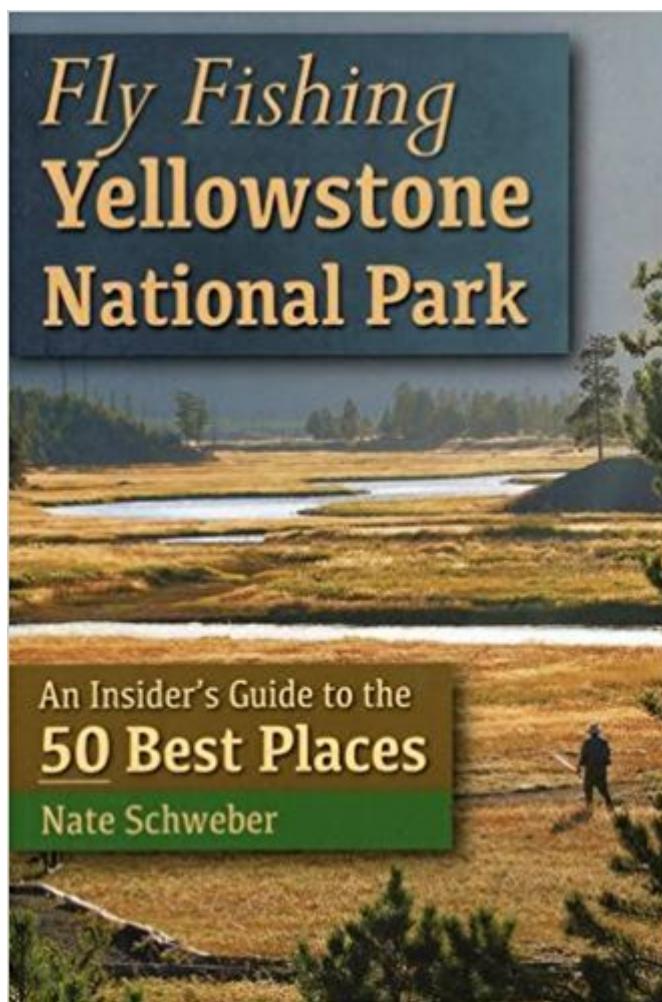


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# Fly Fishing Yellowstone National Park: An Insider's Guide To The 50 Best Places



## Synopsis

The widest array of voices ever collected in a book about fishing Yellowstone; interviews with more than a hundred men and women -- from teenagers to octogenarians -- each of them sharing stories about their favorite spots in the park. The most up-to-date information about dozens of park fisheries, also the latest tips, techniques, fly patterns, best times and best hatches. Wisdom and advice from a collection of Yellowstone anglers ranging from knowledgeable guides -- including Craig Mathews, Richard Parks, Molly Semenik, John Bailey, Alice Owsley and Bob Jacklin -- to savvy locals and visitors. Also fresh insights from notable people including authors Tom McGuane and Doug Peacock; ranger Shelton Johnson, who was featured in Ken Burns' National Parks series on PBS; Vice President Dick Cheney and President Jimmy Carter. Best spots for Yellowstone cutthroat, westslope cutthroat, Snake River finespotted cutthroat, grayling, rainbows, cutbows, brown trout, brook trout, mountain whitefish, and lake trout. The ecologic history of trout in Yellowstone, from the natural colonization that began after the last ice age through the intense fish stocking done by park managers for decades starting in the late 1800s. This book gives the most thorough explanation yet of one of the park's greatest environmental catastrophes, the decimation of native cutthroats in Yellowstone Lake due to illegally stocked, non-native lake trout, whirling disease and drought. There are also new details about the restoration of native Westslope cutthroat fisheries in Yellowstone. New anecdotes about other park wildlife, including grizzlies, elk, wolves, moose, eagles, cougars, osprey, otters, rattlesnakes and bison -- even bigfoot. Unpublished details about perhaps the greatest human drama in Yellowstone history; an incredible 1877 encounter between a pair of early park tourists -- one of them a man who was shot three times and lived -- and a band of fleeing Nez Perce Indians, including revered peacemaker Chief Joseph.

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## Customer Reviews

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I have fished and have done botanical research in Yellowstone starting in 1974. I was a park ranger in the Tetons during the 70's and even met my wife at Madison Junction when I was up to fish the Firehole. So I have either fished many of the 50 places or was to some of these places as part of a field trip. That said, there were many places I never knew about or knew of but didn't realize the fishing potential. But what I really liked about the book was it was more or less 50 short stories. The people and topics were a mix of information I never knew or just fun hearing what these people had to say. I liked this book because it a good read and not a technical book that I would have to dog ear pages or try to remember facts. It has brought back many memories of places I fished and some I but couldn't remember by name after all these years and there it was as one of the 50. Not to speak of fortifying the fact that Yellowstone truly is the USA's best trout country.

"An Insider's Guide to the 50 Best Places," is basically a series of short stories interrupted by different waters and a list of recommended flies. While there is some good information within, this book lacks the technical details necessary to serve serious fly fishers. The book covers a variety of rivers, creeks, and sloughs in Yellowstone that provides a background for the beginning fisher in the Park. I wish there were maps, color photos, and details on access; this book is a 'basic information only' publication.

The author "tells the story" of each location thru the eyes of a variety of fishermen and women who've fished the each location. He also helps us understand how the illegal introduction of Lake Trout into Yellowstone Lake have adversely impacted the fishery of the entire area. Still, he gives us good tips on the best seasons to fish each area, flies that should work and how to access each area.

Very comprehensive was able to find most locations that I decided to fish

I loved this book. Great beta on where and how to fish the Park, but in addition it is filled with historical anicdotes and stories from anglers who spent many years fishing there. A really interesting read and great resource.

I really enjoyed this different approach to the "Best" places to fish in YNP. Each of us would have a different choice, and there in was the pleasure of reading about other people, not just the author's choices. However, I did deduct one star for the the repetitive issue of Lake trout in Yellowstone Lake. I do agree it has been disastrous, and I support the removal process, but I did not need to be pummeled about the situation.

Having fished Yellowstone many times all chapters hit on fishing the greater Yellowstone area and the essence of a wilderness experience. Very well written. Highly recommended.

Great book for an outsider like me (I live in Chile, south america) that take a one month journey to the states and spend one week on the Yellowstone National Park... Avoid the guessing work and make the most of your time fishing with this guide.

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