



Middle Fork Fishing

Fishing on the Middle Fork of the Salmon begins the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend usually with spring-like conditions for the first few weeks. The native trout (primarily West Slope Cutthroat but also Rainbow) enjoy the protection of this magnificent Wild and Scenic River.

Anglers enjoy these Catch and Release waters with either Fly or Spin Cast gear of a medium/light weight. Fly line weights are usually WF6F or WF5F. Spin line weights range from 4-8#. Early season Fly fishing is usually with nymph patterns such as Muddler Minnows and Bead Head Hares Ears. As summer progresses so do the Dry Fly hatches. Common patters range from Adams to Caddis to Grasshoppers. However, there are many exceptions to these general patters as conditions change. We have seen such extremes as Grasshoppers in May to nymphs in August so it's always best to stop by the Shop just before you put in as we follow the hatches carefully. We can also help you with four piece spin or fly rod outfits that come with cases perfect for traveling – we can customize it for you and have it ready for your trip. If you're using Spin Cast gear we also stock single, barbless hooked lures just for the Middle Fork Catch and Release regulations. Fishing in Catch and Release waters in Idaho requires using single, barbless artificial flies or lures; bait is prohibited.

Occasionally, although no longer common, wild Chinook Salmon can be seen near the end of their 800-mile journey from the Pacific. Bull Trout are fairly common. Be sure to bring your camera!

The Shop is open 8:00am to 8:00pm
7 days a week during the Summer Season

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