

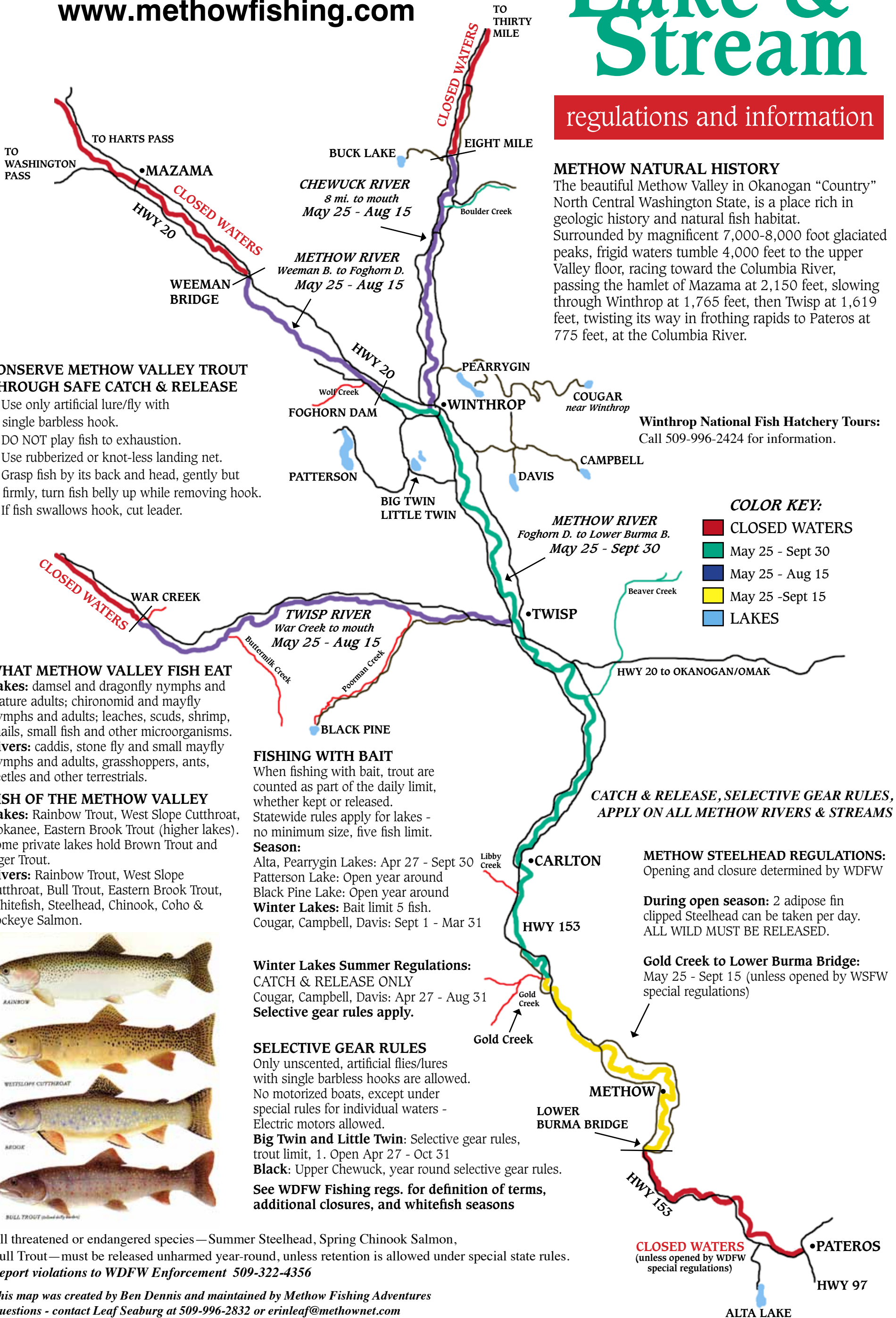
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Methow Valley Lake & Stream

regulations and information



METHOW NATURAL HISTORY

The beautiful Methow Valley in Okanogan "Country" North Central Washington State, is a place rich in geologic history and natural fish habitat. Surrounded by magnificent 7,000-8,000 foot glaciated peaks, frigid waters tumble 4,000 feet to the upper Valley floor, racing toward the Columbia River, passing the hamlet of Mazama at 2,150 feet, slowing through Winthrop at 1,765 feet, then Twisp at 1,619 feet, twisting its way in frothing rapids to Pateros at 775 feet, at the Columbia River.

CONSERVE METHOW VALLEY TROUT THROUGH SAFE CATCH & RELEASE

- Use only artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.
- DO NOT play fish to exhaustion.
- Use rubberized or knot-less landing net.
- Grasp fish by its back and head, gently but firmly, turn fish belly up while removing hook.
- If fish swallows hook, cut leader.

Winthrop National Fish Hatchery Tours:
Call 509-996-2424 for information.

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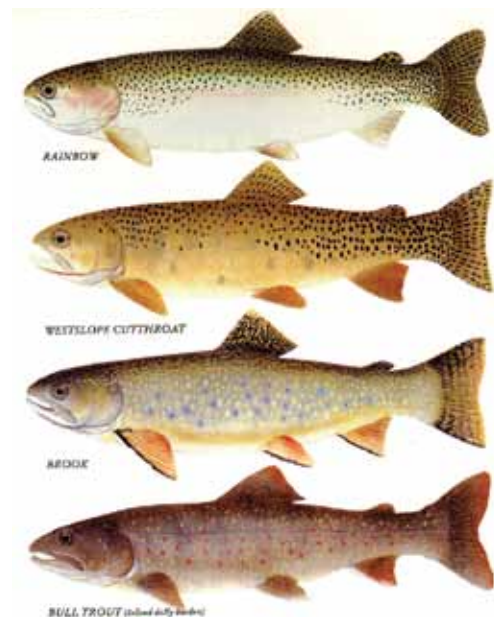
- CLOSED WATERS
- May 25 - Sept 30
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- LAKES

WHAT METHOW VALLEY FISH EAT

Lakes: damsel and dragonfly nymphs and mature adults; chironomid and mayfly nymphs and adults; leaches, scuds, shrimp, snails, small fish and other microorganisms.
Rivers: caddis, stone fly and small mayfly nymphs and adults, grasshoppers, ants, beetles and other terrestrials.

FISH OF THE METHOW VALLEY

Lakes: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Kokanee, Eastern Brook Trout (higher lakes). Some private lakes hold Brown Trout and Tiger Trout.
Rivers: Rainbow Trout, West Slope Cutthroat, Bull Trout, Eastern Brook Trout, Whitefish, Steelhead, Chinook, Coho & Sockeye Salmon.



FISHING WITH BAIT

When fishing with bait, trout are counted as part of the daily limit, whether kept or released. Statewide rules apply for lakes - no minimum size, five fish limit.
Season:
Alta, Pearrygin Lakes: Apr 27 - Sept 30
Patterson Lake: Open year around
Black Pine Lake: Open year around
Winter Lakes: Bait limit 5 fish.
Cougar, Campbell, Davis: Sept 1 - Mar 31

Winter Lakes Summer Regulations:

CATCH & RELEASE ONLY
Cougar, Campbell, Davis: Apr 27 - Aug 31
Selective gear rules apply.

SELECTIVE GEAR RULES

Only unscented, artificial flies/lures with single barbless hooks are allowed. No motorized boats, except under special rules for individual waters - Electric motors allowed.
Big Twin and Little Twin: Selective gear rules, trout limit, 1. Open Apr 27 - Oct 31
Black: Upper Chewuck, year round selective gear rules.
See WDFW Fishing regs. for definition of terms, additional closures, and whitefish seasons

CATCH & RELEASE, SELECTIVE GEAR RULES, APPLY ON ALL METHOW RIVERS & STREAMS

METHOW STEELHEAD REGULATIONS:

Opening and closure determined by WDFW
During open season: 2 adipose fin clipped Steelhead can be taken per day. ALL WILD MUST BE RELEASED.

Gold Creek to Lower Burma Bridge:
May 25 - Sept 15 (unless opened by WSFW special regulations)

All threatened or endangered species — Summer Steelhead, Spring Chinook Salmon, Bull Trout — must be released unharmed year-round, unless retention is allowed under special state rules.
Report violations to WDFW Enforcement 509-322-4356

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