

Madison Valley Ranch

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ENDORSED
FLY FISHING
LODGE



1 BELOW ENNIS DAM

Fast pocket water attracts big browns and rainbow. Slippery wading.

2 ENNIS LAKE

Trout and grayling gulpers near mouth of Madison River. Excellent float tube or wade fishing in lake shallows.

3 THE CHANNELS

Explore numerous channels in this wade-fishing only section.

4 ENNIS CAMPGROUND

Walking upstream provides access to numerous easily fished channels. Good caddis hatches.

5 BURNT TREE

Wading can be difficult until water level drops (July 15). Good caddis and streamer area.

6 EIGHT MILE

Single channel area until half mile upstream, then nicely channeled. Good salmonfly and caddis area.

7 VARNEY BRIDGE

Marks the beginning of change in river structure from single to multiple channels. Brown trout become the more dominant species. Heavy salmonfly hatch as well as excellent wading area. Varney to Ennis Campground is a popular float.

8 MCATEE BRIDGE

Single channel flow with mid-stream pocket water. Royal Wulffs, Trudes, and Caddis patterns are excellent producers. Also a takeout point for floats from South Madison or Lyons Bridge.

9 RUBY CREEK CAMPGROUND

Lots of wading access up or downstream. Late afternoon boat traffic. Single channel boulder water.

10 SOUTH MADISON

Scenic area with rock cliffs on west bank. Mid-afternoon boat traffic.

11 LYONS BRIDGE

Popular boat launch site. Starting point of float fishing section. Rest area with dump station, water and picnic ground on east side of river.

12 WEST FORK BRIDGE

Nice campground upstream from bridge on west bank. Lots of wading access, especially on west side. Good dry fly fishing with Wulffs, caddis and hoppers.

13 3 DOLLAR BRIDGE

Road to Cliff and Wade Lakes. Excellent water for the aggressive wader. Catch and release area.

14 RAYNOLDS PASS BRIDGE

Good wading access area. Heavy caddis activity in the evening. Catch and release.

15 SLIDE AREA

Despite its intimidating appearance, this area is very popular with wading anglers. This stretch of river is constantly changing as a result of the 1959 earthquake. Heavy insect populations. Catch and release.



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