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Life on the Fly By Lori-Ann Murphy

"Days have got away of crowding up your mind. Little bits and pieces that the river leaves behind."

Reel Women Song from "Too Many Horses" by Dave Munsick.

Here we are, twenty years down the road and a few things haven't changed! Tressa is still packing and fishing with her horses and I'm emersed in my island community and fly fishing life in Belize. Our Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures Team has and will continue to be a family. We might not always be with each other day in and day out, but the commitment to keep what we love alive is important to us. Like magnets that find connection, we have found

and continue to find each other. Our Team includes not only guides but our angling community at large. I know so many of you never believed that a simple cast could lead to such a catch in life. I know this is certainly an unplanned life for me. My RN degree gave me the confidence to implement fun. I used to love to start an IV in the morning for a pre-op patient in Tucson - and as I was tapping away at a vein, "Oh, by the way, I'm a fly fishing guide in Montana." I became addicted to watching eyes sparkle instead of the cloudy ones from fear. These are the kinds of things that propelled me in my life and continue to do so. These are the things I immerse myself in because it's the only thing that makes sense to me. And the more I find myself open to new horizons, the more I feel connected to this life - which we share in nature.

The Tobacco Roots are pictured here - ready to take on another Montana winter. The chilly air brings a reminder from the sunny days spent on the river just a few weeks ago. New stories from our fly fishing life are now being told. We have new plans because the goose bumps that hit us as soon as we reached the river - or flat, or favorite place to be, was so damn cool, we want to know that feeling again and again. "Little bits and pieces that the river leaves behind," - are the very things that keep us happy.

If you want to smile and feel connected to good times, here is our Reel Women song to you, written and preformed by our buddy Dave Munsick in Wyoming.

Let the big space fill our hearts and finding our way make us smile. I look forward to seeing you this fishing season - that always has a plan for fun. L-A

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The Madison River

In the world of fly-fishing, this river is a bucket list item for sure! One of the most famous in fly-

fishing history and today it is still offering healthy trout populations, clear waters and breath taking Montana scenery. Located in the middle of iconic locations like Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and Madison Junction, you'll be forever grateful for the chance to see and fish it all.

183 miles in its entirety, the river offers a variety of fishing experiences. Some sections are best fished from a drift boat and others are easily accessed on foot. The scenery over the course of the river changes too as it flows through Montana and Wyoming. This variety offers a dream destination for everyone to experience different components of flyfishing.

The hatches on the Madison are somewhat predictable but the highlight of the year is the Salmon Fly hatch. Big bugs and aggresive, hungry fish make for action packed, joyous days on the river. Many other hatches throughout the summer yeild fantastic days on the river. Drakes, Caddis, Pale Morning Duns and many others dance above the water over the summer enticing us to the river. In addition, summer and fall fishing with hoppers is a blast,

We've got a few opportunties for you to join us on the Madison in 2021:

Back to Basics July 17-21, 2021

Learn in two days what could take years to discover on your own! Our goal is to introduce you to what you will encounter in the world of fly fishing. We stress confidence in the outdoors and using your power of observation to make smart outdoor decisions based on the world around you. You will learn from accomplished casting instructors the basics of a good cast as well as advanced casting techniques. We teach knots, equipment, entomology, how to read water and think like a fish! Our objective is to make you an independent angler by teaching you the basics and build from there -or help you to get rid of bad habits. This school is great for beginners and experienced anglers. Our Ennis, MT based school includes lodging, food, two days of instruction, rod fees, written material, and equipment. Small classes and low instructor-guide ratio provides BIG FUN! \$1,395

Reel Women Guide School July 3-9, 2021 Ennis, Montana July 24-30, 2021

We have been teaching this course since 1998. It's one of our all-time favorite things to do... share our heart and soul for the love of rivers! A fly-fishing intensive that will take you to your fly fishing and rowing ambitions. Some women want to become guides, some women want to row their friends, family and themselves! This course is open to women anglers who have a desire to learn to row a drift boat safely and become better anglers.

We'll spend the first day discussing the following topics: Successful professional guide outfitter relationships, angler/guide communications strategies, entomology, guide etiquette, wade fishing strategies, river rescue and safety workshops, how to back up a trailer and of course rowing the drift boat! The next two days are spent rowing and fishing; two ladies with a guide in each boat. Day 4 we add to the mix while floating and fishing; topics on how to teach anglers while guiding are brought on board. On day 5, we put you to the test as a guide with other group members as clients. **\$2,995** includes lodging, food, use of trucks trailers, time on the water with guides and everything else you'll need to grow in your flyfishing experience!

Women's Madison River Trip

July 10-17, 2021 Sold Out!

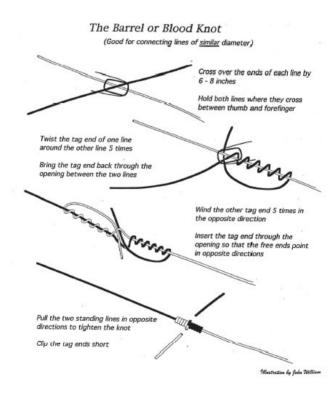
Summer 2021 -We can arrange custom trips for your small group. July 9-15, 2022

This is one of the favorite Montana trips and it fills quickly every year. We spend seven nights on the Madison River with six days of fishing. Three days of fishing from a drift boat with guides. The other we wade different sections of this iconic river to give you the full Madison River experience. There will also be clinics with Lori-Ann on those days. You'll also have the ability to fish independently but ask questions as we'll be nearby to help or net your fish!

We anticipate the Salmon Fly Hatch coming off during this week each year. Those fish are hungry and slam the big bugs when they hit the water! Prime fly fishing dates and what a blast it is! Single Occupancy \$3,295 or Double Occupancy \$2,995

Email us about the Madison River

Flyfishing Tip of the Week.....Know Your Knots!



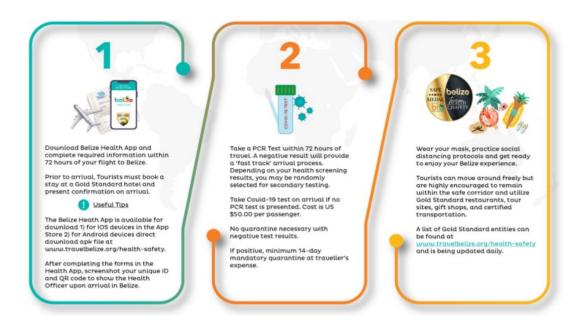
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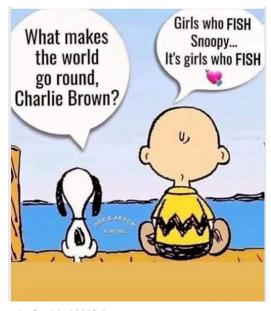


Visiting Belize is as Easy as 1 2 3!

We're thrilled to be back out on the water.....and reporting that the fishing is fabulous! Its been great to have friends returning to San Pedro and the Gold Standards are assuring we all remain healthy. The standards also explain how easy it is to get through the airport and keep everyone safe in the process.

Download the Belize Tourism ap and it will walk you through the process as you travel. You'll want a a negative PCR test within 72 hours of your departure, which allow you to clear customs easily. Our hotel partners, guides and dining options are all following gold standard protocal. All transportation is well sanitized every day -including your flats boat. Click on the image above to find more details and the latest updates as they may happen. We're looking forward to seeing everyone this winter.

Saltwater Trips 2021



2021 Schools

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics Jackson Hole, Wyoming Limited to eight women. June 26-28

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics Ennis, Montana Limited to ten women. July 17-20

Women's Guide School Limited to ten women. July 3-9, 2021, 2 Space Open July 24-30, 2021 2 Spaces Open

Ladies on the Mend! Henry's Fork -Idaho New Limited to ten women, seven spaces left. August 5-8





2020 Trips 4th Annual Women'sPermit Quest November 14-20, 2020 Sold Out!







2021 Trips 5th Annual Permit Quest

Limited to six women each week. Feb 12-18 - 1 Space Open Feb 19-25 - 2 Spaces Open

Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to four couples.

2 couples spaces left!
Feb 27- March 4

Saltwater Slam! Ambergris Caye, Belize Limited to six women. March 6-10 New!

Womens Tarpon Quest Limited to six women. May 15-22 4 Spaces Left!

Women's Madison River Trip July 10-17 -Sold out.

Ladies on the Mend!
Henry's Fork -Idaho
Limited to ten women, 7 Spaces Open!
August 5-8

Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip Sold out! August 25-29

Women's Yellowstone River Trip
Limited to four women.
3 Spaces Left
September 18-22

Yellowstone River Couples Trip Limited to four couples. September 25-30

2022 Trips

Women's Madison River Trip Limited to ten women. July 9-15

Women's Yellowstone Trip September 17-21

Couples Yellowstone River Trip September 24-28

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