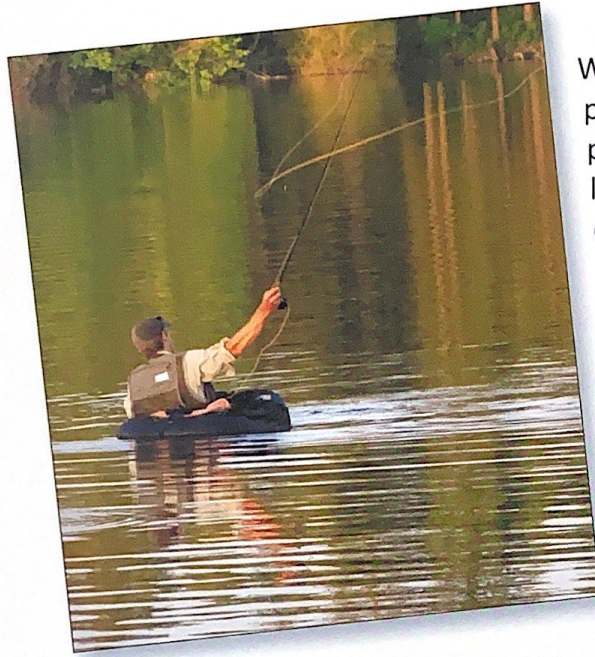


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Union County



With several picturesque rivers, pristine mountain lakes, and easily-accessed reservoirs, it's easy to see why Union County is a fisherman's destination.

Whether you're an angler or enjoy fly fishing, fish from the bank or a boat,

any fishing enthusiast can find an ideal spot to hook wild and stocked rainbow trout, catfish, bass and salmon. Union County's rivers offer some of the best steelhead opportunities in the Northwest.

The Grande Ronde River, Catherine Creek, and several smaller creeks and rivers flow out of the surrounding Blue and Wallowa mountains onto the valley floor. The Minam, Wallowa, and Powder rivers all weave along Union County's borders, while the Grande Ronde River meanders south to north. In the higher elevations, glacial lakes and crystalline streams await.



Favorite Fishing Spots

Morgan Lake

This city park is just 5 miles from downtown La Grande. Stocked with rainbow trout. Boat launch (non-motorized boats only), pier. Overnight camping permitted.

Access via B Ave., La Grande

Thief Valley Reservoir

Best known for fishing, this reservoir is tucked among sage-covered hills east of North Powder. Premier rainbow trout and crappie fishing, also good brown bullhead, largemouth bass and bluegill. Primitive campground, boat launch.

Hwy 237 to Medical Springs Road

Catherine Creek

Start at Catherine Creek State Park and work your way in either direction. The icy waters are good for rainbow trout and steelhead, fly fishing or angling. Developed campgrounds for overnights, restrooms, picnicing.

Hwy 203, 24 miles SE of Union

Minam Recreation Area

This state park is located in a remote, steep valley along the Wallowa River, and is a favorite for fly fishing and angling alike. Spring steelhead fishing, unimproved boat ramps, primitive camping.

Hwy 82, 34 miles N of La Grande

Wolf Creek Reservoir

Fed by Anthony and Wolf creeks, this favorite spot is good for rainbow trout and crappie. The area provides primitive camping and boating facilities.

I-84 exit 283, W on Wolf Creek Lane

Grande Ronde River

The Grande Ronde River meanders through Union County and offers many riffles and deep pools. Favorites are along I-84 between Hilgard Junction and Perry (exit I-84 at 248 or 252 then hike up- or downstream). Also good at the Wallowa River confluence north of Elgin.

I-84, exits 248 & 252; Hwy 82, Palmer Junction Road



License & Regulations

Purchase your Oregon fishing license from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife in La Grande at 107 20th or online at www.dfw.state.or.us/online_license_sales

You can also purchase a license and pick up regulations at Bi-Mart, 2510 Adams Ave., La Grande.

For regulations and resources, visit Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife at www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/easy_angling