



Welcome Janelle!

We are honored to announce our latest member to the W&A team. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Janelle.

Janelle van Meel brings over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry to the Wambolt & Associates team. She launched her career with Oppenheimer Funds in 1998 and had opportunities that spanned an array of roles, from retirement plan relationship support to reviewing fund investment strategies. In 2013, Janelle joined Morgan Stanley as an Associate Advisor to advance her career and focus on wealth management within a team of advisors. Janelle developed robust portfolio management and financial planning experience over those years while enhancing many processes for her internal and external clients.



As an integral part of our team, Janelle aspires to provide world-class service that compliments and enhances our unique client experience. As a Client Service Advisor, she is responsible for trading, investment research and analytics. Additionally, she will leverage her relationship management experience by engaging with clients directly to support our efforts devoted to designing and implementing custom wealth management strategies and solutions.

Outside of work, Janelle enjoys spending time with family and friends, including more than 20 nieces and nephews that keep her very busy. She also loves a good car show, both in person and on television. She can spend hours watching the Mecum or Barrett Jackson auto auctions.

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Fly of the Month-September 2020



With so many amazing waters to float and fish in Colorado, we had our work cut out for us to narrow it down to only three! There is so much more to float fishing than just catching fish, so our criteria for narrowing down our list to our top

3 Favorite Fishing Floats in Colorado included:

1. Access to large, healthy fish!
2. Strong, diverse hatches year round
3. Fun waters to row that require a little action and skill with the oars
4. Beautiful scenery to enjoy from the river



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FLY OF THE MONTH • S.O.S. Nymph • SIZE 18

One of the go-to fly patterns in every fishing guide's box is the S.O.S. Nymph. It stands for "Save Our Skin" and is the pattern we turn to when we need to start getting fish in the net! Available in purple, black, and olive, this micro nymph pattern is a killer match for several small mayfly species across North America and has just enough flash to tempt the fish to bite. If you are tired of getting skunked on the river, try adding a couple S.O.S. Nymphs to your fly box as a last resort.



Dry/Wet: Wet | **Fly Category:** Attractor Pattern

Family: Mayfly | **Species:** Several | **Life Stage:** Nymph

Our Top 3 Favorite Fishing Floats in Colorado

By: Charlie Lukasiewicz - Ascent Fly Fishing

1. The Lower Blue River (aka. Jurassic Park)



The Lower Blue River is famed for its MONSTER fish, its gnarly 55% grade put-in that requires you to repel your raft to the river, and its challenging rowing. This is a seasonal float that requires flows between 650 CFS to around 1,100 CFS to clear the rocks and bridges along this 14-mile stretch located below Green Mountain Reservoir. The scenery through the first 2 miles of the canyon is unparalleled, and you will have opportunities to catch many "fish of a

lifetime" throughout the float. The majority of the river miles wind their way through the well-known "Blue Valley Ranch" which is private property, but so long as you don't touch the bottom or wade the river, you are free to float and fish! You'll want to leave your 5 weights at home for this float and bring your 6-8 wts instead. The hatches include all the staples from stoneflies to caddis, but the Green Drake Mayfly hatch in the canyon is among the best in the state!

2. The Colorado River (Pumphouse to Rancho Del Rio)

This river has it all, from party boats to hardcore angling, class three rapids to hot springs, it has something for everyone! Even if you don't own a raft, the Colorado River is the most guided waters in the state and almost the entirety of both banks are owned by the BLM, which allows anglers to pull over, wade, anchor up, and camp wherever they would like. It is best floated between 800 – 1,800 CFS, this section is home to a couple class II/III rapids and averages 14" to 16" rainbow and brown trout with some topping the 20" mark. It's truly an experience being on the legendary Colorado River. The hatches along this stretch cover all your Rocky Mountain basics but, in the spring, we get to see the emergence of the famed salmon fly hatch. Floating down the river tossing size 6 foam dry flies and watching a brown trout smash it off the surface is something you don't get to experience on many rivers! So, whether you're going to jump off the cliffs and make a splash, drink beer and heckle your friends when they fall out of the boat, or do some serious fishing, the Colorado River is worth floating!



3. The Roaring Fork River

The Roaring Fork is an easier float than the first two, but in no way second rate as far as fishing is concerned. The Roaring Fork is created from runoff above Aspen, Colorado and the inflows of the Frying Pan and Crystal rivers. My favorite section is from the Bob Terrell put in, to the Iron Bridge takeout. This is a perfect little 6-hour afternoon or evening float with plenty of fish. The hatches on the Roaring Fork are abundant with one of the best being the Green Drakes in late summer as well as abundant caddis hatches throughout the summer months. Ideal flows for this river are 600 CFS and up. Fishing will be better, and you'll have more fun when the flows are higher. Typical fish range from 14" to 16" but there are some outliers and you have the chance at hooking into some 20" plus fish.



Floating away the end of summer is the way to go! So load your family and friends up in the car, hook up the raft or call a guide, and check out our Top 3 Favorite Fishing Floats for yourself!