

FLY FISHING SHOPS, GUIDE SERVICES & INFORMATION ON PRIVATE WATERS



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Methow Valley Lake & Stream

regulations and information

METHOW NATURAL HISTORY

The beautiful Methow Valley in Okanogan "Country" Northcentral Washington State, is a place rich in geologic history and natural fish habitat. Surrounded by magnificent 7,000-8,000 foot glaciated peaks, frigid waters tumble 4,000 feet to the upper Valley floor, racing toward the Columbia River, passing the hamlet of Mazama at 2,150 feet, slowing through Winthrop at 1,765 feet, then Twisp at 1,619 feet, twisting its way in frothing rapids to Pateros at 775 feet, at the Columbia River.

Winthrop National Fish Hatchery Tours:
Call 509-996-2424 for information.

CONSERVE METHOW VALLEY TROUT THROUGH SAFE CATCH & RELEASE

- Use only artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.
- DO NOT play fish to exhaustion.
- Use rubberized or knotless landing net.
- Grasp fish by its back and head, gently but firmly, turn fish belly up while removing hook.
- If fish swallows hook, cut leader.
- DO NOT REMOVE FISH FROM WATER

WHAT METHOW VALLEY FISH EAT

Lakes: damsel and dragonfly nymphs and mature adults; chironomid and mayfly nymphs and adults; leaches, scuds, shrimp, snails, small fish and other microorganisms.
Rivers: caddis, stonefly and small mayfly nymphs and adults, grasshoppers, ants, beetles and other terrestrials.

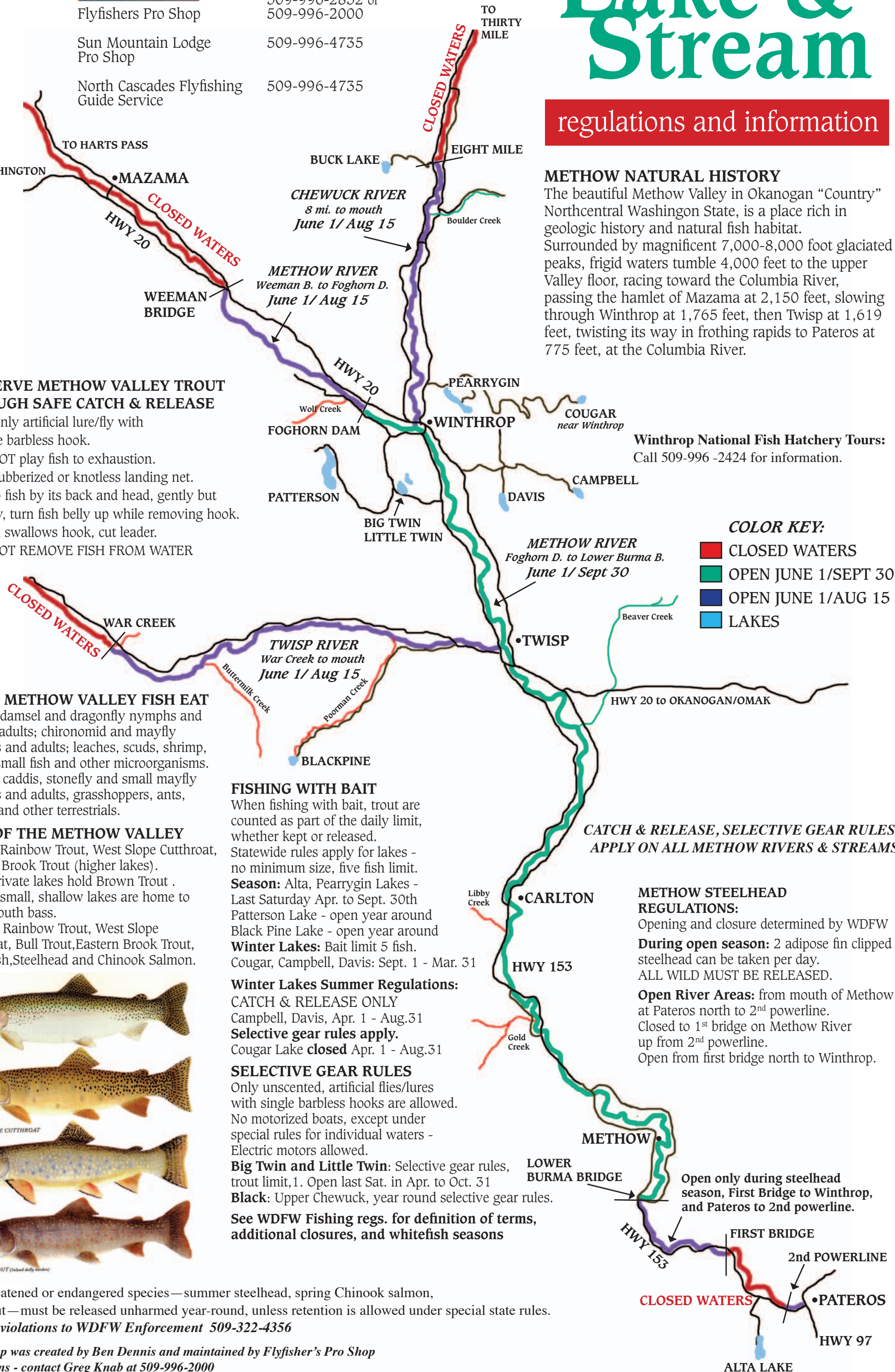
FISH OF THE METHOW VALLEY

Lakes: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Eastern Brook Trout (higher lakes). Some private lakes hold Brown Trout. Several small, shallow lakes are home to Smallmouth bass.
Rivers: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Bull Trout, Eastern Brook Trout, Whitefish, Steelhead and Chinook Salmon.



All threatened or endangered species—summer steelhead, spring Chinook salmon, bulltrout—must be released unharmed year-round, unless retention is allowed under special state rules.
Report violations to WDFW Enforcement 509-322-4356

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COLOR KEY:

- CLOSED WATERS
- OPEN JUNE 1/SEPT 30
- OPEN JUNE 1/AUG 15
- LAKES

CATCH & RELEASE, SELECTIVE GEAR RULES, APPLY ON ALL METHOW RIVERS & STREAMS

METHOW STEELHEAD REGULATIONS:
Opening and closure determined by WDFW
During open season: 2 adipose fin clipped steelhead can be taken per day. ALL WILD MUST BE RELEASED.
Open River Areas: from mouth of Methow at Pateros north to 2nd powerline. Closed to 1st bridge on Methow River up from 2nd powerline. Open from first bridge north to Winthrop.

FISHING WITH BAIT
When fishing with bait, trout are counted as part of the daily limit, whether kept or released. Statewide rules apply for lakes - no minimum size, five fish limit.
Season: Alta, Pearrygin Lakes - Last Saturday Apr. to Sept. 30th
Patterson Lake - open year around
Black Pine Lake - open year around
Winter Lakes: Bait limit 5 fish.
Cougar, Campbell, Davis: Sept. 1 - Mar. 31

Winter Lakes Summer Regulations:
CATCH & RELEASE ONLY
Campbell, Davis, Apr. 1 - Aug.31
Selective gear rules apply.
Cougar Lake closed Apr. 1 - Aug.31

SELECTIVE GEAR RULES
Only unscented, artificial flies/lures with single barbless hooks are allowed. No motorized boats, except under special rules for individual waters - Electric motors allowed.
Big Twin and Little Twin: Selective gear rules, trout limit, 1. Open last Sat. in Apr. to Oct. 31
Black: Upper Chewuck, year round selective gear rules.
See WDFW Fishing regs. for definition of terms, additional closures, and whitefish seasons

Open only during steelhead season, First Bridge to Winthrop, and Pateros to 2nd powerline.
FIRST BRIDGE
2nd POWERLINE
PATEROS
ALTA LAKE
HWY 97