



Fish the Real America

The best trout fishing in North America is contained within the Real America region, with thousands of uncrowded lakes and streams and over 40 species of gamefish.

South Dakota

More than 1,100 square miles of water and a fishing season that never closes await you in South Dakota. Nearly 30 species of fish inhabit the streams and lakes of South Dakota. The Missouri River and Glacial Lakes area offer trophy walleye, northern pike, bass, sauger, salmon, catfish, bluegill and perch. The Missouri River near the Oahe Dam by Pierre is yielding massive trout. Rainbow, brook and brown trout fishing is available in the 14 lakes and 481 kilometers of mountain streams of the Black Hills.

Whether you fly fish for trout in a Black Hills stream, reel in trophy walleye from a Missouri River reservoir, or land bass or crappie from a glacial lake, South Dakota has fishing opportunities for everyone from the pro angler to the weekend enthusiast.

Wyoming

In Wyoming, the Bighorn River near Thermopolis is one of the top five trout fishing waters in the country and yields cutthroat, rainbow and brown trout. Public access is available along most of the rivers, and local guides and outfitters take fishermen to areas of the river where the number of fish caught depends entirely upon the enthusiasm and skill of the fisherman. The North Platte River near Saratoga yields over 2,000 catchable trout per kilometer, and is accessed by local guides and outfitters in flat-bottomed boats.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area offers 150 kilometers of shoreline surrounded by steep canyon walls. Trout, bass and kokanee salmon grow to record size in the 150 meter deep lake. The Snake River near Jackson is also one of the country's top five, and the recent site of the World Fly Fishing Federation competition.

Montana

Three of the five highest rated blue-ribbon trout fisheries in North America are within easy reach of West Yellowstone and Bozeman. The Madison River, which is considered by many fly-fisherman to be the top rated river in all the country, produces thousands of rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout per kilometer. The Gallatin River challenges anglers to some of the most spectacular scenery and fighting trout in the region. And don't forget the Yellowstone River, also a treat for anglers, which provides awesome scenery as it travels north out of Yellowstone Park.

Anglers can wade in a stream, walk along the stream bank below the high-water mark, or float fish on any waters large enough to carry a boat. Let a Montana outfitter or guide show you the fishing vacation of your dreams. They know Montana's waters well, and will help you enjoy Big Sky angling.

North Dakota

Fishing across the state is excellent. North Dakota has fabulous fisheries like Lake Oahe, Lake Sakakawea and

Devils Lake. Devils Lake is known for outstanding Walleye and Lake Sakakawea has a large number of walleye, northern pike and bass. Lake Sakakawea is named for the Native American woman who joined Lewis and Clark 200 years ago and is the third largest manmade lake in the US. It's filled by the Missouri River and contained by Garrison Dam, the country's fifth largest. This huge lake, with more shoreline than California, is home to numerous species, such as walleye, northern pike weighing more than 20 pounds, Chinook salmon, smallmouth bass, white bass, yellow perch, crappie and sauger.

The Missouri River enters North Dakota from Montana just west of Williston. The free-flowing river offers a good setting for sauger and walleye in the spring and fall. The western reaches of the river offer one of the better spots in the country to snag a giant paddlefish in late spring and you will see northern pike and catfish in this area too. The Missouri River system slices through west and central ND and has good catches throughout the system. No matter where you cast in North Dakota, you'll find our walleye, northern pike and perch (to name a few) waiting to hit your line. Plus our fishing is year round.