

# Regional Regulations

If a stream or lake is not listed by name or as a tributary, general regulations apply. You must follow bear management and hydrothermal area restrictions listed in the *Backcountry Trip Planner*, which is available in backcountry offices or at [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm).

## Northwest Region:

Includes the Madison and Gallatin river drainages, including Firehole and Gibbon rivers and tributaries.

### Permanently closed to fishing:

- Firehole River from road bridge .5 mile (.8 km) upstream of Old Faithful to road bridge at Biscuit Basin, 200 yards (182 m) either side of Midway footbridge.
- Madison River from Seven Mile Bridge upstream 250 yards (226 m).

**Fly fishing only:** Madison River, Firehole River, Gibbon River below Gibbon Falls (not including their tributaries). Use only artificial flies regardless of the type of rod or line.

### Possession limits

#### *Native Trout Conservation Area:*

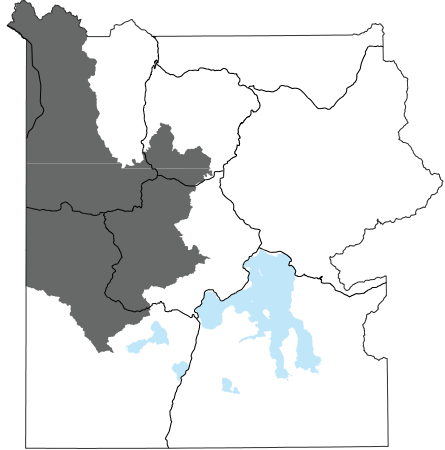
- Catch and release all native fish.
- No possession limit on nonnative fish.

#### *Nonnative Trout Tolerance Area:*

- Limit of 5 brook trout.
- Catch and release all rainbow and brown trout.

### Where to take young anglers

*Norris:* Gibbon River at Virginia Meadows or other meadows;



*Solfatara Creek near Norris campground.*

*Madison:* Gibbon River near Tuff Cliffs; Large meadow areas of the Firehole, Gibbon, and Madison rivers near Madison Junction.

*Old Faithful:* Firehole River at picnic areas; Nez Perce Creek.

### Accessible ramp & platform

At the Mount Haynes Overlook, approximately 3.5 miles (5.6 km) west of Madison Junction. Please see the *Yellowstone Accessibility Guide* or [www.nps.gov/yell](http://www.nps.gov/yell) for more information.