



## Big Hole Lodge Wise River, Montana

Arrive Saturday depart Friday  
July 1 – 7, 2017

6 nights – 5 full days fishing

**Fishout Location:** Big Hole Lodge  
36894 Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway  
Wise River, MT 59762  
(406) 832-3252

The lodge is southwest of Butte, MT

If driving, take HWY 43 off I-15 at the Divide Exit (#102) Follow HWY 43 for 20.5 miles – Turn Right on Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway for 12.5 miles – small sign on left of road --- hard to see in the dark –

Fly into Butte MT (BTM) – shuttle from the lodge will pick you up – make sure the lodge knows your arrival time.

You can choose to fly into Bozeman and rent a car (2.5 hours away) or Helena (2.5 hours away)

In any case let the lodge know what your plans are so they can arrange for your arrival.

Dinner will be served on arrival day at a time convenient for all the guests.

**Accommodations:** 3 Deluxe cabins  
Big Hole (sleeps 4)  
Beaverhead Duplex (sleeps up to 4)  
Pattinail Cabin (sleeps 2)

Space for up to 10 guests –  
Sleeping arrangements will be made when the guest list is finalized

Beds are either queen or twin –

For more information visit the website  
[www.flyfishinglodge.com](http://www.flyfishinglodge.com)

If demand is sufficient – there is room for couples to share a room – in which case the maximum number of guests could be as high as 12

**Cost:** Rate is per person – special rate for Flycasters is **\$3150** based on double occupancy – two fishers per guide

Checks payable to Big Hole Lodge – 50% deposit (\$1575) due at or before November 9, 2016 club meeting

If you have very specific fishing requirements or preferences you may need to book as a Single Occupancy guest – which is more expensive – since you might not be sharing a guide. Contact the lodge for pricing and mention that you are a "Single" with the Flycasters San Jose group.

The lodge will do everything it can to make sure you have the fishing experience you desire.

### What's included

Price includes round trip transfer from Butte airport, accommodations based on double occupancy, 3 meals a day, fly fishing guide for 2 anglers, flies, all transportation to and from rivers each day, complimentary beer and wine.

Not included are Montana fishing license – *details will be mailed to those who sign up and pay the deposit* – hard alcohol is BYOB – gratuities, Montana accommodation tax, items bought at the on-site fly shop, and telephone calls.

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The balance is to be paid to the lodge directly at the end of your stay on Thursday evening prior to dinner. Gratuities can be paid to your guide at the end of each day OR at the end of the week when you settle your bill and tips to the lodge staff are collected.

An information sheet with guidelines for tipping the guides and lodge staff will be given to all who sign up.

<b>Fishmaster(s):</b> Laurie Kirk / Wade Goertz		<b>Phone:</b> Laurie (408) 472-8421 Or Wade (408) 272-3990	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:kirkn8r@gmail.com">kirkn8r@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Wade_tull@comcast.net">Wade_tull@comcast.net</a>
<b>Rivers:</b> Big Hole River Wise River Beaverhead Ranch (private) Bitterroot River Horse Prairie Creek (private) Deep Creek (private) <i>Option for a day on the Missouri River for additional cost – see website for more details</i>			<b>Max. # Attendees: 10</b>
<b>Directions:</b> Flights from the Bay Area to Butte MT – go through Salt Lake City UT – if there is more than one flight available please arrange for the early flight to make check in and dinner easier for you and for the staff.			
<b>Website(s):</b> Big Hole Lodge Montana <a href="http://www.flyfishinglodge.com">www.flyfishinglodge.com</a>			
<b>Meals provided:</b> Saturday dinner – after checking in and getting settled – Sunday to Thursday – breakfast served in the dining room – lunches prepared for guides to take on the river – Dinner every evening in the dining room – if weather permits there is a streamside BBQ on the Wise River one evening (either Wednesday or Thursday) with entertainment – an experience you must not miss --- Friday morning breakfast can be timed for those with early flight departures -			
<b>Fish:</b> Rainbows, Browns, Cutthroats, Brook trout, Grayling, and whitefish  If you catch all five species of TROUT in one day you receive special recognition for achieving a Big Hole Lodge GRAND SLAM – your name on a plaque in the dining room and a plaque mailed to you at home ---		<b>Fishing strategy: Float trips and walk and wade trips</b> <b>River:</b> Dry flies and nymphs. Delicate dry fly presentations are the highlight of the July season ... as well as nymphs fished below a dry fly ... even double dry fly rigs are effective.	
<b>Suggested Equipment:</b>	<b>Rod Wt(s)</b>	4, 5 or 6 --- if you bring only one rod make it a 5 wt – a 6wt will be good if the wind gets nasty and a 4 wt is perfect for the nearby Wise River	
	<b>Line</b>	Floating lines work best – either double taper or weight forward –	
	<b>Leader</b>	A 9' to 12' tapered leader with a <u>stiff butt section</u> is almost mandatory in Montana in order to handle the conditions. A good all-around choice is a 9' leader with a 4X tippet. Some days call for "far and fine" presentations and you might choose a 12' leader with either 5X or 6X tippet. If very windy a shorter 7 ½ foot 3X leader works well. The lodge has a fully stocked fly shop if you need to purchase anything.	
	<b>Tippet</b>	2 to 4 feet of 5X or 6X	
	<b>Other</b>	Waders and wading boots – felt is fine in MT – NO STUDS since they damage the bottom of the guides' boats – weather can change from cold mornings to hot afternoons to rain and / or wind and everything else so bring a variety of clothes for layering.  NOTE: Mosquitos can be awful depending on what the hay farmers are up to – it is always a good idea to bring bug repellent – with DEET – and be prepared to use it. Elevation is above 6000 feet so sunscreen is vitally important. Guides have all the necessary gear for float trips including floatation devices etc.	

**Suggested Flies:****Patterns/  
Sizes/etc.**

Your guide will have a complete selection of flies on hand with them – However you might have a “lucky” pattern you never leave home without – maybe you can turn your guide onto something new.

A few suggestions – **June:** Mahogany Duns, Green Drakes, Brown Drakes, PMDs, Caddis, Salmon flies possible, Golden Stones, Yellow Sallies. JULY Parachute Adams,

**July:** PMDs, Parachute Adams, Royal Wulff, Caddis, Green Drakes, Wrights Royal, Rusty Spinner, Stimulators, Blue Damselflies, Hopper patterns, PMX Royal, Purple Haze, and nymph versions of all these ...

The fly shop at the lodge carries a full line of necessary flies for purchase. As well as fishing shirts, fleece, jackets, hats, and gear from ORVIS and Simms,

**Other Gear suggestions:**

For a complete list of recommendations visit [www.flyfishinglodge.com](http://www.flyfishinglodge.com) or contact Big Hole Lodge and ask questions.

**A little more ...**

In 1984, Craig Fellin drove up the Wise River on a washboard-rutted dirt road and found ten acres of land on the river, surrounded by National Forest. Here he established the Big Hole Lodge. During the early years, the capacity was just two guests, and clients ate and slept in the main house with Craig and his family. Eventually, Craig stripped logs and built the dining lodge and three guest cabins with views of the scenic Wise River Valley and the snow-capped Pioneer Mountains above.

Today, we're an Orvis Endorsed Lodge offering a personal, relaxing and intimate fly fishing vacation experience. With a maximum of just 10 guests, we can offer exceptionally high levels of customer service and cater to a wide range of fly fishing interests and skill levels. From the legendary [Big Hole](#) and [Beaverhead](#) rivers to small mountain streams, or crystalline alpine lakes to a private spring creek on a working cattle ranch, breathtaking views will surround you as you enjoy some of the finest fly fishing in the country. And whether you're a complete novice or accomplished fly angler, at the Big Hole Lodge our goal is to offer you an uncompromising fly fishing vacation of a lifetime.

Craig and his son, Wade, along with the lodge's perennial staff, aim to make your trip the best fly fishing trip you've ever experienced. Our chef will return for her fifteenth season, and our veteran guides graciously share intimate expertise in technique, entomology and stream savvy. Our profound respect for the river, its inhabitants and nuances, and the surrounding beauty of southwestern Montana, guides all of us at Big Hole Lodge in delivering quality that lives up to everything you've ever imagined a Montana fly fishing vacation could be.

Once you have signed up and paid your deposit you will receive a “Welcome” letter from the lodge. It will include a questionnaire to ask about your travel plans and your food and fishing preferences. There will be details about how to purchase a Montana fishing license on-line before you depart from home. It will include a detailed list of what gear and clothes to bring. And it will include a guideline on how much to tip the guide each day and how much to tip the lodge staff at the end of your stay.