

Paddling Montana: Every Creek and Stream

Introduction

Montana is a state of stunning natural beauty, and its rivers are no exception. From the mighty Missouri to the serene Flathead, Montana's rivers offer a wide variety of paddling experiences.

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Chapter 1: The Yellowstone River

Yellowstone Headwaters

The Yellowstone River is one of the most iconic rivers in the United States. It flows for over 600 miles from its headwaters in Yellowstone National Park to its confluence with the Missouri River in North Dakota. The Yellowstone River is known for its beautiful scenery, its abundant wildlife, and its excellent fishing.

The Yellowstone Headwaters are located in the high mountains of Yellowstone National Park. The river begins as a small stream called the North Fork of the Yellowstone River. The North Fork flows through a series of deep canyons and meadows before joining the South Fork of the Yellowstone River to form the main stem of the Yellowstone River.

The Yellowstone Headwaters are home to a variety of wildlife, including elk, deer, moose, bison, and bears.

The river is also home to a variety of fish, including trout, salmon, and whitefish.

The Yellowstone Headwaters are a popular destination for fishing, hiking, and camping. There are a number of developed campgrounds in the area, as well as a number of backcountry campsites.

If you are planning a trip to the Yellowstone Headwaters, be sure to bring your camera. The scenery is breathtaking, and you will want to capture the memories of your trip.

Here are some tips for planning your trip to the Yellowstone Headwaters:

- **Plan your trip in advance.** The Yellowstone Headwaters are a popular destination, so it is important to plan your trip in advance. This will help you secure a campsite and avoid crowds.
- **Be prepared for the weather.** The weather in the Yellowstone Headwaters can be

unpredictable, so be sure to pack for all types of weather.

- **Bring your fishing gear.** The Yellowstone Headwaters are home to a variety of fish, so be sure to bring your fishing gear if you are interested in fishing.
- **Be aware of the wildlife.** The Yellowstone Headwaters are home to a variety of wildlife, so be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to avoid encounters with wildlife.

The Yellowstone Headwaters are a beautiful and unique place to visit. If you are looking for a place to experience the beauty of nature, the Yellowstone Headwaters are the perfect place for you.

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The Upper Yellowstone

The Upper Yellowstone River flows through some of the most beautiful and rugged country in Montana. From its headwaters in the Absaroka Mountains to its confluence with the Bighorn River, the Upper Yellowstone offers a variety of paddling experiences.

The headwaters of the Yellowstone River are located in the Absaroka Mountains, near the town of Cooke City. The river flows north through the Lamar Valley, a broad, glaciated valley surrounded by towering peaks. The Lamar Valley is home to a variety of wildlife, including grizzly bears, wolves, and bison.

After flowing through the Lamar Valley, the Yellowstone River enters the Paradise Valley. The Paradise Valley is a narrow, scenic valley with steep canyon walls and lush meadows. The river flows

through the Paradise Valley for about 20 miles before reaching the town of Gardiner.

Gardiner is a popular starting point for paddling trips on the Upper Yellowstone River. There are several outfitters in Gardiner that offer guided trips and rentals. From Gardiner, the river flows through the Yellowstone National Park. The Yellowstone National Park is home to a variety of natural wonders, including the Old Faithful geyser, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and the Mammoth Hot Springs.

The Upper Yellowstone River is a popular destination for whitewater rafting and kayaking. The river has a variety of rapids, ranging from Class I to Class IV. The most popular whitewater section of the river is the Black Canyon of the Yellowstone. The Black Canyon of the Yellowstone is a 20-mile stretch of river with steep canyon walls and numerous rapids.

The Upper Yellowstone River is also a popular destination for fishing. The river is home to a variety of

fish, including rainbow trout, brown trout, and cutthroat trout. The best fishing is typically found in the spring and fall when the water is cold and clear.

The Upper Yellowstone River is a beautiful and diverse river that offers a variety of paddling experiences. Whether you're looking for a challenging whitewater adventure or a relaxing float trip, the Upper Yellowstone River is the perfect place to paddle.

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The Middle Yellowstone

The Middle Yellowstone River flows through a scenic canyon country, with towering cliffs and rugged badlands. The river is relatively wide and deep, with a moderate current. This makes it a good choice for paddlers of all experience levels.

There are several access points to the Middle Yellowstone River. One popular access point is at Carters Bridge, located about 20 miles east of Billings. Another popular access point is at the town of Big Timber, located about 50 miles east of Billings.

The Middle Yellowstone River is a great place to paddle for a day trip or a multi-day trip. There are several campgrounds located along the river, so you can easily find a place to stay overnight.

One of the highlights of paddling the Middle Yellowstone River is the opportunity to see wildlife.

The river is home to a variety of animals, including deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and bald eagles. You may also see some of the river's resident fish, such as trout, bass, and catfish.

If you're looking for a scenic and relaxing paddling experience, the Middle Yellowstone River is a great choice. The river is relatively easy to paddle, and there are plenty of opportunities to see wildlife and enjoy the scenery.

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