

# North Platte River Gray Reef to Casper

BLM  
Float/Access Guide

## Welcome

While here, you will experience one of Wyoming's most renowned blue ribbon trout fisheries. The cold water of the North Platte River supports an abundance of rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. Anglers relish the cool mornings, relatively uncrowded water, and ambient breezes of this central Wyoming waterway.

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## Public Access

Fishing access on the river is provided on federal lands, State lands and private lands with public easements. Access to these areas may be obtained only on public roads or on routes having public easements. All lands open to public access intersected by public roads may be used for fishing by the public free-of-charge. You can use public land surrounded by private lands if you obtain permission from the landowner, use a public road or float the river. It is important to determine the availability of access to lands intended for use well in advance of your outing.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has a Walk-In Area access program, which provides additional access opportunities on the river. For information on the areas, consult the current Walk-In Area Fishing Atlas or the Game and Fish website at: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/home.aspx>

Private landowners own the streambed on their property. Wading, anchoring and beaching are prohibited on private land without prior permission. It is your responsibility to determine private and public access land boundaries.

**Blue** and **Red** signs are located on the river bank. When approaching a sign: **RED** indicates entering **private land**; **BLUE** indicates entering **public access land**.

### Site Facilities

- 1 Gray Reef Access Area
- 2 Blue Gulch Trailhead
- 3 The Redds
- 4 Pete's Draw
- 5 Ledge Creek
- 6 Lusby Public Fishing Area
- 7 Bolten Creek
- 8 Mile's Landing
- 9 White Tail Landing
- 10 Golden Currant
- 11 By the Way Ranch Public Fishing
- 12 Chalk Bluffs
- 13 Buffaloberry
- 14 Grey Cliff
- 15 Seachrist Public Fishing Area
- 16 Schmitt
- 17 Hartnett
- 18 Wyoming Flycasters Memorial Access Area
- 19 Speck/Bessemer Bend Public Fishing Area
- 20 Robertson Road Public Fishing Area
- 21 Paradise Valley Access Area

### Facility Symbols

- Fee Camping
- Primitive Camping
- Picnic Area
- Public Fishing Access
- Boat Ramp
- Public Restroom
- Interpretive/Historical Site
- Public Access Area
- Access Road
- State Route Marker
- County Road Marker

### Surface Ownership

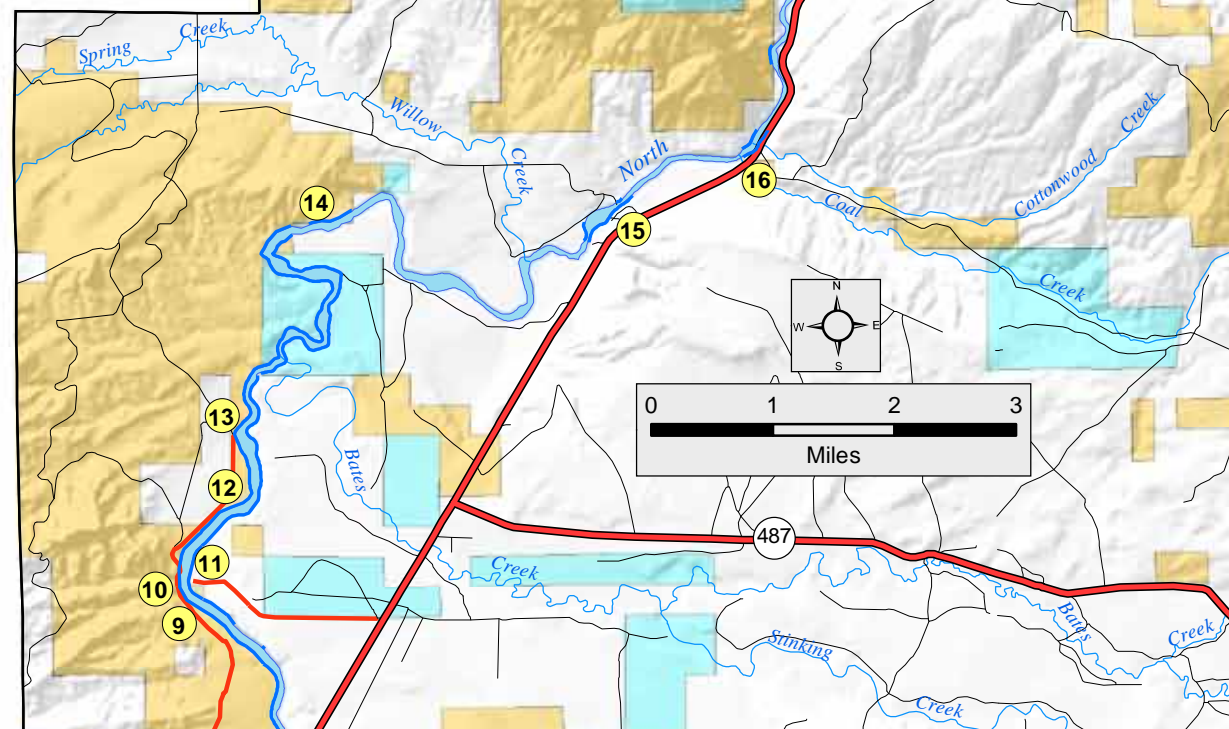
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Private
- State



Red sign indicates private lands.



Blue sign indicates public access.



### FLOAT TIMES FOR THE NORTH PLATTE

FROM	TO	Canoe Time (Hours)	Raft Time (Hours)	Distance (Miles)
Gray Reef	Lusby	3h	4h	8.4
Lusby	Government Bridge	1h45m	2h15m	4.5
Government Bridge	White Tail Landing	0h50m	1h15m	2.3
White Tail Landing	Chalk Bluffs	0h25m	0h35m	1.1
Chalk Bluffs	Sechrest	2h45m	3h45m	7.4
Sechrest	Bessemer Bend	2h20m	3h10m	6.4
Bessemer Bend	Robertson Road	3h15m	4h30m	8.8

\* Please note: These times are approximate for high summers flows. Actual times will vary due to river flows, weather and style of travel.

## Before you go ...

Life is filled with the unexpected. To ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience, careful planning is essential. The following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Plan ahead and provide someone with an itinerary of your trip.
2. Make sure you dress adequately. The weather in Wyoming can vary widely on any given day.
3. Bring high energy food i.e., protein bars, granola, beef jerky.
4. Take extra drinking water.
5. Carry tools and extra fuel for your vehicle and make sure your spare tire is in good condition.
6. Take along a first aid kit.
7. If you're boating, follow Wyoming Watercraft Regulations, avoid the use of alcohol, and watch for changing weather conditions.



## Camping along the North Platte

There are several developed sites along the stretch from Alcova to Casper. There are no fees for day use; however, recreation fees for overnight camping have been implemented for BLM administered campgrounds. Overnight camping is \$10 and \$5 for each extra vehicle. Dispersed camping is permitted on BLM lands that are 2 miles from a developed site. There is no camping on State land without the lessee's permission. Camping is limited to 14 days.

Camping provides the opportunity to get away from it all and builds family traditions. Help to preserve the natural beauty of this area for yourself and generations to come by camping responsibly. Park only in designated parking areas.

1. Whenever possible, use existing campsites. Camp on durable surfaces and place tents on a non-vegetated area. Do not dig trenches around tents.
3. For cooking, use a camp stove. They are always preferred to campfires because of the impact on the land.
4. Observe all fire restrictions. For campfires, use only fallen timber. Gather firewood well away from camp. Never cut standing trees.
5. Do not wash in the river. Detergents, toothpaste, and soap harm fish and other aquatic life. Scatter wash water 200 feet from the water's edge so that it filters through the soil.
6. In areas without toilets, bury human waste. Human waste should be disposed of in a shallow hole (6"-8" deep) at least 200 feet from water.



## License Requirements

A fishing license is required for any angler 14 years or older. Licenses are available at numerous locations in the area where fishing tackle is sold. Fishing regulations vary along this stretch of the river. Check the current Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Fishing Regulations and if you have questions, contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at (307) 473-3400 or within Wyoming (800) 233-8544.

*Remember, it is your responsibility to know the fishing regulations.*

