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We are in the eighth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. One of our services is to compare and contrast different lodges/outfitters. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

**MONTANA PRIVATE WATERS RANCH – NEW ACCOMMODATIONS**



Last year, we began a semi-exclusive relationship with a 15,000 acre working cattle ranch in a very rural area of Montana. This property is surrounded by generational ranches.....over 100,000 acres of adjoining private ranches as a buffer. Over twenty-five miles of outstanding “blue ribbon private water” stream and river fishing is available on the host ranch with access to another thirty miles of rivers, streams, and spring creeks on the adjoining properties. This is Montana the way “it used to be.”

**What’s new for 2011:**

- a new two bedroom guest cabin, each bedroom with two queen beds.
- a new lodge with three individual double rooms, dining area, double sided fire-place, large gathering room, well stocked bar, large covered

deck with outdoor eating table and lounging area with a fireplace. Also a large living room with large TV wired to the internet for business meetings or group gatherings.

- can host a group of ten in the new accommodations alone, not including the current guest cabin.
- a helicopter fly out option (extra charge) to an incredible gin-clear small stream holding 20+ inch browns and rainbows.

This is in addition to the features of the ranch already in place:

- Primary “on property” waters:
  - headwaters of the famous Smith River (8 miles)- trophy brown trout fishery.....2-4 fish a day over 22 inches possible.
  - Sheep Creek (above left photo), 12 miles of access.....fish from 10-16 inches - 10-30 per day per angler.
  - Buckingham Lake- over 130 ft deep- browns and bows- 14-24 inches- 10-15 per angler per day
- Lots of wildlife - elk, deer, ducks, etc.
- Enough fishing options to supply a solid week of fishing – or more if you have the time.
- Horseback riding (extra charge).
- Two private lakes on property with trophy fish.
- Can arrange hostess for non fishing spouses.
- Bozeman and Livingston are traditional old western towns – a fun visit.





**Pricing:** Based on double occupancy and a shared guide – 4 nights with 3 days fishing is \$1,700 per person including guide, meals, and lodging. 7 nights with 6 days fishing is \$2,900 pp.

**NOTE:** the pricing is based on a minimum of four guests at the ranch at any one time and a minimum stay of four nights. If your party is less than four, you must time your trip when there are others booked to meet the minimum of four guests staying at the ranch.

**Availability calendar:** July is fully booked already with the exception of July 5 until the morning of July 10. As of today, space is available in August and September.

John and Henry Gans spent 5 nights on the ranch in late August last year. Excerpted comments from his report follow.....just ask if you'd like to see his entire report:

- did not see another soul on the water.....had miles of stream to ourselves. If you put your cast in the right spot, you saw a fish.
- .....beautiful streams with great scenery.....highlight was fishing the 6 mile private stretch of the Smith River.
- The ranch has a VERY personal touch. Great waters, good food, and a comfy bed.

**AFRICA: TIGERFISH IN THE LOWER ZAMBEZI**

The Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia has built a reputation as the top spot in Africa to combine quality tigerfishing with safari style game viewing. It is a 4,000 square kilometer preserve and nothing dies by human hand within the park, including the tigerfish,. No native netting is allowed and this is the key to preserving this fishery.



Last October, Betty and Paul Wilms used the top two camps in the Lower Zambezi National Park as part of their Africa itinerary which also included a stop at Victoria Falls and two other safari camps in Botswana. Most of the outstanding photos they captured were shot by Betty (a few by Paul).



If you want to get additional information about the Lower Zambezi and see more of the Wilm's photos as well as comments about their trip, this link will take you to a more complete photo essay.....  
<http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/zambezi.pdf>

**FLY FISHING TRAVEL PARTNERS – IF YOU'RE A SINGLE....?**

At Fly Fishing Adventues, we're beginning a new file titled "Candidates For Fly Fishing Travel Partners." Under the banner of "Eagles Don't Flock," many of our clients have spent most of their lives fully committed to a

successful career and didn't have the time to cultivate fly fishing friends or do the amount of fly fishing travel they wanted to do. Now, they have the time and the resources to begin working on their fly fishing travel "wish list," but would prefer not to travel alone and don't have a family member or close friend to share their adventures with. They travel as singles, or don't travel as often as they'd like simply because they don't want to go alone. We've been asked many times if we know of someone who would be interested in joining them on a trip to Belize, Alaska, Africa, the Seychelles, Patagonia, etc. There are the obvious economic benefits of splitting guide and accommodation costs in addition to having someone who can share the action and memories. Currently, there are fly fishers we know of looking for partners for these destinations:

Belize mothership trip

Alaska

New Zealand

Patagonia

Africa

The Amazon

We envision our role as simply one of providing an introduction between two traveling fly fishers who have an interest in finding someone to join them on a trip to fish a certain destination. We would just be a clearing house of sorts for possible candidates, provide contact information for other interested parties, and get out of the way. The two parties could then contact each other to determine if they have enough in common to join up together.

If you'd like to be in this file, just send along the destinations you feel you may have an interest in visiting. If we have someone else interested in finding a partner for that destination, we'll let you know.

### MARCH MEMORY PHOTO

How long will the memories from this photo stay with 13 year old Jarred Auslander? He found, hooked, and released this tarpon in Ascension Bay.

PHOTO CREDITS: (top to bottom) banner photo - Betty Wilms; Montana - Brian Hodges; Africa - Betty Wilms.

Either phone or drop us an e-mail if you have questions or would like more information about any of our destinations.

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