

## NORTH PLATTE REVIEW AND TRIP REPORTS

Five years in a row of outstanding feedback from clients with varied skill levels and experience tells us that we should be increasing our efforts in representing a certain lodge or destination. And that is the direction we've taken with regard to North Platte Lodge. The reasons are:

- The North Platte River is a very special tailwater fishery that's well managed to produce trout in both quantity and size – mostly rainbows with some huge browns. Veteran and new fly fishers alike have praised the fishing.
- A lodge that is clean and comfortable (not luxurious) with good food, quality guides and a caring environment and pricing that makes it a real Rocky Mountain value.
- That same lodge has negotiated/purchased the access rights to many sections of the river giving them the exclusive ability to let their clients wade and fish those sections.
- It's simply the best U.S. early season (late March and early April) and late season (mid-Oct to mid-Nov) trout fishing we know of.

Some reports from clients who were there in late March and early April below as well as elsewhere on this site. They are similar (even with some blustery snowstorms encountered) to the comments we've received each of the last five years from everyone who's fished the early season dates.

The late season at North Platte Lodge also offers an interesting combination. From mid-Oct to mid-Nov, they offer a combo wing shooting and fly fishing program. The wing shooting includes upland birds (chukkar, Hungarian partridge, and pheasant) as well as ducks and geese.

Fly Fishing Adventures will be have our usual spots in late March and early April each year. Also, we have space reserved in early September and the late fall. Availability starts with March 20 and ends April 14. There is a special window that could work well for father-son/daughter trips since Easter falls within this time frame during most students spring break.

*"We'd heard that the early season fishery on the North Platte was outstanding, but it actually was better than we expected. Both size and numbers of fish were outstanding. 30-40 hook-ups a day were the norm and I can only recall one fish under 15 inches. Plus, there were a good percentage of 18-20+ inch rainbows. Great fishing, comfortable lodge, good food, super guides, etc. We're planning our dates already for next April and this coming September for the dry fly action." Bob Noyes and son John – veteran fly fishers*

"HI,

I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT REFERRAL TO NORTH PLATTE LODGE. MY HUSBAND AND I WENT 3-26-04 AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. WE CAUGHT AROUND 175 FISH IN A FOUR DAY PERIOD. CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY THAT IS. ALL RANGING BETWEEN 14 INCH AND 21 INCH, BUT MOST I'D SAY WERE 16 OR 18 INCH. VERY VERY GOOD FISHING. THE LODGE WAS EXTREMELY CLEAN, AND THE FOOD WAS GOOD AS WELL. I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT IT. WE'D LOVE TO GO AGAIN. THANKS AND GOD BLESS."  
ROBERTA TAYLOR – ROBERTA AND HER HUSBAND ARE RELATIVE NEWCOMERS TO FLY FISHING ON THEIR SECOND FLY FISHING TRIP

"Just thought I would send you a note to let you know how much all of us enjoyed the North Platte Lodge. The fishing was above everyone's expectations. We were all catching between 15 and 30 fish a day and hooking up a like number of others that got away. 15" to 21" was the norm. WOW! I didn't know that many big fish could be in one place and caught in those numbers. It was a huge success in spite of one day fishing in a blizzard with 40 mph winds (fortunately only one day). Bret and Candy are wonderful hosts and the guides were all great. Everyone wants to go back."

Terry

Terry J. Sternberg – a combination of family and business friends with a mixture of fly fishing skills and experience.

## TRIP REPORT

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