8 Motel (www.super8.com) (406-932-8888).

The Super 8 Motel has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Country Skillet is across the street and opens at 6:00 AM.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West

(www.holidayinnexpress.com) (406-582-4995).

The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.

The C'mon Inn

(www.cmoninn.com) (406-587-3555).

The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road.



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Equipment and Clothing List

Wilderness Fly Fishing Trips

Recommended personal gear for 3-day wilderness trips

Weather may vary during the summer months from very warm to very cold, so be prepared for everything. We recommend the layered system of dressing.

- wading shoes/sandals (Preferable on warm summer days)***
- waders and wading boots (The water is cold so depending on your tolerance level you may want to bring waders.) ***
- water resistant hiking/riding boots (like Danner)
- wool socks—at least 2 pairs
- cotton or regular socks
- 2 complete changes of clothes
- lightweight shorts, jeans and t-shirts
- personal toiletries (toothbrush, glasses/contacts/personal medications etc.)
- towel
- WARM SLEEPING BAG and Pillow
- warm coat (we recommend wool)
- light coat/fleece vest
- rain gear (jacket w/ hood or poncho)
- hat and gloves
- FISHING LICENSE
- fishing gear (tackle, flies, rod) 4-6 weight rod & reel + hard case. 3-4x tippet, 3x-4x leaders
- flashlight or headlamp
- sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
- water bottle **w/water filtration system**

OPTIONAL OR LUXURY ITEMS

Float tubes (You must bring a life jacket to use float tubes.)

Binoculars, GPS, Range Finder, Cell phone, Camera/extra film

Spirited beverage if desired

LIMIT WEIGHT OF GEAR TO 50 LBS OR LESS IN DUFFEL BAGS AND KEEP MULTIPLE BAGS EQUAL IN WEIGHT.



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***** We ask that all footwear worn into Montana's waters has non-slip rubber bottoms, NO FELT. This is due to the potential for aquatic invasive species (non-native invasive species). Cleaning the bottom of your rubber sole sandals, waders and wading boots with 409 is an excellent way to protect against spreading non-native invasive species.**

Backcountry Fly List

STREAMERS

Olive, Brown, Black Leeches #6-12
Black, Brown, Olive Wooly Buggers #2-6

ATTRACTOR DRY'S

Hoppers #8-12 (elk hair or foam preferable with yellow to orange body)
Yellow Stimulators #8-12
Adams #14-18
Orange Humpy #14-18
Royal Wolff #14-18
Ants 10-14

NATURAL DRY'S

Elk Hair Caddis #12-14
PMD #14-16
BWO #14-16
Mayflies #14-16

NYMPHS

Hair's Ear #12-16
Pheasant Tail #12-16
Copper John #12-16
Lighting Bug #12-16
Beadhead Prince #12-16
Fresh Water Shrimp #12-16

DRY FLY FLOATANT