

Almost Heaven Trout – May 21-24 2009

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Trip Description	<p>Fly Fishing on the Elk River, near Snowshoe West Virginia</p> <p>We will be fishing one of the east coast's best dry fly rivers hidden away in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia. The Elk River offers brown, brook, and rainbow trout in plentiful numbers. As for size, 14" – 18" would be the typical range but 22" – 26" browns have been caught each year. The Elk is a mixture of spring feed and free stone river and is about 40 – 50 feet wide in most spots. The river is broken into two C&R sections; the upper section (4.5 miles long) is more remote and offers wild trout, the lower section (2 miles of C&R) has easy access with both reproducing and stocked trout. We will see fish rising to BWO, Sulphurs, Isonychia, and Gray Foxes with the evening spinner fall a sight to behold!</p> <p>Other trout fishing opportunities near by are the Williams, Cranberry and Cherry Rivers. Several creeks feeding the Elk offer small stream brookie fishing. If you want to try smallmouth, the Greenbrier River has good fishing for smallies.</p>
Travel	<p>We will be driving on Thursday, May 21 and returning Sunday the 24th. The Elk River is about 6 ½ hours away.</p>
Lodging	<p>We will be staying at The Elk River Touring Center in Slaty Fork. ERTC is a family run operation with a beautiful setting right on one of the spring creeks that feed the Elk River. They offer cabins, a lodge, and "farm house" style rooms. We have reserved one cabin with 5 beds. As that cabin fills up, we will either reserve another cabin or accommodate people in the farm house or lodge. The "farm house" contains 5 rooms with 2 double beds each and shared bath facilities. The lodge also contains 5 rooms with each having a private bath. (web site: http://ertc.com)</p>
Meals	<p>At this point meals are own your own. Cabins have cooking facilities. The lodge offers a breakfast buffet for \$7.50. They also have upscale evening dining (don't worry you can still wear your fishing shirt) for about \$15 - \$20. Plan on packing your own stream side lunch.</p>
License	<p>A West Virginia license for 3 days is about \$40. You can buy them online at: http://www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/License.shtm</p>
Equipment	<p>Four or five weight rods are standard for the Elk. Tippet size starts at 5X and goes down depending on water clarity. The river is easily wadable but a staff can be helpful. Check out this site to keep up to date on hatches and</p>

	<p>flies: http://www.elkspringsflyshop.com/conditions.htm</p>
Guide Info	<p>Elk River Touring Center (our base camp) offers guide services as does Elk Springs Fly Shop (on the lower Elk section). Both businesses have been on the river for several years and would be an excellent choice.</p>
Special Info	<p>Rodney, one of the trip leaders, has fished the Elk for the last 10 years and has a good working knowledge of the area. Rodney will share his knowledge of “hot spots” and flies with the group. Also we will pair up so that no one will end up lost and clueless as to what the fish are doing (well we can’t guarantee that last part because its still fishing you know!).</p>
<p>Registration: How to register – Deadline – Costs – Maximum Participants -</p>	<p>To sign up contact Lee or Rodney, trip coordinators. Contact info at the top of page. Sign up deadline is April 20th The lodging cost will be equally divided among participants and collected by April 27th. The approximate cost, assuming full occupancy in rooms, is a total of \$135 for 3 nights. Meals, fishing license, and etc. are not included. Maximum participation is 9 people.</p>
Local Links	<p>Elk River Touring Center: http://ertc.com Elk Springs Fly Shop: http://www.elkspringsflyshop.com Chat, links and info on WV fishing: http://www.wvangler.com City of Elkins: http://www.cityofelkinswv.com Snowshoe Ski Resort: http://www.snowshoemtn.com Cass Scenic Railroad: http://www.cassrailroad.com</p>