

# OLD KIRBY PLACE

## on the Madison River



### NEWSLETTER

#### Highlights

■ **Management:** Mike Henry, long time fishing guide on the Madison, will be the manager of the Old Kirby Place this year. Many of you know and have fished with "Montana Mike" over the years and we welcome him aboard. Chris Monkers, our colorful chef, is returning to regale us with fine dining and entertaining stories. Chris and Mike will make a great team.

■ **Rates:** Once again we are holding the line on our rates. Based on customer feedback, we have simplified the uncertainties of tipping. An 18% gratuity will be automatically added to your final invoice, as well as a 7% Montana lodging tax.

Please make your reservations as early as possible to ensure the dates and rooms of choice. Reservations can be made by going to [www.oldkirbyplace.com](http://www.oldkirbyplace.com), click on our e-mail address and give us your desired reservation dates, how many in your party, and your contact information including e-mail, telephone number, and address.

#### Fishing Report 2010

As we await the third weekend in May and the opening of the 2010 fishing season on the Madison our dreams are filled with stone flies, salmon flies, caddis flies, ants, beetles and hoppers. With all the mountains around the Madison Valley full of snow (which equates to good river flows and good lake levels) it looks like we are going to have another summer filled with fabulous fishing.

**June** - As the run off is clearing up and the stone flies begin crawling toward the shore we continue to throw Big Black Uglys and San Juan worms to the banks. The fish are hungry after the long cold winter and are looking for a big and easy meal — it's the time of year that everything starts waking up and the rivers and the lakes are producing very good fishing. It is also the time that the Park is open and the animals are all showing off their spring coats and new family members, the trees are leafing out and the wild flowers are poking their heads up — a beautiful time to be in the Madison Valley.

**July** - "Salmon Flies-Salmon Flies-Salmon Flies-where are they" is all you hear around the dinner table each night. As they continue their march up the Madison from below Ennis, they are probably the most famous hatch that comes off the Madison river and brings fishermen from all over the west and the east. There is nothing quite like seeing a trout rise to one of these big ugly bugs — very exciting! With the big salmon flies we also get yellow sally's golden stones and some mayfly action. This is also the month that kicks off the beginning of the caddis hatch as the big bugs leave until next year. Fishing is good!

**August** - Clouds of caddis can be seen from the Caddis Shack around cocktail hour. This is the time of the summer that the fish are feeding on all sorts of bugs — the terrestrials are just starting and a hopper can bring up a big strike while the ants and beetles bring on subtle rises. The weather is at its best with long warm days, bright blue skies and star filled nights like you have never seen before — it's why we call it "big sky country." It's also the time of the summer that we can fish after dinner until dark with unbelievable action. The lakes turn on with the Trico hatches in the early morning hours and the Celibates hatches start around mid morning and bring on the famous "Gulper" fishing.

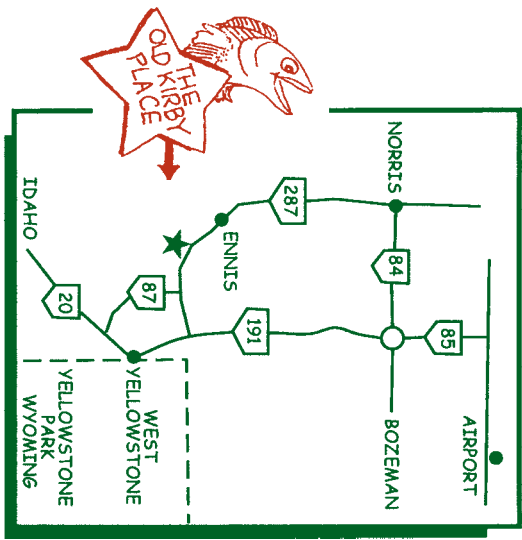
**September** - As the temperatures start falling and the days get shorter the terrestrials are still bringing fish to the surface which makes for great days on the river. The caddis have given way to the beats and streamer fishing can be fun this time of year. The water is cooling off and the browns are just starting their trek up the river to spawn — we change our tactics and flies to meet each challenge. This is the time of year to make sure you have packed your fleece for those cool mornings and evenings.

All the months of summer are great fishing for wild trout on the Madison so lube up those reels, clean your lines, replace those leaders and check the supply of your favorite flies and come fish with us.

#### Calendar of Events for 2010

June 25-26	Madison River Foundation Gala Banquet held at the Old Kirby Place
June – September	Wild West Yellowstone Rodeo held nightly throughout the summer
June – September	Free fly-casting clinic every Sunday afternoon in West Yellowstone
July 3-4	Ennis Rodeo
July 4	Parades in both Ennis and West Yellowstone
August 7	Madison Valley Arts Festival
August 14	Fourteenth Annual Madison River Run
August 21-22	Shedhorn Sports Sixteenth Annual Hunters Rendezvous
September 3-4	Ennis on the Madison Fly Fishing Festival
September 27-30	Tenth Wild Trout Symposium held in West Yellowstone

Bruce Alverson



**Reservations**  
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Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of a 50% deposit. American Express, Mastercard and Visa are accepted. Deposits are refundable if the cancellation is made 45 days prior to arrival. No pets.

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