

# TETON VALLEY LODGE

DRIGGS, IDAHO



*The Fly Shop*  


PRE-TRIP TACKLE & TRAVEL PLANNER

GPS Coordinates: 44°17'15.56"N / 111°27'24.07"W

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### **Getting to Teton Valley Lodge**

Teton Valley Lodge is located just outside the rural ranching community of Driggs, Idaho. The lodge is equidistant from the Jackson Hole, Wyoming, airport (JAC) and the Idaho Falls, Idaho, airport (IDA). Generally speaking, commercial flights to Idaho Falls are less expensive than flying to Jackson Hole, WY.

If you have a private or chartered plane you can fly into Driggs, Idaho.

### **Airport Shuttles (rates can change at any time):**

Prices are per vehicle trip.

Round Trip Idaho Falls (IDA) 1-4 guests = \$325 (about 75-90 minutes each way depending on weather & construction)

Round Trip Jackson (JAC) 1-4 guests = \$225 (about 60-75 minutes each way depending on weather & construction)

Round Trip Driggs airport 1-4 guests = \$75 (15-20 min each way)

There is a \$15 per person fee for more than 4 riders. They can take up to 8 people plus luggage in one vehicle. They do have several transport vehicles and can, and often do, combine vehicles for large groups. To be more efficient for large groups, arrival/departures occasionally a guest may have to leave TVL a little early or have a short wait at the airport until the next guest(s) arrive. They always let all the guests know what the shuttle schedule will be prior to their dates of travel.

### **Driving Directions to Teton Valley Lodge:**

(Please click the links below for driving directions via Google Maps.)

[Jackson, WY to Teton Valley Lodge](#)

[Idaho Falls, ID to Teton Valley Lodge](#)

[Driggs, ID to Teton Valley Lodge](#)

Private aircraft and charters may land at the Driggs Reed Memorial Airport (KDIJ). From Driggs, the lodge will arrange for vehicle transfers to and from.

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## **Trout Tackle & Equipment**

All Rods and Reels are provided at TVL, but we always recommend bringing your own.

### **Fly Rods:**

Multi-piece 6, 5 & 4 weight fly rods will cover most of the fishing situations you'll encounter. If you enjoy streamer fishing, we recommend bringing a nice light weight, fast-action 6 weight. We strongly recommend a multi-piece travel rod (3, 4 or 5 piece). If you had to take one fly rod, take a 6 weight rigged with a floating fly line. Rods you might consider are:

- Scott Fly Rods
- R.L. Winston Fly Rods
- The Fly Shop Signature Series Fly Rods

### **Fly Reels:**

Good quality, lightweight fly reels, with simple disk drags or pawl drags, are the best choice. Reels should be filled with fresh 20-pound backing. Reel models to consider might include:

- The Fly Shop's Signature Reels
- Galvan Fly Reels
- Ross Fly Reels

### **Fly Lines:**

Floating lines (6 weight) are used almost exclusively. If you have a type III sink tip for a 6-7 weight, be sure to bring it along.

- Scientific Anglers Freshwater Floating Lines
- Rio Freshwater Floating Fly Lines

### **Leaders & Tippet:**

Keep it simple on leaders; 9' leaders tapered to 6X, 5X, 4X and 3X (throw in a couple of 7.5' 0X leaders for throwing big bugs). Two - three of each leader size should be plenty. Bring fresh tippet in sizes 6X, 5X, 4X, 3X and 0X. Scientific Angler, Rio, and Seaguar make some of the best tippet and leader material available.

**Note:**

If you would like to bring some flies you tied or some patterns that worked for you in the past, we highly recommend it. TVL guides carry with them all available tackle and a complete selection of the lodge's entire inventory including their custom fly patterns and providing flies, leaders and terminal tackle is part of the package price of your stay.

Month	Insect/Bug	Sizes	Patterns
<b>MARCH-</b>	Midges	#16-20	BH Zebra Midge, Skittering Midge, CDC emerging Midge
<b>MAY</b>	Blue Wing Olive (BWO)	#16-20	CDC Dun, Missing Link, Film Critic, Micro Mayfly Nymph
	March Brown	#12-14	Improved Sparkle Dun, Hunchback March Brown, PT nymph
	Salmon Flies (Giant Stone Fly)	#2-6	Pat's Rubberlegs, Flush Floater, Morning Wood Special
	Streamers (Leeches & Sculpin)	#2-8	Slumpbuster, Home Invader, Sparkle Minnow
	Caddis (Grannom)	#14-18	Olive Jiggy Caddis, Olive Poopah, Silvey's Beaded Pupa
<b>JUNE</b>	Salmon Flies	#2-6	Pat's Rubberlegs, Flush Floater, Morning Wood Special
	March Brown	#12-14	Improved Sparkle Dun, Hunchback March Brown, PT nymph
	Green Drake	#10-12	Foam Profile Green Drake, Missing Link, Hunchback GD
	Golden Stone	#4-8	Crowd Surfer Stone, Morning Wood Special, PB Golden Stone
	Pale Morning Dun	#14-20	Film Critic, Sparkle Stacker, Missing Link, GB Poxystack PMD
	Brown Drake	#8-10	Missing Link, Quigley's Split Flag Adams
	Streamers	#2-8	Slumpbuster, Home Invader, Sparkle Minnow
	Caddis (Spotted Sedge)	#14-18	Amber Jiggy Caddis, Amber Bubbleback, Silvey's Beaded Pupa
<b>JULY</b>	Caddis	#12-20	Missing Link, E/C Caddis, Jiggy Caddis, Poopah
	Flavs	#14-16	Missing Link, Film Critic, Parachute Adams
	Yellow Sally	#14-16	Missing Link Yellow Stone, Silvey's Chubby Sallie
	Golden Stone	#4-8	GB Poxystack Golden Stone, Double Dutch Bug
	Brown Drake	#8-10	Missing Link, Quigley's Split Flag Adams
	Callibaetis	#14-18	Film Critic, Missing Link, Poxystack Callibaetis Nymph
	Green Drake	#10-12	Foam Profile Green Drake, Missing Link, Hunchback GD
	PMD	#14-20	Film Critic, Sparkle Stacker, Missing Link, GB Poxystack PMD
	Hoppers	#6-14	Hopper Grande, Morrish Hopper, Head Turner Hopper
	Trico	#20-24	CDC Trico spinner, Parachute Profile Spinner, LC Cripple

	Mahogany Dun	#16-18	Missing Link, Hackle Stacker, D&D Cripple, Flashback PT
	Streamers	#2-8	Slumbuster, Home Invader, Sparkle Minnow
<b>AUGUST</b>	Hoppers	#6-14	Hopper Grande, Morrish Hopper, Head Turner Hopper
	Beetles	#10-18	Hi-Vis Beetle, Carl's Cicada, Chubby Chernobyl
	Ants	#16-20	Hegan Ant, Carl's Foam Ant, Parachute Ant, Schlotter's Ant
	Tricos	#20-24	CDC Trico spinner, Parachute Profile Spinner, LC Cripple
	Yellow Sally	#14-16	Missing Link Yellow Stone, Silvey's Chubby Sallie
	PMD	#14-20	Film Critic, Sparkle Stacker, Missing Link, GB Poxyback PMD
	Callibaetis	#14-18	Film Critic, Missing Link, Poxyback Callibaetis Nymph
	Caddis	#12-20	Missing Link, E/C Caddis, Jiggy Caddis, Poopah
	Mahogany Dun	#16-18	Missing Link, Hackle Stacker, D&D Cripple, Flashback PT
	Streamers	#2-8	Slumbuster, Home Invader, Sparkle Minnow
<b>SEPT</b>	BWO	#16-20	Missing Link, Film Critic, Hackle Stacker, Micro Mayfly nymph
<b>OCT</b>	Hoppers	#6-14	Hopper Grande, Morrish Hopper, Head Turner Hopper
	Ants	#16-20	Hegan Ant, Carl's Foam Ant, Parachute Ant, Schlotter's Ant
	Beetles	#10-18	Hi-Vis Beetle, Carl's Cicada, Chubby Chernobyl
	Midges	#16-20	RS2 Sparkle Wing, Midge Hanger, Harrop's CDC Midge
	Tricos	#20-24	CDC Trico spinner, Parachute Profile Spinner, LC Cripple
	Mahogany Dun	#16-18	Missing Link, Hackle Stacker, D&D Cripple, Flashback PT
	Streamers	#2-8	Slumbuster, Home Invader, Autumn Splendor, Sex Dungeon
	October Caddis	#6-10	Skating October Caddis, Tungsten October Pupa

## Recommended Clothing and Equipment

### Clothing:

The weather in Eastern Idaho is constantly changing. One afternoon it may be 90° (+) and sunny, down right hot; then only a few hours later it may be windy and hailing. July and August are more stable months and typically high pressure, sunny and hot. You are typically wearing lightweight, sun protective clothing that covers your skin. Early and late season brings more unpredictable and cooler weather, so you should always plan for any possible weather. Clothing strategies should be based on the "layering system." By using the "layering system," anglers can adapt to whatever Mother Nature dishes out. The whole idea behind layering is to trap heated air (generated by your body and stored between the different layers of insulation), thus keeping you warm.

### Here is the formula preferred by the staff at The Fly Shop®:

**1...** Base Layer: Start off with a synthetic fabric next to your skin. This often is a pair of thermal underwear (tops and bottoms) and they usually come in three weights: light, mid and expedition. According to your individual metabolism, pick what is best for you. Synthetic (non-cotton) materials retain little moisture and "wick" moisture away from your skin. This is very important when you are walking in waders or when outside temperatures heat up.

**2...** Thermal Layer: Your second layer of insulation should match the weather and conditions you are going to be fishing in. Lightweight insulation for cool weather, midweight for colder conditions and heavyweight for really frigid days. Fleece is an outstanding choice here in either tops and bottoms or overalls. Merino Wool is also a good choice as it stays warm when damp, though dries very slowly.

**3...** Outer Shell (Rain Jacket & Waders): Your final layer should be a breathable rain jacket and waders.

- 1 set light or mid weight – Patagonia, Simms, and others (tops and bottoms)
- 1 set heavyweight – Patagonia, Simms, and others (tops and bottoms)
- 1 layering jacket – A lighter weight jacket that can fit under your wading jacket or that can be used by itself

### Rain Jacket:

High quality Gore-Tex® type products are the best. Your rain jacket should be 100% waterproof and breathable. Rain jackets must be seam sealed, multi-layered, of QUALITY construction and from a recognized outdoor clothing company. Jackets specifically designed for fly fishermen are the best. We have listed a few of our favorite brands below.

- Skwala
- Patagonia
- Simms

### Wading Equipment:

Although most fishing at TVL is done from drift boats and rafts, there is plenty of opportunity to get out and wade fish. Stocking foot, breathable waders are the only way to go. Neoprene waders are antiquated, do not permit moisture to escape, are heavy and cumbersome and only appropriate for sedentary fishing (float tubing) where insulation is the only concern. "Breathable" waders have

totally revolutionized wading equipment. You will experience little or no moisture build-up inside the waders, even after a long hike; they wear like iron, and are comfortable to be in all day. Lastly, "Breathable" waders take up a fraction of the space neoprene waders take-up when packed in your duffel bag. All waders should be worn with synthetic fiber under-wader wear for maximum comfort, minimum moisture retention, and warmth. For safety we strongly recommend wearing a wading belt at all times.

- Patagonia Waders
- Skwala Waders
- Simms Waders

On the hot summer days of July and August wet wading can be a great choice. This does not mean leave your waders at home, but a pair of wading socks and quick dry shorts is all the extra things you need and you will have the option to wet wade.

### **Socks:**

Anglers should bring enough socks to alternate on a daily basis. For a week's fishing trip, three pairs should be fine. Do not wear the same socks every day, but alternate, leaving one pair to dry and air while wearing the other set. Wool, polypro or a combination of both are the best choices in sock material. Try on your socks with your waders and wading boots before you leave for your trip to ensure that you have plenty of room to move your toes. Being unable to move your toes and cramping of your feet in your wading boots are the biggest reasons for numb toes and cold feet. We've experienced great success with the disposable air-activated heating pads available at many outdoor stores. Removal from the cellophane wrapper activates them and they then simply stick to the outside of socks for hours of cozy warmth.

- 2 - 3 pair of Wading Socks

### **Wading Boots:**

Felt soled wading boots are highly recommended as they offer superior traction when wet. A good pair of wading boots will also offer better ankle support for wading and for hiking to and from waters. Felt is still allowed in Idaho and Montana, but keep in mind it is illegal to use felt boots in Yellowstone National Park. Simms, Patagonia and Korkers make some good models to consider. Korkers are nice because you can change out soles for each situation. For the most part the rivers fished by Teton Valley Lodge do not pose any real difficult wading situations, however the mostly gravel bottoms do get covered in algae (slime) and can be slippery. In these situations, studded boots can be handy. Gravel guards are a must. Make sure if you are bringing felt wading boots, they are clean and dry to prevent the spread of invasive species. If you are fishing during summer months, consider bringing some wading sandals or wading shoes such as Astral's or some kind of outdoor sandal like Tevas or Chacos.

- Simms Wading Boots
- Korkers Wading Boots
- Patagonia Wading Boots
- Astral Wading Shoes

**Wool or Polypropylene Gloves:**

For Early and late season, fingerless gloves are great for cold and or rainy days. Neoprene gloves are fine, but retain a lot of water when wet. We have had the best success with synthetic or wool gloves.

- Simms Half-finger Gloves or Flip-mitts

**Fishing Vest or Tackle/Vest Pack:**

For vests, we like high quality products that offer options. Many of the best new vests can be attached to your favorite backpack, sling or pack. Choose one that has room for a rain jacket, or camera in the back. Brands we like are Patagonia, Simms and Fishpond. If you prefer a tackle pack, take a good look at Fishpond, Patagonia, or Simms.

**Small Day Pack:**

This can be an important article to include while packing. We like a waterproof, top-loader day pack that can hold extra gear, clothes, flies, camera, snacks, etc.

**Boat Bag:**

A waterproof boat "dry bag" can be extremely handy for storing extra clothes, tackle and camera equipment while on a raft. The whitewater type "dry bags" are the best.

**Fishing Hat:**

July and August in Idaho and Montana can be clear and bright with lots of sun. A good hat to keep the glare off your eyes and the sun off your face is imperative. Look for a hat that is comfortable and that has a good size brim.

**Line Clippers, Pliers, Hemostats, & Hook File:**

These are essential to any fisherman and should not be left behind.

**Polarized Sunglasses:**

Fly fishing is often a very visual experience. Spotting the fish is part of the excitement, and part of the challenge. Good quality polarized sunglasses are a must. Polarized sunglasses not only let you spot fish more effectively, but also protect your eyes from the intense sunlight experienced in Idaho, as well as hooks. Costa and Smith make some of the best in the industry.

**Camera:**

Waterproof digital or splash-proof digital cameras are handy. If you are going to take your digital SLR camera, make sure you have a waterproof case for it. The best waterproof cases we have found to protect expensive camera equipment are made by Pelican Products, [www.pelican.com](http://www.pelican.com). Don't forget your flash unit.

**Headlamp:**

Our favorite is the Loon Nocturnal Headlamp, preferring models with LED bulbs.

**Sun Protection:**

The summer weather in Idaho and Montana is generally pleasant with average temperatures ranging between the low 60's and mid 90's. Wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, and frequent use of sun block (SPF 30+ UVA/UVB) are highly recommended. Sun gloves will save the backs of your hands.



**Bug Repellent:**

Although bugs are usually not too big a problem in Idaho and Montana especially mid-summer. But there are spots with some biting insects and mosquitos and a bottle of bug dope with active ingredient DEET is not a bad idea to include in your tackle bag.

**Camp Shoes:**

After a long day of fishing, it's nice to get out of your waders and slip into a comfortable pair of shoes to wear around the lodge. Crocs are a great choice and super lightweight.

**Wading Staff:**

If you use a wading staff on your home waters, then bring it, it will come in handy.

**Gratuities:**

Gratuities are a personal decision based on services rendered. Normally, guides are tipped daily as you may have a different guide each day. We recommend that you tip your guide on a daily basis, somewhere in the nature of \$100 - \$150 per day, per boat/guide (usually shared between two anglers). For the lodge staff, (chefs, housekeeping, wait staff, etc.) we recommend \$50 per day per person. If you have any questions concerning gratuities, please feel free to call or ask the lodge owner for guidelines.

**Credit cards:**

All major credit cards are accepted at Teton Valley Lodge.

**Hunting and Fishing licenses:**

You can purchase your Idaho fishing license at the lodge or you can save some time and purchase online in advance of your trip from Idaho Fish & Game. [Idaho Fishing License](#)

**Communications**

At Teton Valley Lodge you can expect modern communications, including Wi-Fi at the lodge and all buildings on the property. Cell service is limited depending on your carrier. Sprint seems to provide a little better reception than other carriers.

**Dining**

Dining at Teton Valley Lodge is a five-star affair. You will savor the impeccably prepared cuisine by their three chefs and staff. Rich breakfasts and four-course dinners are served in the dining room, family-style. The dining room is a great place to share stories of the day's conquests and build and cultivate friendships. Also available in the dining room are local microbrews on tap and an excellent wine list served with dinner.

**Liquor:**

The lodge will provide microbrews on tap and in the bottle along with wine at dinner. You are welcome to bring your own sprits and the lodge will provide all the mixers and plenty of ice.

## Teton Valley Lodge Travel Checklist

### Must have Items

- Airline Tickets and this travel planner
- Valid Passport or Real ID
- Wallet (Cash for Tip, Credit Cards)
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Headlamp
- Waders
- Wading Belt
- Wading Boots
- Wading Socks (For Wet wading)
- Toiletry Articles
- Prescription Medications
- Rain Jacket
- Light Socks
- Heavy Socks
- Slacks, Pants
- Quick Dry Shorts/Pants (wet wading)
- Undershirts, under shorts
- Under-wader wear
- Light pile or fleece pants
- Fishing Hat (Sun Hat)
- Stocking cap
- Fleece or layering jacket/pullover
- Long-sleeved Fishing shirts
- Short-sleeved Shirts
- Sun Screen SPF 30+
- Lip Balm
- Fishing License
- Smartphone or Tablet with charger

### Optional Items

- Fly Rods
- Fly Reels (Appropriate Line/Backing)
- Spare Spools, Spare Lines
- Bandana or Buff
- Smart phone/Tablet
- Leaders
- Tippet
- Split shot
- Fly boxes (Dries, Streamers, Nymphs)
- Floatant
- Indicators
- Tools (Nippers, Scissors, Hemostats)
- Hook file or Stone
- Knot Tool
- Fishing Vest/Day Pack
- Boat Bag
- Garbage/Zip-Lock bags
- Short-sleeved Shirts
- Shorts
- Belt
- Camp Shoes
- Fishing Gloves
  - Sun Gloves (Summer)
  - Fleece Gloves (Fall/Winter)
- Pen and Pencil
- Reading Book
- Water Bottle (Hydro flask)
- Reading Glasses
- Extra pair of Sunglasses
- Camera, battery charger, storage cards
- Tape measure
- Insect Repellent
- Aspirin
- Wading Staff
- Flask