



South Fork Of The Snake River Canyon, Idaho



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We are in the sixteenth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on the great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We've been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. 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.

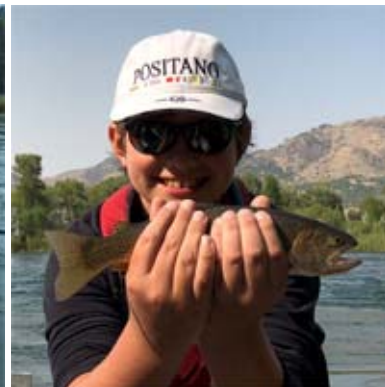
#### SOUTH FORK OF THE SNAKE OVERNIGHT FLOAT TRIP, A LEARNING EXPERIENCE



When we receive a phone call from Mike or Shawna Droese, normally it is to look at the calendar for the Rising Tide to reserve a trip to Belize. This summer's call was different. Mike was looking for a “long weekend” type experience to acquaint his two sons with flyfishing. The best overall “special adventure” that can be done in just two nights away from home (they live in California) is the overnight float trip through the South Fork of the Snake River Canyon in eastern Idaho. Spending the night at the South Fork “Hilton,” a stationary tent camp at the half way mark, does make this more than just a short flyfishing trip. Early on a Saturday evening in August, they arrived in Idaho Falls via a short flight and spent this night at a local B & B. The next morning, they met their guide and began their float trip. The report below is from Papa Mike – the boys: Tristan – 12, Caden – 10 (that's Caden at left with a nice native South Fork Cutthroat).

*Don, The boys and I had an epic trip. Our guide was out of sight and wonderful with the boys. The boys entered the valley green as can be with only one casting lesson. They came out the other side competent anglers who can cast, mend and achieve long drag-less drifts. I was such a proud dad.*

*The guide decided to put the boys in the front of the boat and rotate them. We had a caster and a net man. They worked as a team. I played clean up in the back of the boat. Photos below, l to r: the boys took turns, working as a team. One would cast and the other did the netting. Tristan (white hat) with a Cutt.*



*Day one was tough fishing. Also, we had a huge learning curve which we improved drastically by the end of the day. The weather changed and the fish were down. We all caught and landed fish. Mostly small fish and the action was lack-luster at best. We did manage to grand slam with cuts, bows, browns, cut-bows and white fish. Our guide was like a chameleon--one eye on the boys and one on me calling out commands (re-cast, mend, set etc) all day long. He was enthusiastic, encouraging and a great spirit on board. The guide and I only talked about how tough the fishing was that day after dinner, when the boys were playing bean bag toss and not part of the discussion.*

*Day 2 - Epic!! We started out at 7:30 am. The weather turned again. It was overcast and light rain drops. Low 70's. We switched to a red foam and changed to dry droppers. The boys knew the drill and started methodically working the banks in front.*

*We slayed it. I caught countless fish from the back. The boys racked in around a dozen between the two of them. Caden, my youngest, hooked and landed 3 cuts over 16' each. Tristan did the netting. The two worked as a team. I asked the guide if we had a 30 fish day and he laughed and said I hooked 30 fish by myself by early afternoon. I also hooked and landed a 6 lb cut. Super fun.*

*So thank you again!! This is a huge step into turning these guys into bone fisherman. Such a transformation happened this weekend. We are definitely going back next year. Such a great school room ;)*



The South Fork "Hilton" included a kitchen/dining tent (at right) and two person sleeping tents with single cots. After coming off the water on Monday, the second day of the float, it was back to Idaho Falls to catch the flight home.....a lot of excitement for two nights away from home!

### SKIP WINTER.....AT LEAST FOR A WHILE

When our winter skies turn cold and gray, somewhere the sun is shining and the fish are eating. Now is the time to plan some welcome relief from our upcoming winter. So many options.....

- Tropical flats fishing within a 2.5 hour flight of the USA – Belize, Cuba, Mexican Yucatan
- More exotic with a longer flight - New Zealand, Amazon, Patagonia, Ningaloo Reef (NW Australia), Northern Argentina (Golden Dorado), Seychelles.

Lots of possibilities.....if you'd like to explore, give us a call.



### FIRST PERMIT.....AND MORE



Maybe flyfishing's greatest thrill comes from the first time you hook and release a permit, flyfishing's most challenging target. We attempt to recognize all "first permit" in our newsletter. Above, left to right:

- For a few years, Nick Chapman has been using the Rising Tide crew in Belize to help his kids learn how to saltwater flyfish. Along the way, he has taken lots of fish and this is his first permit.

- Not many anglers take a “monster” as their first permit.....but Jack Fiorella’s first permit is certainly a monster.
- Not his first.....Perry Harvey has been chasing permit from the Rising Tide with Captain Dean (blue shirt) for years and this beauty, a weighed 16# fish, is one of his best.....Perry is now up to 13 permit released.

## EVOLUTION OF A FLY FISHER – THE “ANGLING REPORT”

Recently, the *ANGLING REPORT* published my fishing diary from a Rising Tide dedicated permit trip. They titled the story *CHASING PERMIT WITH CAPTAIN DEAN*. The editor, Seth Fields, wrote an outstanding description of the evolution of a flyfisher to becoming a permit fisherman.....it follows:

*Editor Note – from Seth Fields: They say there is a natural cycle in fly fishing. An angler begins his career looking for numbers. Later, he or she graduates to time spent looking for quality over quantity. It has also been said that the last stage of the cycle is when one no longer cares about fish and just appreciates “being out there.” Permit fishing, and those who choose to pursue it earnestly, are in a category all their own. They live in a place between the cycles. They are in perpetual limbo, haunted by thoughts of tailing fish (at right) and rejected flies. Don Muelrath is one of these anglers, and, as you will see, his affliction is both affable and completely terminal.*



“Tail . . . 150 feet at 2 o’clock,” murmured Captain Dean. Then, a little louder, “There’s three tails. . . .Do you see them?” Just then, a cormorant flew out of a nearby mangrove cluster, flying about four feet above the water, directly over the fish, which immediately exploded and rushed off the flat. Yes, now even I could see them. This report was compiled primarily for those who may wonder what a dedicated permit trip is about.....

If you’d like to read the entire article, this link will take you there: [CHASING PERMIT WITH CAPTAIN DEAN](#)

## BELIZE – RISING TIDE DISCOUNTED DATES

Captain Dean has decided to have a “wintertime discount” on all trips THIS SEASON ONLY between Nov 1 and Feb 27. All trips in that timeframe will be discounted 15%.

For March-April-May-June, 2019: each month has at least one open week as on now. [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)

## WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do.....also, listing the destinations around the world that we can provide reliable information regarding the experience and how to prepare for your visit:

[Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

## OCTOBER MEMORY PHOTO

We met Maggie and Alan Ward while fishing the Ningaloo Reef earlier this year. Maggie took her fourth permit on that trip. Alan is somewhat of an expert at taking large pike on a fly in his native England. This one weighed 35#. He has taken 3 pike from this lake that weighed in excess of 29#.

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An enthusiastic traveling fly fisherman,

Don Muelrath

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