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Workshop with Skip Morris

Flies for Mayfly Hatches: Fly Tying and Fishing Tactics

Saturday, June 20 at the Yakima River Fly Shop
1 PM - 4:30 PM



Join renowned author and speaker Skip Morris in Cle Elum for a workshop on mayflies.

Explore mayfly hatches along with instruction on how, when and where to fish each fly. Skip's tying demonstration and hands-on practice will make you a better tier with almost any fly.

Bring your vise and equipment!

Preregistration-\$35

At the Door-\$45

Don't miss this opportunity to spend a day with a true expert in the field of fly fishing for trout, a chance that comes rarely. Guaranteed to be both informative and fun.

Please preregister by contacting the Yakima River Fly Shop.

[Click here for more about the workshop](#)

Yakima River Fishing Report

It certainly has been a tough spring season for fishing the Yakima. We're glad to see May in the rear-view mirror and are looking forward to the summer season. The reservoirs are at capacity and the out-flow is matching pace with the snow melt making a sustained flow an unheard-of 6,000 cfs or greater over the past four weeks.

We haven't spent much time on the water, but we have been seeing caddis, golden stones and an occasional salmon fly and pale morning dun. Despite the high water, we also have to believe the trout will be strong and fat this summer as lots of sculpins, crayfish, worms and small fish have lost their safe-havens along the banks and become high protein trout meals.

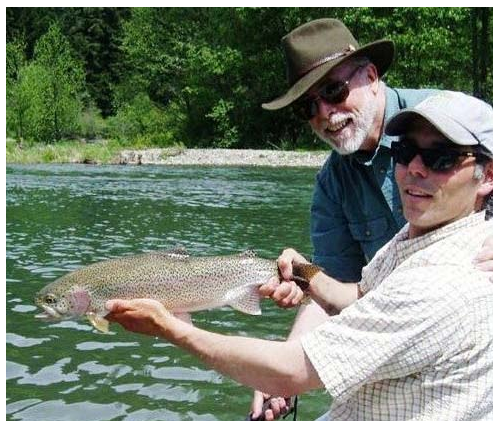
Local Fly Fishing Opportunities

"Beat the Heat \$200 Guide Special"

Early Morning on the Yakima River

What a great way to start your day by hitting the water at about 5 AM. The rainbows will typically take big attractors on the surface along with caddis until the sun comes up over the ridges. Off the water by 11 AM.

Book a **BEAT THE HEAT** dry fly trip in July or August by June 30 and the fee will only be **\$200**. The two bones covers one or two anglers and includes flies, leader, tippet and bad coffee from the old Thermos. Don't miss your chance. Please call the fly shop at 509/674-2144 to reserve your date.



Destination - Kanektok River, SW Alaska

Travel with Tight Lines Angling to the Alaskan Bush for Leopard Bows



We are reserving spots for our Kanektok River trip in the fall of 2009. The trip includes 8 days and nights of floating and camping the 95 mile length of the Kanektok River of Southwest Alaska. In early September, the Kanektok gives up some large Leopard Rainbows, Arctic Char, Grayling, and Silver Salmon. Rates are \$4400 per person all inclusive from Bethel Alaska. We only have six spots and four are remaining. The dates are September 7th through the 15th.

You will need to fly to Bethel, AK arriving on September 7. From there, you will be flown to the headwaters of the Kanektok River and we will begin the 95 mile float covering the entire Kanektok watershed.

Please view our website for more information at [Kanektok River](http://www.kanektokriver.com) or call Jim for all of the details. Cellular is 509/929-1357. Email is info@tightlinesangling.com

The Flood Plains of the Yakima River

Interview with Morris Uebelacker, Ph.D., Geography, Central Washington University

Why is the flood plain of a river so important?

The flood plain is the ecological center of the river. It is the most productive area, the interface between river and land. The flood plain stores water, cycles nutrients, and most of the river's biological activity takes place there. Areas where the natural flood plain still exists have the highest biodiversity and produce more insects than in areas where the river is channeled (such as the canyon). Channel variability, upwelling springs, side channels, and stream tributary interfaces are all really important to the health of the river. Sinuosity, the natural twists and turns unconfined water flows create as they move downstream, is extremely important to the river's health. The Yakima is largely confined and can't move any more. Flood plains store flood waters in sediment, and as water flows subside, the overflow is gradually let back into the river, creating thermal regulation (cool water flows). As flood plains are developed, the natural process of thermal regulation is stifled and river temperatures increase.

What is the status of the Yakima River flood plain?

The Cle Elum and Kittitas flood plains are hugely important to the health of the Yakima River.

Many of the river's flood plains are gone because of developments such as sewer ponds, dikes, railroads, and homes. Historically, only 30% of the Kittitas flood plain still exists, and Cle Elum's flood plain is faring even worse in terms of size and function.

What can be done to repair/improve the river's flood plain?

The Yakama Nation and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife have made a lot of improvements over the last decade. Their efforts have resulted in the purchase of land parcels in strategic locations to expand the river's flood plains and reconnect tributary streams such as the Naneum and Manashtash. In the Teanaway valley, the tribe is attempting to keep river flows up. In addition, the Yakama fish hatchery in Cle Elum was created to re-introduce steelhead and salmon into the river system. As returning spawning salmon die and decompose, they contribute a tremendous amount of biomass, providing food for macro-invertebrates and other arthropods as well as fish fry.

Individuals who are interested in supporting ongoing efforts to rehabilitate the Yakima's flood plains can back state and tribal efforts through the BPA (Bonneville Power Administration) as well as those of local groups such as the Columbia Land Trust, Cascade Land Conservancy and the Upper Yakima River Conservation Fund (which is administered through the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, a non-profit organization).

Yakima River Gourmet Lunch Floats The Fly Fishing Alternative

Want to enjoy the beautiful river without obligation to wet a line?

Having guests, relatives or clients visit this summer and looking for a great activity?

Enjoy the Yakima River this summer on a Gourmet Lunch Float.

The interpretive float includes a program on the local history of the river, area geology, birding and river ecology. A gourmet lunch is served streamside with several local wines from Washington state. The water for growing the grapes for these wines is provided by the Yakima River.

We are currently serving *BBQ salmon, steamed asparagus, baked beans & the wine of choice is Pinot Gris.*

Call the shop today to schedule a gourmet lunch float.

Beginning Fly Tying Classes

Join us once a week on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM for our Fly Tying classes. We will start a new class on June 23. The class is six weeks long and concentrates on patterns used locally on the Yakima River and surrounding waters.

Includes materials and a manual. Please bring your own equipment. If you haven't yet purchased a vise and tools, we will have equipment at a special price for participants of the class.

The cost is \$60 for the six week course or \$15 at the door for each class.

Please contact the fly shop to reserve a space. 509/674-2144.

YAKIMA RIVER FLY SHOP

YAKIMA RIVER GOURMET LUNCH FLOATS

Six hour interpretive rafting float trip over 14 miles of the Yakima River.

The interpretive float includes a program on the local history of the river, area geology, birding and river ecology. A gourmet lunch is served streamside with several local wines from Washington state. The water for growing the grapes for these wines is provided by the Yakima River.

Two to Six people ... \$105 each
Six to 12 people ... \$95 each
Over 12 \$85 each

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Thank you so much for your business and friendship. Happy fishing!

Sincerely,

Jim Gallagher and the Staff
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