

# OLD KIRBY PLACE

## on the Madison River



### NEWSLETTER

#### Highlights

- **Management Team:** Manager and Chefs Karl and Nancy Vess spent a portion of the winter in the Florida Keys at a rented property found through a chance meeting with an Old Kirby Place visitor. The rest of the winter was spent remodeling their 1860 home on Cape Cod and hosting dinner parties to try out new recipes for the lodge. They are looking forward to getting back to the mountains and clean Montana air.
- **Outside Changes:** The outside porch on the main house will be expanded to include the entire front wall facing the river. This will allow more seating for the terrific river view while allowing for better protection from the occasional windy weather. The Cabin and the Bunkhouse will get an additional window which will improve both the cross-ventilation and the natural lighting inside.
- **The Annual Hutchins Bridge Party:** The Annual Bridge Party will be held on July 20th. Last year's party was the biggest and most successful so far, attracting over 300 guests and generating \$5,000 which was donated to the Madison County History Association.
- **More Than the Madison:** Fly fishermen are drawn to the Madison River because of its Blue Ribbon standing and its challenge with the promise of a trophy brown or rainbow. But there's more. Lakes abound in the area – just 15 minutes from the Old Kirby Place. Henrys Lake produces cutthroat trout averaging 3-5 pounds, cutthroat rainbow hybrids get up to 12 pounds, and brook trout up to 3 pounds. Hebgen Lake is the perfect place for “gulpers” – surface fishing for huge trout over 5 pounds. Other prominent lakes include Cliff, Wade and Quake. Don't overlook the many small streams just minutes from the Old Kirby Place. They may not produce trophy size fish, but they will enhance your Montana fishing adventure. There's the West Fork of the Madison, Indian Creek, Beaver Creek, and many more.

#### Events of Interest in 2008

**May 17** – The Upper Madison opens for fishing, just two weeks before the Old Kirby Place opening.

**June** – This is run-off time on the Madison which means fewer anglers and usually great fishing. Not having seen fishermen in months, the fish are easiest to dupe now. They are hungry and do not let opportunities to eat pass them by. Nymphing is the game as temperatures start to climb. Great subsurface action this month. The best water clarity is from Hebgen Lake to the Old Kirby Place, just before the West Fork of the Madison enters the river. Large water midges (Chironomids) are hatching on the lakes.

**June 11** – 100th anniversary of the town of West Yellowstone – a celebration is planned.

**June 13** – West Yellowstone Art Show.

**Late June through Mid July** – Salmon flies begin and by July, huge hatches of Caddis, PMD's, Golden Stones, FLAVS, and Mayflies appear in the evening hours.

**July 3-4** – Ennis parade and rodeo, also West Yellowstone parade and fireworks.

**July 20** – ANNUAL HUTCHINS BRIDGE PARTY hosted by the Old Kirby Place.

**Mid July through Mid August** – Attractor dry fly fishing begins using Caddis and Mayfly spinners. The small streams are at their best this time of year. Mid Summer begins the famous “Gulper” fishing on Hebgen and Quake Lakes with Callibaetis and Trico Mayflies.

**August 9** – Madison Valley Arts Festival.

**Mid August through Mid September** – Hoppers, Ants, and Beetles are best. When the Flying Ants hit the water, watch out! Nymphing also produces.

**August 29-31** – Ennis on the Madison Fly Fishing Festival.

**September** – Leaves change, browns get more aggressive, and fish are packing on the pounds for the winter to come. Crisp mornings, warm afternoons, gold, orange and red colors along the river, and few anglers – you have the makings for a time to cherish until next season. Stream fishing picks up as the water cools, small Beatis Nymphs and larger Stonefly Nymphs are especially attractive now.

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 proposed reservation dates, how many in your party, and your e-mail, telephone number and address. Nancy or Karl will contact you soon after.

Hope to see you soon,  
Bruce Alverson

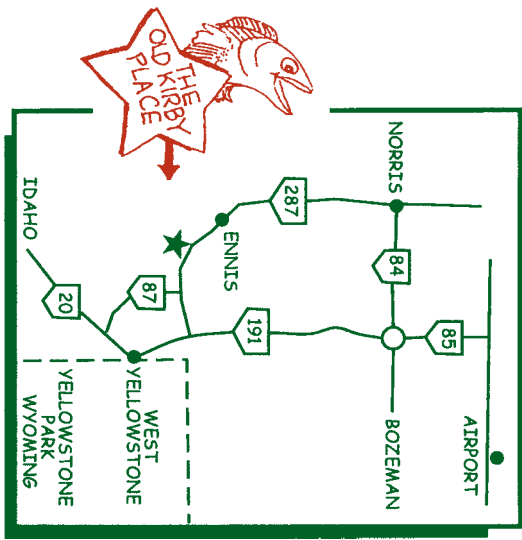


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