

# Shoshone River North Fork

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**The North Fork of the Shoshone River offers some of the most scenic landscape in the US, and is a perfect place for those who want the ideal fishing vacation.**

- **Fish the North Fork of the Shoshone River for some breathtaking scenic landscape**
- **This river is one of the top ten freestone rivers in the Rocky Mountain area**
- **Hook some rainbow, brook, brown and Yellowstone cutthroat**

- **Hire a fishing guide for the best fishing experience possible**

#### **Overview of Location**

The fisheries on the North Fork of the Shoshone River have spawning runs for rainbow and Yellowstone cutthroat that attract fishermen from miles around. Flowing through Shoshone National Forest, this stretch of river between Cody and Yellowstone National Park has been called the most scenic land in America.

#### **Type of waterway**

Fly-fishing opportunities abound near Cody on the North Fork of the Shoshone River. It's one of the top ten freestone rivers in the Rocky Mountain area. Wading is great but it is also a perfect river for floating.

#### **Fishing seasons**

The best time to fish this river is from the middle of June to the middle of August.

#### **Most common fish species**

You will hook some rainbow, brook, brown and Yellowstone cutthroat here, but also expect to catch mountain whitefish, rainbow-cutthroat hybrids and lake trout on the lower reaches.

#### **Directions for access**

The North Fork of the Shoshone River is bordered by Highway 14/16/20, making access easy. Just drive west out of Cody, Wyoming. The upper reaches of the river are in the Shoshone National Forest, but the headwaters are only reachable by foot or on horseback.

Getting an experienced guide who knows all the Wyoming fishing regulations and can identify the various fish is a good idea. Their expertise will help make your fishing trip the best and most profitable possible.

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# Beartooth Lake

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**Travel to the Cody, Wyoming region on a fishing vacation couldn't be better, because you have plenty of Beartooth Lake fishing that will please any angler with potential record-setting catches.**

- **Beartooth Lake is a pristine mountain lake with great fishing**
- **The best fishing season at Beartooth Lake is summer**
- **Try shore fishing to catch some rainbow, lake or cutthroat trout**
- **Launch a wakeless boat to get out on the lake in the sun**

## **Overview of Location**

Beartooth Lake is located in northwestern Wyoming, close to the junction of Highways 212 and 296. Easy access to the shore makes it a popular lake for fisherman and a scenic and convenient stop for all travelers. The boat launch makes it simple to put your boat into the pristine mountain waters and cast your line in for the fishing experience of a lifetime.

## **Type of waterway**

Boat and shore fishing at Beartooth Lake are both permitted, but you should obey the “wakeless boating” regulations. Of course, there are legal methods of fishing here as at any lake or stream in Wyoming. You should check with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (307-527-7125) for any fishing regulations before you begin fishing.

## **Fishing seasons**

The best time for fishing Beartooth Lake is in the summer at dawn and dusk. Depending on the snow pack, you can access the lake easily from July to September.

## **Most common fish species**

Catches at this lake consist of rainbow, lake and brook trout, as well as the Yellowstone cutthroat and Artic grayling.

## **Access and Popular Fishing Areas**

To get to Beartooth Lake from Cody, Wyoming, you simply take State Highway 120 for about 16 miles to Highway 296. Turn right on State Highway 212. Beartooth Lake is about 8 miles down the road.

The shoreline is a great place to fish, but you can also launch your boat at the boat ramp. The easy shore access makes it an ideal place to throw in a line.

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# Bighorn River

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**Rated as one of the world's finest fisheries, the Bighorn River is a spectacular natural wonder while offering world class fishing and nearby hiking.**

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- **Fish any time of year on this fabulous river**
- **Go just below the dam for excellent fishing**
- **Catch some mountain whitefish and channel catfish on the Bighorn River**
- **Only two hours from Cody, it's ideal for a day fishing trip**

#### Fishing the Bighorn

Bighorn River in south-central Montana is a tributary of the Yellowstone River and stretches 112 miles. A top tailwater fishery with dense insect hatches, you can catch some mighty large trout here. It's a favorite of locals and destination fisherman from all over.

- **Type of waterway:** This cold, clear river became a spectacular fishing destination and the ideal habitat for trout after the completion of the Yellowtail Dam. It's popular for boating, with two concrete ramps available. Fly-fishing is extremely profitable here, too.
- **Fishing seasons:** The river is accessible the year through, but the best times to fish are spring, summer and fall.
- **Most common fish species:** The most common game fish you'll discover in the Bighorn River are rainbow and brown trout as well as mountain whitefish and channel catfish. There are many other species present, such as fathead minnow, goldeye, northern pike and smallmouth bass.

## Other Nearby Attractions

- **Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area** facilitates first class hiking and you can take in the awesome views from the Yellowstone Dam and from the Bad Pass Train, created by indigenous hunters over 10,000 years ago. Hikers can observe an incredible variety of wild animals from elk, mule deer, black bears and raptors nesting in the cliffs.
- **The Devil Limestone Cavern**, housing remains of woolly mammoths and camels, is a must see and thrill-seekers can participate in motor boating and jet skiing on the river.
- Travelling by water is a good way to spot the wildlife and the lake is also renowned for its fishing. **The Bighorn Lake** spans the boundary between Wyoming and Montana and is a perfect location for fishing with an abundance of different species of fish. Camping is available close to the main fishing areas and there is a visitors' center displaying the history of the area and information about local fishing and other recreational opportunities.

## Contact

Bighorn Recreational Area can be contacted at 406-666-2412 for more information.

## Directions and Access

Bighorn River is accessible about 5 miles south of St. Xavier on Highway 313. To get to the best fishing spots, try the area below the dam on the Crow Indian Reservation. This is only a two-hour trip from Cody. Just stop at any of the numerous fly shops around Ft. Smith to get a fishing license. Public access to the river exists from the dam all the way to the town of St. Xavier.

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# Clarks Fork Yellowstone River

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**Fishing the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River offers large trout, beautiful floating opportunities and easy access to the river for all fisherman who want that perfect fishing vacation.**



- **Fishing the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River offers large trout**
- **Summer is the best season to fish this river**
- **Catch some rainbow-cutthroat hybrids or mountain whitefish**
- **The upper Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone is accessible via trails and turnouts**
- **Try wading below the Hunter Peak Campground**

### **Overview of Location**

The Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River is 241 miles of great fishing. With its beginnings at the northwest borders of Montana and Wyoming, it moves peacefully along breeding the kind of trout that anglers yearn for.

### **Type of waterway**

Taking float trips or wading along the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone makes sense to many anglers, because the slow moving waters offer up plenty of great fish. In the lower section, you'll need a strong rod because of the high winds. Float access is dependant upon the present water levels in the upper and lower sections.

### **Fishing seasons**

You can fish year round at this river, but summer is generally the best season.

### **Most common fish species**

On the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River you'll find plenty of rainbow and brown trout as well as some rainbow-cutthroat hybrids. You can catch some grayling, mountain whitefish, and both Yellowstone cutthroat and Snake River cutthroat.

### **Access and Fishing Areas**

Driving north out of Cody, Wyoming on State Highway 120 will bring you to State Highway 296, which ends in the Clarks Fork Canyon. This canyon area of the river is designated both wild and scenic, and offers great fishing. Most of the Chief Joseph Highway or Highway 296 parallels the river.

Each section of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River has its own unique personality. The Upper Clarks Fork sometimes is no wider than 50 feet, and with a rapid flow, wading can be challenging. However, after the runoff in mid-July, wading becomes easier. This section runs close to Highway 212 and can be accessed via trails and turnouts.

The middle section of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone starts below the Hunter Peak Campground. Wider at this point, the river contains some long runs and pocket water. Wading provides lots of action. Where Crandall Creek joins the Clarks Fork, wading is not advised, but fishing from the bank is profitable. Take a trail into the canyon area where many fishermen never venture, thus the trout will happily take most flies.

The lower section of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone has some long runs and deep pools. It's not uncommon to find fish larger than 18 inches.

To know all the fishing regulations for species and sizes, call Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-527-7125.

Getting an outfitter to be your guide on a fishing trip to the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone could be your ticket to the best fishing trip ever, so be sure to explore the options in the below listings.

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# Greybull & Wood River

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**Fishing the Greybull Wood Rivers has shown the angler a great place to go to get away from it all and hook some fabulous trout, along with some lovely scenery.**

- **Hook some great trout on the Greybull Wood Rivers**
- **Catch mountain whitefish, Yellowstone cutthroat or brook and brown trout**
- **The best season to fish here is in the summer and early fall**
- **Hire a guide for the best fishing trip possible**

Overview of Location

The Greybull River and Wood River join outside of Meeteetse, Wyoming and runs to the southern parts of Park and Big Horn Counties. A tributary of the Bighorn River, it's about 90 miles long and a top trout stream.

### **Type of waterway**

This river is more difficult to access than most, but makes it a less crowded spot for fishing. The upper reaches of the Greybull are only accessed by foot or by horseback. But on both the Greybull and Wood Rivers you'll discover some great wading.

### **Fishing seasons**

Even though fishing is allowed the year round, the best seasons are from the end of June through to September.

### **Most common fish species**

On the Greybull, you can hook some mountain whitefish, Yellowstone cutthroat and some brown trout. On the Wood, catch some Yellowstone cutthroat, mountain whitefish and brook trout.

### **Directions for access**

You can access both the Greybull and Wood by driving from Meeteetse west on State Highway 290. In ten miles you'll come to Forest Road 200, which will take you parallel along the Wood River to the upper reaches. If you want to go instead to the Greybull, continue on State Highway 290 west until it turns into a dirt road (Forest Road 208). Continue driving and when you reach Jack Creek Trailhead, you're there.

It might be the best idea to hire a guide for a personalized fishing trip. With your guide's expertise, you'll find a unique fishing experience, with the best chance to make a large catch. Check out the listings to find a guided fishing tour right for you.

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# Shoshone River South Fork

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**The South Fork of the Shoshone River is a popular spot for fly-fishing in Wyoming, with plenty of fish, beautiful scenery and the invigorating pine scent lingering in the air.** [Read More](#)

- **The South Fork of the Shoshone River is a popular spot for fly-fishing**
- **Not far from Cody, Wyoming off of Highway 291**
- **Catch plenty of rainbow, brook and brown trout**
- **Try the canyon for some of the best trout fishing on the South Fork**

## **Overview of Location**

The South Fork of the Shoshone River in the Wapiti Ranger District of Wyoming is a scenic river winding out of the Absaroka Range in the Central Rockies. It's well known for the many fly-fishing opportunities for wild trout.

## **Type of waterway**

This river provides great wading, but floating is not an option.

## **Fishing seasons**

Fishing is permitted all year, but the best time to come is from June to October. From about the beginning of July through mid-October, dry flies are the favorite pattern.

## **Most common fish species**

On the South Fork of the Shoshone, you'll catch plenty of rainbow, brook and brown trout, as well as Yellowstone cutthroat, lake trout and mountain whitefish.

## **Directions for access**

Access to the South Fork of the Shoshone is somewhat limited as much of its length is bordered by private property, from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir to the Shoshone National Forest boundary. However, driving on State Highway 291 out of Cody will get you to some great spots on the lower 32 miles of the river.

Hiring a guide might be the best idea for your fishing adventure. A guide knows the lay of the land, where the fish are biting, and what flies are best. It can make your trip the best ever.

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## WIND RIVER CANYON

The Wind River Canyon is a fly fishing haven. This portion of the canyon is at a location known as the “Wedding of the Waters”. This is where the Wind River turns into the Bighorn River.



Map to Wind River Canyon Fishing Access – image Google Maps – [link](#)

This section is above a large section of riffles. This is a bit deeper section of water with less pocket action. With the deeper sections of the river, stick to the edges. Here, you’ll find what you’re looking for. The edges have small seams and large boulders that hold fish. No, you’re not out in the middle making majestic casts, but you’re picking your way up and down the shore giving yourself a chance to land fish.

Keep in mind, however, that much of the Wind River Canyon is on Crow Indian Reservation property. As a result, you’re going to have to get a special Crow Reservation license. It’s not overly complicated, and it’s going to give you access to some wonderful fly fishing.

<https://guiderecommended.com/where-fly-fish-on-the-bighorn-river-wyoming/>

## WHY THE BIGHORN RIVER IS PERFECT FOR FLY FISHING

The Bighorn River is perfect for fly fishing for a variety of reasons. First, you have a good amount of access to the Bighorn River. Yes, the canyon portion is owned by the Crow tribe, but you can purchase a fishing permit! A one-day permit is \$40 and a 7-day permit is going to cost you \$90. Also, remember, in Wyoming, private landowners own everything except the water! Pay close attention to the access before your visit!



Brown Trout

Secondly, you have plenty of camping you can do along the river! Quite a bit of it is dispersed camping, but you'll also find that there are plenty of designated campsites with all of the accommodations you might need. Also, the fish count in the Bighorn River is high.

Another reason the Bighorn River is great is the ability you have to float the river. Whether you're floating down the Wind River Canyon or



through the town of Thermopolis, you're going to find that there are a few rapids and the majority of the water is free-flowing! You can do half-day or full-day trips!

One great option is from the Wedding of the Waters downstream 7 miles to the Eighth Street Bridge boat ramp in the town of Thermopolis. It's a decent full-day float with all sorts of great fishing.

WHAT STREAM FLOW IS BEST FOR FISHING THE BIGHORN RIVER?

If possible, you're going to want to fish the Bighorn River around 1500 fps near the town of Thermopolis. If you're fishing the northern portion of Wyoming below the Bighorn Lake, you'll find that 2000 to 4000 fps are going to work well.

# BIGHORN RIVER AT BASIN, WY



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Monitoring location 06274300 is associated with a STREAM in BIG HORN COUNTY, WYOMING. Current conditions of DISCHARGE and GAGE HEIGHT are available. Water data back to 1983 are available online.

7 days  30 days  1 year

**Change time span** | **Retrieve data**



Bighorn River Stream Flow image USGS – [link](#)

## WHAT KIND OF FISH CAN YOU CATCH ON THE BIGHORN RIVER?

On the Bighorn River, you'll find brown trout and rainbow trout as well as a decent population of cutthroat trout. The fish in the Bighorn are all wild and are naturally reproducing. However, with the goal of having over 1,000 12-inch fish or larger per mile, stocking programs have recently had to occur.

16,000 rainbow trout and 8,000 cutthroat trout are stocked in the river near Thermopolis annually. This guarantees that more fish survive throughout the winter!

## FAVORITE FLIES FOR THE BIGHORN RIVER



*[Adams Fly Mayfly Pattern](#)*



*[Pheasant Tail Nymph](#)*



*[Woolly Bugger](#)*

## Parachute Adams- Size 20

The Parachute [Adams](#) is the ideal fly for the early dry fly season on the Bighorn River. Blue Winged Olives are a favorite for these fish, so a Parachute Adams can be your best friend. Anywhere you see a rise on the water, you make your cast to it. Fish won't take long to hit the Parachute Adams!

## Pheasant Tail Nymph- Size 18

The Pheasant Tail Nymph is another prime fly for the Bighorn River. You can fish this in a nymph rig or in a dry-dropper rig depending on the conditions and where the fish are feeding.

## Woolly Bugger- Size 8

You can't go wrong with a [Woolly Bugger](#). Whether you're fishing pocket water or through a pool, fish are going to hit these flies with reckless abandon!

### HATCH CHART FOR THE BIGHORN RIVER

Fly Name	Size	Start Date	End Date
Midge	18	January 1	December 31
Spring Baetis	14	April 1	May 31
Yellow Sally	16	June 1	July 31
PMD	18	July 1	August 31
Caddis	18	August 1	October 31
Trico	18	August	October 1

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Sow Bug	14	January 1	December 31
Scuds	14	January 1	December 31
Terrestrial	10	July 15	September 31
Leeches	6	January 1	December 31

### FLY ROD AND REEL SETUP FOR THE BIGHORN RIVER

A 9-foot 5-weight with a floating line should be plenty for the Bighorn River. Make sure you purchase a matching reel to fit the size of your rod! For leaders and tippet, stick with a 0x or 1x leader for streamers and a 3x leader for nymphs and dries. For tippet, 4x or 5x should do well to not spook the fish.



Orvis Clearwater 5 wt-9 foot Combo

### The Perfect Fly Rod Combo for Wyoming

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# YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK FLY FISHING

Anglers from around the world benefit from and enjoy Yellowstone National Park's famous rivers like the Firehole, Madison, Gibbon, Slough Creek, Lamar, Soda Butte, and of course the Yellowstone. Our first national park offers anglers endless opportunities throughout the summer and fall; from beautiful native Yellowstone Cutthroat to large fall browns, here you are sure to find some of the best fish the West has to offer. Whether you are looking to fish close to the road, or prefer to hike into Yellowstone's pristine backcountry, our guides are prepared to show you the trip of a lifetime.

There is no better way to experience the Park than to be catching native cutthroat trout while a herd of peaceful bison stroll by. In general, the best fishing takes place in hard to find, "off the beaten path" areas. You might get lucky and find one of these spots on your own through exploring, but by booking a guide you are guaranteed to find these secret "stash waters." Many of our favorite spots require a 2-6 mile round trip hike. Die-hard anglers who are in good shape might even opt for a 10-mile round trip. During the summer we like to focus on the North Eastern section of the park, primarily fishing for native cutthroat trout, as the water in this section of the park stays colder and is refreshing for both anglers and trout alike.



A Yellowstone National Park fishing permit is required for anglers over 16 years old. State fishing licenses are not valid and aren't required.

Three-day permit: \$40

Seven-day permit: \$55

Season-long permit: \$75

You can purchase them in the shop or online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)

More info on Yellowstone National Park fishing regulations can be found here: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm>

## YELLOWSTONE RIVER

The same mighty Yellowstone River that flows through Paradise Valley and Livingston originates in Yellowstone National Park. Two tributaries, one from Yount's Peak (12,156 ft) and one from Thorofare Mountain (12,058 ft) come together to form the Thorofare of the Yellowstone, which flows into Yellowstone Lake. This pristine portion of the Yellowstone is difficult to get to without horses, as it requires a hike over 15 miles one-way.

The section that we guide starts below the lake, (although there are a couple of sections here that are permanently closed), down to the confluence of the Yellowstone and the Gardner River, near Gardiner, MT. After the runoff, (usually ending by early July), the river is swarmed with salmon flies and other stoneflies. Terrestrial fishing on the Yellowstone is good in July, August, and September. Depending on how far you're willing to hike, you can fish parts of the river with very little fishing pressure. The Yellowstone River in the park, like all other streams within the park boundary, is walk wade only.

## FIREHOLE



Dubbed the “strangest trout stream on Earth,” the Firehole River is one of the Park’s fly fish only streams. This spring-fed river gets its name from its course through the most active geyser basins in Yellowstone Park. Anglers are often fishing in a blanket of steam rising from gurgling hot springs. From opening day in the Park, (the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend), until about the end of June, the Firehole provides superb dry fly fishing during hatches of Baetis, Pale Morning Dun mayflies, stoneflies, and several kinds of caddis. The slow-moving (but very tricky) currents in this meadow stream demand careful presentations and realistic imitative flies. Due to the Firehole’s close location to West Yellowstone, (and the fact that when the Park opens, the NE section is still in runoff), these trout see a lot of fishing pressure and become very selective. Similar to the spring creeks, small tippet sizes and matching the hatch perfectly are keys to success.

The hot springs along the Firehole raise the water temperature enough that fishing quality falls off in July and August. As soon as the water cools off again in the fall, trout move back into the Firehole from the colder tributary streams and the fishing picks up once again. The Baetis hatches in late September through October make for some very pleasant dry fly fishing if you can brave the unpredictable weather. The park is much higher country than Livingston and can be much colder. Some of the best hatches come off on those snowy days though, and by this time most of the tourist anglers have departed. But the practical end of the fishing season often comes with the first big snowstorm that closes all the roads for the season. Otherwise, the fishing season in YNP closes during the first Sunday in November.



## SLOUGH CREEK

Slough Creek is one of the most popular fishing areas in Yellowstone Park—and for good reason. The scenery is spectacular, access is relatively easy, and the cutthroat fishing is some of the best in the world. The lower meadows of Slough Creek below the campground are easily accessible from parking areas between the campground and the Cooke City road. There are a few big rainbows in this lower water as well as big cutthroat. The upper meadows of Slough are accessed from a trailhead near the campground. The first meadow is a 45-minute walk from the trailhead—this hike starts with a fairly steep climb but levels out after the first hill. Be sure to keep your eyes and ears peeled- the trail is used for horse-drawn wagons headed into the Silver Tip Ranch.

The first meadow is the most popular because it's close, and while the fishing is excellent, you can expect to see plenty of other anglers here in the middle of summer. If you want to see fewer people, Slough Creek's second meadow is about a 2-hour trek, but worth the extra effort. The additional distance cuts down the number of anglers, but it also shortens the fishing day if you plan to do this as a day trip. There are several campsites in the second and third meadows but these are on a reservation basis only with the Park Service at Mammoth. Be sure to plan ahead, the earlier you can reserve a campsite, the better. Many of the cutthroat you'll catch in the second or third meadow will hit 18 and even 20 inches. These are heavy fish, and some of the best fighting cutthroat anywhere! Best of all, they favor rising to dry flies with an almost slow-motion take. Heavy hatches of caddis, PMD's, and large Green and Grey Drake mayflies make

for some spectacular dry fly fishing in July. Later, hoppers, beetles, and flying ants are the winning dry flies.

## LAMAR RIVER

The Lamar is another favorite Yellowstone Park destination of our guides. The Lamar Valley is one of the most scenic areas in the Park. The river meanders through a grassy meadow, with gentle riffles, boulders, and undercut banks providing some great cover for trout. Elk, bison, bears, and even wolves frequent the Lamar Valley. Expect to see mostly Yellowstone cutthroat trout, although there are some big rainbows and cut-bows in the lower stretch of the river. There are good hatches of Pale Morning Duns, Green and Gray Drakes, as well as a variety of caddis in July. The hopper fishing is excellent from late July through late September. On the right days, the Lamar also produces heavy hatches of Gray and Green Drake mayflies. These are big bugs, size 10 and 12, and tend to bring up all the big fish. If you hit the right day (heavy cloud cover is ideal), you will likely see some of the best dry fly fishing of the whole season.

## SODA BUTTE

Soda Butte is hailed as one of the best trout streams in Yellowstone National Park. It is similar to the Lamar and runs in between grassy meadows and timber forests.

Terrestrial fishing in starts in July and is effective much of the season. There are healthy Pale Morning Dun and Green and Gray Drake hatches through the summer, with good caddis hatches also. In the later season, you can catch the legendary cutthroat on larger drakes and hoppers. Fishing on Soda Butte is some of the most scenic fishing in the park, and access can be fairly easy. The most popular spot is the confluence with the Lamar River, but your guide will take you to a spot where you will be successful. Eat your lunch on the banks of the river and watch bison graze in front of one of the most spectacular backdrops around.

<https://www.yellowstoneangler.com/waters-we-fish/yellowstone-national-park-fly-fishing/>