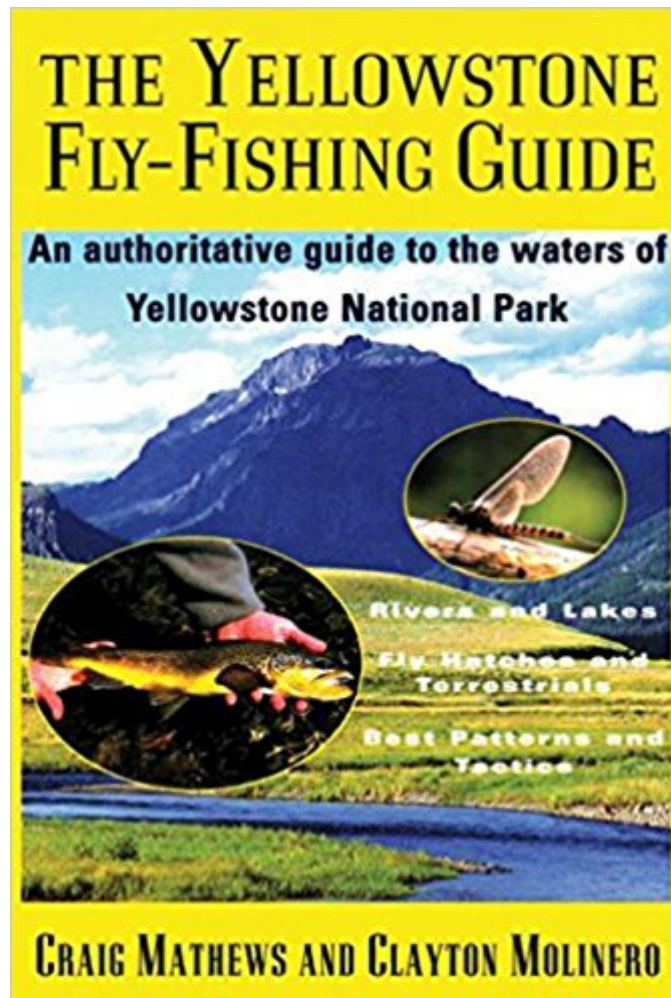




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Customer Reviews

This fine little guidebook to the best fishing in Yellowstone Park discusses aquatic and terrestrial insect emergences and activity periods, fly patterns to imitate these insects, and effective fishing techniques. Included are specific locations, access points and trailheads, distances, and terrain descriptions. The handy icons located at the beginning of each of the more than two hundred waters discussed provide helpful, at-a-glance information about fish type, ease of access, and wildlife to watch for. This book is required reading for any fly fisher planning a trip to Yellowstone Park - an area that holds more wild trout water for its size than anywhere else in the world. (6 X 9, 176 pages, b&w photos, maps, illustrations, charts, icons)

Craig Mathews' brief but detailed writings for each water is just great and stating plain facts. It's simply fun to read. Also, his store "Blue Ribbon Flies" is probably the best in West Yellowstone. Fly-fishing guides are very experienced and the store has lots of fly-tying material in high grades. I also recommend to review Craig's other book "Fly Fishing the Madison". That's also well-written with his smooth and detailed explanation. SY

It's a bit out of date. I hired a fishing guide because it wasn't concise enough.

There are a handful of guidebooks to Yellowstone waters, but this one has become my favorite. It is very well organized, and concise. There is at least a paragraph dedicated to every named piece of water in the park (and up to 6 pages for more important rivers). Accompanying the text are easily scannable icons representing the fish species in the water, type of access (car or hike), bear warnings, etc. Although I never trust hatch charts, the ones in this book are as good as you can expect. And who today could be better at suggesting flies for Yellowstone waters than Craig Mathews, the inventor of several of the most productive patterns used in the park today? I've seen Craig in the Park fishing several times, this man knows what he's doing. My only improvement would be for more detailed maps, but you should really have topos for any area you're going to hike into anyway. If you're headed to Yellowstone to fish for the first time, study this book & you'll improve your odds of having a great time. If you've fished the Park many times before and want ideas for new places to try, I can't think of a better way to find them than with this book and a good map.

I have read a handful of books on Yellowstone fly-fishing and find this book one of the best sources of information on the rivers and streams in the Park. My book is pretty used, as I take it everytime I go in the Park to fly-fish because it offers information on what flies work and at what time of the year. One of these days I'll have to have stop in at Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone and have Craig autograph a new book for my library because I spilt coffee all over this one. It's a good book for anyone wanting the Yellowstone fly-fishing experience. The only other books I refer to when fishing Yellowstone is "Fishing Yellowstone Rivers" by the late-great Charles E. Brooks and "Western Fly-Fishing Strategies" by Craig Mathews. This book is a little dated, but none-the-less, a valuable resource with a wealth of information for the novice to the experience angler.

The best overall reference to decide what to fish for when in all waters in Yellowstone, personally researched by some of the best.

This is a good book for providing basic information about stream location. It does a good job helping you to locate all of the various streams in the park, however as with any book it has become dated and there are some name changes that have been made in the park that are obviously not going to be documented in the book. As with any fly fishing the best way to get current information about what to fish with and what kinds of fish are in an area, is to stop by a couple of the local fly shops.

The "Go to Book" for fishing in the Park. Has all the information one needs to find "backcountry

waters" as well as the "hotspots". I've fished Montana for the last 7 years, but have never fished in the Park until last year. This book cut the learning curve by a considerable margin. Not only does he unleash his considerable knowledge of the "spots". He is very complete in informing the angler of the certain flies and times of the year to use them. I read this book practically every time I sit down to the flybench. Just to jog my memory on what to prepare for the coming trip. I wish I had bought this years ago and fished the park alot earlier in my years. Could have cut alot of corners! Thanks Craig---great job!

This is a well written book that will help you figure out what is where as far as streams and lakes go in Yellowstone NP. HOWEVER, if you are looking for information that will actually help you find fish, beware, this book is highly outdated. I recently took a trip to Yellowstone and as an avid fly fisherman was excited about the opportunity to fish there. This book came with the highest reviews so I purchased it as a guide. Unfortunately much of the information in the book was so dated that it was worthless. On the way out of the park one of the lakes that was listed as decent fishing was practically dried up. The picnic areas listed in the book along Yellowstone River are now renamed. Nez Perce is the last picnic area before Sulfur Cauldron. . . And the fish population at the park is scant compared to the excited review in the book. If you'd like to know where the streams are in the park buy this book. If you are looking for reliable guidance, beware, this information in this book is dated. I don't believe that you will find much better information anywhere else though. Good luck on the water.

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