I. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 490 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 752-5501 for fishing regulations, stocking lists, boating regulations, fishing information guides, lake contour maps.

II. Several useful maps for finding your way around the area are on sale at U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts or at the Forest Supervisor's Office:

- Flathead National Forest, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 758-5200
- Kootenai National Forest, 506 Highway 2 West, Box AS, Libby, MT 59923; (406) 293-6211
- Lolo National Forest, Fort Missoula - Bldg. 24, Missoula, MT 59802; (406) 329-3750

III. The following sporting goods stores can provide information on current fishing conditions and fishing tackle:

- Bigfork: Two River Gear Flyfishing (406) 837-3474, Ferndale Market (406) 837-5597, Pap's Woods Bay Market (406) 837-4884
- Columbia Falls: Arends Sporting Goods (406) 892-2123
- Eureka: Northwest Sports (406) 297-0888
- Hungry Horse: Glacier Fly Shop (406) 387-4079
- Lakeside: Sliters Ace Hardware (406) 844-2442
- Libby: Highline Sports (406) 293-8178, Libby Sport Center (406) 293-4641, Mac's Market (406) 293-8693, Koocanusa Resort & Marina (406) 293-7474
- Kalispell: Sportsman and Ski Haus (406) 755-6484, Snappy Sport Senter (406) 257-7525, Wal-Mart (406) 257-7535
- Plains: Plains Service, Inc. (406) 826-5969
- Polson: Wal-Mart (406) 883-9211
IV. For fly anglers, a size 5 or 6 fly outfit with a floating double taper or weight forward line will handle most fishing situations in the area. Some popular local patterns are:

Dry: Adams, Elk-hair Caddis, Humpy, Renegade, Joe’s Hopper, Light Cahill, Wulff’s, Royal Coachman, PMD (Pale Morning Dun), Stimulator

Wet: Western Coachman, Royal Trude, Wooly Worm, Wooly Bugger

Nymphs: Hare’s Ear, Montana Nymph, Girdle Bug, Zug Bug, Prince Nymph

Streamers: Muddler, Spruce Fly, Marabou Muddler

Fly sizes generally range from 10-16.

V. Check with the local Chamber of Commerce or the above sporting goods stores for the names and addresses of local fishing guides.

Travel Montana, 1424 9th Ave., P.O. Box 200533, Helena, MT 59620-0533; (800) 847-4868
Flathead Convention and Visitor Bureau, PO Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911; (406) 756-9091 or (800) 543-3105

Chamber of Commerce Offices:
Kalispell—15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901; (406) 758-2800
Bigfork—PO Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911; (406) 837-5888
Columbia Falls—Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912; (406) 892-2072
Eureka—Box 186, Eureka, MT 59917; (406) 889-4636
Lakeside-Somers—Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922; (406) 844-3715
Libby—P.O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923; (406) 293-4167
Plains/Paradise—Box 1531, Plains, MT 59859; (406) 826-4700
Polson—Box 667, Polson, MT 59860; (406) 883-5969
Thompson Falls—Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873; (406) 827-4930
Whitefish—Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937; (406) 862-3501
VI. For some reading materials on Montana fishing waters, you might want to pick up one or more of the following books from your library or local bookstore:

*The Montanan’s Fishing Guide* by Dick Konizeski; Waters WEST of the Continental Divide. This book would be helpful as it provides contour maps of some of the larger lakes as well as to what species can be found in that body of water. West Volume updated in 1998 by Bill Archie.

*The Montana Angling Guide* by Chuck Fothergill and Bob Sterling which describes fisheries as well as providing good area maps to locate the fishing holes and access points.

*The Angler’s Guide to Montana* by Mike Sample details 16 major trout streams, 70 of their tributaries, and 108 lakes and reservoirs—includes Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

*Montana Fishing* by Dale Burke.

A Fisherman’s Guide to Selected Lakes in Northwest Montana, Volumes 1 and 2 by John E. Moore. Provides detailed information on selected lakes in regard to access, camping, fishing information and wildlife viewing opportunities.