You can work toward the following youth fishing challenges on these trips:

- Wild One
- Trout Trio
- Cutt Slam
- Habitat Counts
- X-Stream Angler

Regional fishing opportunities near Jackson, Hoback Junction and Grand Teton National Park.
What better way to spend the day than to fish with the Grand Teton as your backdrop? You can fish from shore or launch a boat on Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park 40 miles north of Jackson on Hwy 191. Snake River cutthroat trout, lake trout and brown trout can be caught from shore to complete the “Trout Trio” challenge, and there is always the chance for trophy size lake trout. If you prefer to fish a river, the Snake River below Jackson Lake Dam is a great tailwater fishery too!

A world renowned destination fishery, the Snake River is a hard spot to pass up. This iconic western river offers numerous opportunities for float or wade fisherman to catch Snake River cutthroat trout and mountain whitefish that will count towards the “Cutt Slam” and “Wyoming’s Wild One” challenges. After fishing the Snake River, take the Gros Ventre road from the Gros Ventre Junction on Hwy 191 past the town of Kelly and onward to Lower Slide Lake. Formed by a huge landslide in 1925 that blocked the Gros Ventre River, there are great camping options at the lake, and good fishing from shore or boat. The road parallels the Gros Ventre River providing additional fishing opportunities. Staying in Jackson? Take a day to fish Flat Creek on the National Elk Refuge for a chance to catch some big cutthroat in a small stream. Flat Creek opens to fishing on August 1 for fly fishing only.

Pack up the car with camping and fishing gear and get ready for a fun and fishy 3 day weekend. Adults and youth alike can start off by working towards becoming an “X-Stream” angler by fishing some beautiful mountain stream tributaries to the Hoback River where in-stream flow has been protected by the WGFD. Cliff Creek (take Forest Rd 30530 from Hwy 191 between Bondurant and Hoback Junction) offers 8.5 miles and two sections of fishable protected flows. There is great camping nearby too! Afterwards you can go west to Granite Creek Rd for another 8.47 miles of in-stream flow protected fishing access (there’s even a hot spring at the end of the road!). On day two, fish a little bigger water by checking out the Hoback River that parallels Hwy 191 before meeting the Snake River. Head south and move camp to the banks of the Grey’s River near Alpine along Forest Rd 10138 where you can catch Snake River cutthroat trout. Keep driving down Forest Rd 10138 and you can turn west on Forest Rd 10072 to get to the Smith’s Fork to catch your Bear River cutthroat trout, or continue east on Forest Rd 10138 to LaBarge Creek to catch your Colorado River cutthroat trout, and have three of four species to complete the “Cutt Slam” challenge.

Find out more

Want to get more information about the youth fishing challenges or their adult equivalents?
Visit the Wyoming Game and Fish Department fishing challenge website at wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Fishing-Challenges

Or do you have questions about other fishing opportunities in western Wyoming or what the rules for fishing are?
Visit the Wyoming Game and Fish Department website at wgfd.wyo.gov or call the Jackson office at 307-733-2321.