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“Fishing the Owyhee River, OR”



The Owyhee fly fisher guide service

The Owyhee river is off the beaten path. It is a green strip in the desert landscape of eastern Oregon, and a fascinating tale water watched over by tall dark basaltic cliffs. While birds of prey cruise the chasm's edge brown trout of trophy size sip mayflies in the desert sun.

This is our office. At the Owyhee Fly Fisher we love to take people into this western wilderness in pursuit of trophy trout, and take on the adventure into the Owyhee Canyon. To experience this fishery is to live one of the west premier flyfishing destinations, still largely unknown.

Brown trout were introduced in 1990. From that moment they have thrived in the cold currents of these nutrient rich waters. Growing to astonishing size. Also, found in the shadows are rainbow trout. These fish have been stocked periodically than forgotten, overshadowed by the Browns. Hidden gems, they are often hooked but rarely netted due to their size and temperament.

The aquatic environment is like an underwater Serengeti. Massive migrations of blue wing olives and pale morning Dunn's hatch throughout the summer months and into the fall. The grasshopper hatch in mid July is an exciting time. The thick emerald edges of the river, still lush, become the only refuge for the hungry hoppers, thus creating the perfect combination of circumstances for the trout. Just add a little breeze and the feast begins.

Nature had a kaleidoscope of happenings in this area. The geology, climate and water has given rise to one of the West's great fisheries. It is no doubt why people who wander here to tempt the trout find themselves captivated by the surroundings and the question that looms heaviest on their minds at the end of the day is "when can I return?"

Our trips are all walk and wade. Fishing the morning hatches until noon then a delicious riverside lunch makes you feel like royalty. Later when the afternoon hatches start to kick in we engage in more site fishing to trophy Browns. The day ends between 5 and 6 PM. We have the best most knowledgeable guides in the region. Their kind antics and impressive knowledge of the flora and fauna make the day even more incredible. We can handle large groups down to single anglers and take all skill levels.

Visit us on our website at owyheeflyfisher.com to book your next fly fishing adventure. You should also follow us on Facebook and Instagram for fresh ideas, fishing reports and inspiration that will fuel your passion for fly fishing.

Brad Abbott has been fly fishing since 1973 when his dad placed a 4wt Fenwick in his hand. Since then he has cast lines all through the west, down to the blue water of the Sea of Cortez and up into the wilds of Alaska.

During all that time he has fine tuned his craft by becoming a rod builder, fly tier, casting instructor and entomologist. Brad also has over 13 years of guiding experience on the Salmon and Snake Rivers of Idaho. His knowledge of the

biology and geology of the Owyhee make a day fishing with him an enlightening experience. His detailed knowledge of the aquatic and terrestrial insects is invaluable to having a successful day on the Owyhee.

Brad is a teacher and coach during the off season at Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, Idaho. He teaches Earth Science and an interesting life-time sports class in fly fishing where students learn entomology, rod building, fly tying, knot tying and casting skills. He also finds time to coach the boys and girls track teams during the spring time.