

Approved 2023 Open Water Fishing Contests

Region	Contest Name	Date and Time	Waterbody	Fish Species	Contest Sponsor	ALS #	Contact Person	Phone Number
R1-R5	Western Native Trout Challenge	January 1-December 31, 2023	R1-R5 Lakes & Reservoirs	Westslope & Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	Western Native Trout Initiative/WAFWA	01/01/1500-3233	Therese Thompson	303-236-4402
R1	2023 Fall Mack Days	September 14- November 12, 2023 Daylight-Dark	Flathead Lake	Lake Trout	CSKT	01/01/1500-38	Cindy Benson	406-675-2700 ext. 7294 OR 406-270-3386
R1	2023 Spring Mack Days	March 16-May 14, 2023 Daylight-Dark	Flathead Lake	Lake Trout	CSKT	01/01/1500-38	Cindy Benson	406-675-2700 ext. 7294 OR 406-270-3386
R1	Big Sky Bass Bash Echo Lake (April)	April 22, 2023 7am-3pm	Echo, Abbott, Peterson	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	Treasure State Angler Circuit	01/01/1500-3139	Chancy Jeschke	406-314-8024
R1	Big Sky Bass Bash Echo Lake (September)	September 30, 2023 7:30am-3pm	Echo, Abbott, Peterson	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	Treasure State Angler Circuit	01/01/1500-3139	Chancy Jeschke	406-314-8024
R1	Bull Lake Pike Strike	June 17-18, 2023 6am-4pm	Bull Lake	Northern Pike	Halfway House Bar & Grill	01/01/1500-3061	Jason Williams	406-295-4358
R1	Cabinet Gorge	July 8 22, 2023 6am-3pm *DATE CHANGE*	Cabinet Gorge Reservoir	Northern Pike	North Idaho Pike Assoc	01/01/1500-3222	Brock Morrow	208-661-6303
R1	Fall Frenzy	September 9-10 , 16-17 2023 7am-4pm *DATE CHANGE*	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Northern Pike	North Idaho Pike Assoc	01/01/1500-3222	Brock Morrow	208-661-6303
R1	Koocanusa Resort & Marina 21st Annual Derby	May 20-21, 2023 12:01am-2pm	Lake Koocanusa	Rainbow Trout, Kokanee Salmon	Koocanusa Resort & Marina	01/01/1500-30	Randy Burch	406-293-7474
R1	MT Bass Nation Qualifier (Noxon)	August 19-20, 2023 Safe Light-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	MT Bass Nation	01/01/1500-3156	Levi Ployhar	406-270-2115

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R1	MT Bass Nation Buddy Tournament	May 6-7, 2023 Safe light-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	MT Bass Nation	01/01/1500-3156	Levi Ployhar	406-270-2115
R1	MT TBF Student Angler Federation	October 14, 2023 8am-3:30pm	Flathead Lake, River & Sloughs	Largemouth Bass	MT Student Anglers	01/01/1500-3403	Randy Siemens	406-249-1132
R1	Noxon Spring *CANCELLED*	June 17-18, 2023 7am-4pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Northern Pike	North Idaho Pike Assoc	01/01/1500-3222	Brock Morrow	208-661-6303
R1	TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier (April)	April 23, 2023 7am-3pm	Echo, Abbot, Peterson Lakes	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	TBF of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier (August)	August 5, 2023 6am-3pm	Lower & Middle Thompson Lakes	Largemouth Bass	TBF of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier-TBF High School	April 29-30 May 13-14, 2023 7am-3pm *DATE CHANGE*	Flathead Lake River & Sloughs	Largemouth Bass	TBF/ABA of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	TBF/ABA Buddy Series Qualifier-TBF High School Championship	May 20-21, 2023 6am-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	TBF of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	TBF Draw Series Qualifier	June 3-4, 2023 6am-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	TBF of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	TBF Semi-Final MT vs ID	September 23-24, 2023 Safe light-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	TBF of Montana	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R1	Tobacco Valley Rod & Gun Fishing Derby	Sept. 23th-24th, 2023 7am-3pm	Lake Koocanusa	Rainbow Trout, Salmon	Tobacco Valley Rod & Gun Club	01/01/1500-22	Rose Carvey	406-291-2173

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R1	Tri-State Open Buddy Tournament	July 29-30, 2023 6am-3pm	Noxon Rapids Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	Clark Fork Anglers/TBF of Montana/ABA	01/01/1500-3155	Don Collins	406-261-3924
R3	2023 Youth Fly Fishing Natinal Championships	October 7-8, 2023 8am-6pm	Dailey Lake	Rainbow Trout	Brian Kimmel/US Youth Fly Fishing Team	01/01/1500-3180	Brian Kimmel	406-209-5294
R3	Kids Day Fishing Contest	June 17, 2023 10am-1pm	Blacktail Meadows Kids Fishing Pond	Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout	Beaverhead Outdoors Assoc.	01/01/1500-3157	Gene Loder	406-925-1811
R4	Ackley Lake Club Summer Fishing Derby	June 3-4, 2023 8:00am-4:00pm	Ackley Lake	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Tiger Muskie	Ackley Lake Club	01/01/1500-20	Lewis Reedy	406-423-5645
R4	Augusta Kids Fishing Derby	July 15, 2023 9am-2pm	Willow Creek Reservoir	Rainbow Trout	August Area Chamber of Commerce		Tammy Dellwo	406-925-0605
R4	Broadwater Rod & Gun Walleye Derby	July 15 8am-3pm	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Walleye, Carp, Northern Pike	Broadwater Rod & Gun Club	01/01/1500-19	Debi Randolph OR Doug Breker	406-451-6035 OR 406-949-0070
R4	Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival	June 24-25, 2023 6am-3pm	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Walleye, Carp, Northern Pike	Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce	01/01/1500-3292	Tim Denton	406-600-3473
R4	Fort Benton Spring Classic Fishing Derby	June 2-4, 2023 5pm-1pm	Missouri River Teton River Marias River	Channel Catfish, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Common Carp, Walleye, Goldeye, Fresh Water Drum, Burbot, Yellow Perch, Shovelnose Sturgeon	Fort Benton Community Improvement Assoc	01/01/1500-47	Dustin Lehman	406-799-6358

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R4	John Arnold Memorial	August 18 8am-3pm	Hauser Reservoir	Walleye, Northern Pike	Walleyes Unlimited-UMRC	01/01/1500-3255	Josh Starkel	406-250-7203
R4	Lewistown Bowhunters Assoc Carp Quest	July 8, 2023 First light-4pm	Petrolia Reservoir	Carp	Lewistown Bowhunters Assoc	01/01/1500-49	Stephen LePage	406-535-5636
R4	Lions Club Father's Day Fish Derby	June 18, 2023 7am-3pm	Newlan Creek Reservoir	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Kokanee Salmon	WSS Lions Club	01/01/1500-34	Gerald Zarr	406-547-3802
R4	Montana Bowhunters Assoc Carp Safari	June 10 First Light-3pm	Canyon Ferry Reservoir	Carp	Montana Bowhunters Assoc	01/01/1500-57	Kevin Robinson	406-531-8243
R4	Tiber Tournament	July 22-23, 2023 7am-4pm	Tiber Reservoir	Walleye	Walleyes Unlimited-Great Falls Chapter	01/01/1500-2882	Ray Cole	406-868-2028
R5	17th Annual Yellowstone Challenge	May 13, 2023 10am-6pm	Yellowstone River	Catfish	Montana Catfish Assoc.	01/01/1500-2942	Brady Flaten	406-230-1018
R5	Bighorn Carp Tournament	June 9 10:00am-4:00pm	Bighorn Reservoir	Carp	Bighorn River Alliance	01/01/1500-352	Anne Marie Emery OR Melissa Lobardozi	406-534-2915 OR 208-520-6290
R5	EMBA/ABA Qualifiers	June 3, 2023 Sunrise-4pm	Bighorn Reservoir	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	EMBA	01/01/1500-3142	Joe Taylor	406-670-6235
R5	NBAA Qualifier July	July 8-9, 2023 6:00am-4:00pm	Bighorn Reservoir	Smallmouth Bass	NBAA	01/01/1500-3142	Richard Gilmore	406-208-0564
R5	NBAA Qualifier Oct	October 14-15, 2023 6am-4pm	Bighorn Reservoir	Smallmouth Bass	NBAA	01/01/1500-26	Richard Gilmore	406-208-0564
R6	23rd Annual Pikemasters Tournament	June 10-11, 2023 7am-3pm	Fort Peck	Northern Pike, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass	MT Pikemasters	01/01/1500-23	Clay Buckmiller	406-860-7435

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R6	23rd Annual Womens Fishing Contest	July 29, 2023 7am-3pm	Fort Peck	Walleye Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass	Walleyes Unlimited Glasgow Fort Peck Chapter	01/01/1500-2882	Jill Meiers	406-263-7553
R6	24th Annual Milk River Catfish Classic	June 3 4pm-12am	Milk River	Channel Catfish	MT Catfish Assoc	01/01/1500-59	Brenner Flaten	406-263-7909
R6	36th Annual MT Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament	July 14-15, 2023 7am-4pm July 13 Guys & Gals 8am-12pm	Fort Peck	Walleye Northern Pike	Glasgow Chamber of Commerce	01/01/1500-2941	Lisa Koski	406-228-2222
R6	Crooked Creek Walleye Classic	May 19-20, 2023 7am-4pm	Fort Peck	Walleye	Walleyes Unlimited-Crooked Creek Chapter	01/01/1500-352	Mike Gapay	406-350-0120 or 406-366-0898
R6	EMBA/ABA Qualifiers (September)	Sept. 16-17, 2023 Sunrise-4pm	Fort Peck	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	EMBA	01/01/1500-449	Joe Taylor	406-670-6235
R6	Fishin' For The Cure	August 12 7am-3pm	Fort Peck	Walleye Northern Pike	Fishin' For The Cure	01/01/1500-31	Tyler Schlosser	701-290-2415
R6	Fresno Challenge	June 10-11, 2023 7am-4pm	Fresno Reservoir	Walleye, Northern Pike	Walleyes Unlimited-Fresno Chapter	01/01/1500-35	Steve Chvilicek	406-262-3199
R6	Hell Creek Walleye Tournament	July 22-23, 2023 7am-3pm	Fort Peck	Walleye, Northern Pike	Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter	01/01/1500-35	Casey Thomas	406-977-2718
R6	Hell Creek Women's Walleye Tournament	June 24, 2023 7am-3pm	Fort Peck	Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass	Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter	01/01/1500-35	Tristan MacDonald or Bethany Ryan	406-853-2052 or 406-939-0976
R6	Jerry Johnston Memorial Tough Guy Tournament	April 15 May 6, 2023 8am-4pm *DATE CHANGE*	Fort Peck	Walleye, Northern Pike	Walleyes Unlimited-Jordan Chapter	01/01/1500-3156	Clyde Phipps	406-977-2200
R6	MT Bass Nation Qualifier (Fort Peck)	September 9-10, 2023 Safe light-3pm	Fort Peck	Smallmouth Bass	MT Bass Nation	01/01/1500-3339	Levi Ployhar	406-270-2115

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R6	NBAA Qualifier Sept	September 23-24, 2023 6am-4pm	Fort Peck	Smallmouth Bass	NBAA	01/01/1500-3337	Richard Gilmore	406-208-0564
R6	Rock Creek Tournament	June 3-4, 2023 7am-4pm	Fort Peck	Walleye Northern Pike	Walleyes Unlimited Circle Chapter	01/01/1500-352	Chris Kwasney	406-974-7489
R7	EMBA/ABA Qualifiers	Sept. 9, 2023 Sunrise-4pm	Tongue River	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	EMBA	01/01/1500-3291	Joe Taylor	406-670-6235
R7	Fire on the Water	April 29, 2023 8am-4pm	Yellowstone River	Channel Catfish	Custer County Fire	01/01/1500-3290	Whitney Hilliard	406-853-0222
R7	Glendive Walleye Tournament	Sept. 23, 2023 8am-4pm	Yellowstone River	Walleye	Visit Glendive	01/01/1500-3290	Steve Linder	406-939-5925
R7	Glendive Catfish Tournament	May 20, 2023 8am-4pm	Yellowstone River & tributaries	Channel Catfish	Visit Glendive	01/01/1500-2882	Steve Linder	406-939-5925
R7	Monster Catfish Roundup	July 15, 2023 7am-3pm	Yellowstone River	Channel Catfish	MT Catfish Assoc	01/01/1500-17	Steve Harris	406-489-1170
R7	Savage Volunteer Fire Dept. Catfish Tournament	June 10, 2023 7:30a-4:00pm	Yellowstone River-Cottonwood Creek downstream to Sidney Bridge	Catfish	Savage Volunteer Fire Dept.	01/01/1500-3051	Brady Reuter OR Jason Nelson	406-480-9041 OR 406-776-2474
R7	Yellowstone River Classic	September 16, 2023 8am-4pm	Yellowstone River & Tongue River	Walleye, Smallmouth Bass	Walleyes Unlimited-Miles City Chapter	01/01/1500-2989	Ramon Dyba	406-853-0487
R7	Yellowstone River Rats Walleye Tournament	October 14, 2023 8am-4pm	Yellowstone River & tributaries	Walleye, Northern Pike	Yellowstone River Rats		Todd Dooley	701-580-4227