

Upper Green River Basin Fly Fishing 2010 Season

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What: Drift boat fishing for Browns, Rainbows, Cutthroats, and Cuttbows averaging 14 to 22 inches, on the Green River and New Fork River. We fish over a 100 miles of water, and therefore have many sections to float. You never have to fish the same water twice! Plus we have small stream wade fishing for Brook trout on U.S. National Forest land. These rivers are small by western standards. Gentle and meandering, with slow long deep pools, and wide flat shallow riffles. No dangerous whitewater! We float through private property and some federal lands. We use 15' Clacka Craft low-profile drift boats. In July and well into August, these rivers have tremendous hatches of Gray Drakes, Green Drakes, and Pale Morning Dun mayflies. August and September are excellent for terrestrial fly patterns like beetles, Chemobyl ants, grasshoppers, etc. Large streamer fishing is always effective too. Bring 9 foot, 5 or 6 weight fly rods.

When: Season starts in early July after runoff, and runs through September. Typical summer weather has morning lows of 35-40° and afternoon highs of 70-80°. Extremely low humidity makes for very comfortable days. Afternoon winds are typically 10 to 20 mph. Most days are bright and sunny but there is always a chance of an afternoon pop-up thunderstorm. Elevation is 7000 to 9000 feet, so high UV index requires long sleeves and long pants, hats, sunglasses and lots of sunscreen.

Where: The Green and its tributary the New Fork, begin in the high elevation snow fields of the Wind River mountain range. These rivers exit the mountains and flow southward through high plains desert and irrigated cattle ranch country for almost 200 miles, before entering the Flaming Gorge in Utah. We fish the headwaters of these rivers, which are wide open and free flowing with consistent flows. The general area is approximately 70-80 miles southeast of Jackson Hole, and just west of the massive Wind River mountain range. Pinedale has a population of 2,043 residents and an elevation of 7,175 feet. This is a remote area. There is not a traffic light in the entire county. The closest commercial airport with flights from Atlanta is Jackson Hole, approximately 85 miles from Pinedale.

Why: Incredible mid-day dry fly action on some of the least pressured waters of the west!
Big wild trout on dry flies, small crowds, great summer weather, lots of wildlife, beautiful scenery.

Additional Info:

- Accommodations can be found in Pinedale and Jackson Hole. We also have a special arrangement to provide a two bedroom riverside cabin near one of our favorite sections of the Green, for \$125/night. See www.pinedaleonline.com for a list of local hotels, restaurants, local news, etc.
- Guide fees vary depending on the section of river fished, and run from \$330 to \$450 per boat. Trips can be anywhere from 6 hours to 10 hours in length. Lunch and non-alcoholic drinks are included.
- Trout are wild and not heavily pressured. They are not generally picky about fly patterns, nor are they leader shy. Quality fly rods and reels with good drags are a must!
- This is a windy area and requires more than beginner skills in casting. We will put you within casting range of hundreds of trout in a typical day, but it's up to you to get the fly in front of the fish!

