

Guided Fly Fishing Trips in the Heart of the Colorado Rockies

- Options include four Gold Medal-ranked waters operating out of Vail Village and Basalt-Aspen
- Half-day and full-day guided trips are offered daily along more than 60 miles of Gold Medal-ranked waters
- Individual and group experiences available for novices to experts

BROOMFIELD, Colo.—Summer 2017—Running through the famed Rocky Mountains, are Colorado's secret treasures; hundreds of miles of rivers and streams teeming with an abundance of trout, including Cutthroat, Rainbow, Brook, and Brown trout. Earnest fly fishermen and women have been discovering and traipsing along these highly-rated waters in recent decades in pursuit of a classic fishing experience. With the aid and guidance of long-time local guides, visitors and locals can confidently angle and even catch some trophy-sized trout.

Taylor Creek Fly Shop in Basalt, Colorado and Gore Creek Fly Fisherman with five locations in Vail and Beaver Creek, have been guiding novice and experienced anglers by bringing them to hot spots along four different rivers that boast more than 60 miles of Gold Medal waters. The most promising locations vary depending on the time of year, weather, water temperature, and even time of day. That's where the local knowledge is crucial for success and the experienced guides from Taylor Creek and Gore Creek are prepared to share their insider tips and recommendations on half and full day excursions offered any and every day of the year.

Taylor Creek Fly Shop in Basalt, is perched on the banks of the Fryingpan River in the Roaring Fork Valley and a 20-minute drive from Aspen. The prime location is gaining an international reputation among avid anglers as a "bucket list" experience.

In the Vail Valley and Eagle County, there are four locations in Avon and Beaver Creek. Shops are located within Beaver Creek Village, the Westin Riverfront, the Ritz-Carlton in Bachelor Gulch, and central Avon. The flagship Gore Creek shop is located in Avon. It is a quick trip from any of these locations to the Eagle River which runs directly through Vail Village, or just a short drive to the nearby Colorado River. All four rivers pass through mountain valleys and are well-known and enjoyed as world-class fisheries. The Colorado Wildlife Commission confers Gold Medal status to sections of waterways known for being reliable sites for catching many, and large, trout. Only 322 miles of Colorado's 9,000 miles of trout streams have been awarded Gold Medal status and 60 of those miles are in the Roaring Fork Valley—directly located off the back deck of the Taylor Creek Fly Shop.

"Catching a trophy-sized trout is always a thrill for our guests, but the scenery and solitude of the river is a vital part of the experience for most of our guests," said Will Sands, Taylor Creek's long-time store manager and guide. "Along with cooperative fish known for nibbling on a good fly, anglers frequently spot a variety of wildlife during their excursion including bighorn sheep, elk, and bald eagles that live along the Fryingpan and Roaring Fork rivers."

Half and full day trips are available year round.

Guided trips for all ability levels at Taylor Creek start at \$275 for a private half-day trip, \$375 for two anglers, or \$495 for three anglers (\$165 per person). A private full day trip for one is \$375, \$495 for two, and \$700 for three anglers. Float trips are also available for \$450 for a half day and \$595 for a full day. Price includes all supplies and equipment but does not include fishing license, flies, or gratuity. For more information, visit www.taylorcreek.com or call (970) 927-4374.

Half-day trips at Gore Creek start at \$295 for a single angler, \$385 for two, and \$545 for three. Half-day float trips are \$465 for one or two people, and full-day float trips are \$565. The Breakthrough Program for first-timers is an intensive one-day "school" that transforms beginners into competent anglers. For details and options, visit www.gorecreekflyfisherman.com or call (970) 476-3296.

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Wilmot mountains. Shops are also located in select non-Vail Resort's destinations in Aspen, Telluride, and Winter Park. In addition to these mountain resort locations, Vail Resorts Retail also operates in Colorado's Front Range, Northern California, and Minneapolis. These stores focus primarily in winter recreation of ski and snowboard for both retail and rental but also offer gear and services for a variety of outdoor recreational activities, including hiking, camping, biking, and more.

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