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Exploring Colorado's Upper
Gunnison River with Eleven.



anglers, the club is aptly suited to host novices, too. (It can provide rental equipment and guides to help beginners learn and succeed at the same time.) Regardless of ability, all Homewaters members share a privileged sense of exclusivity while wading through the club's waterways. "Any day that a member goes out to fish," Harpster says, "they feel like they own the river that they're fishing on."

A two-hour drive southeast from Homewaters Club leads to Allenberry Resort, where the Yellow Breeches Creek flows right along the back of the property. Famous for its trout, the creek serves as an ideal flyfishing spot for newcomers, as well as anglers who appreciate the ability to cast flies just steps from their rooms. Two other limestone, spring-fed creeks—Big Spring and LeTort Spring Run—are a short drive from the resort. "LeTort Spring Creek has a reputation for being such a difficult fishery," says Dusty Wissmath, a longtime guide who teaches flyfishing classes at the resort. "The water is gin clear and the fish are easily spooked, but the payoff can be quite large—literally—with some amazing trout."

Anglers who stay at Allenberry can also fish with dry flies for small-mouth bass during the summer, using popping bugs, dragon fly, or damselfly imitations. According to Wissmath, it's a similar technique to how one would fish for trout on larger rivers. "People are expanding their horizons a little bit and discovering how much fun smallmouth bass fishing is [with a fly rod]," he says. "It's a wonderful way to do it, and we're very lucky that we can offer both types of experiences." homewatersclub.com; allenberry.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAJESTY

If you've ever traveled with Eleven, an adventure company with a portfolio of luxury lodges worldwide, you already know what sets its journeys apart. If you haven't—and you're a flyfishing enthusiast—make your way to Taylor River Lodge, located in the heart of the Gunnison Valley about four hours southwest of Denver.

Guests of the lodge's six private cabins and two single-family homes can access hundreds of miles of fishable rivers and streams. Float trips down the Upper Gunnison River explore 26 miles of pristine, trout-filled waters, while more expansive, multiday journeys allow anglers to track the source of the Gunnison from its humble beginnings as a stream high in the mountains to its final form as a rushing waterway near the Taylor Park Reservoir dam. The ultimate flyfishing experience in the Gunnison Valley, the adventure begins with small creek and tailwater fishing and concludes aboard drift boats floating down the Gunnison River. elevenexperience.com

BAHAMIAN BONEYARDS

Maclean expounded on the merits of casting flies for freshwater trout, but the rewards—and the accomplishments—can be just as great when flyfishing along the shallow salt flats in the Bahamas. Bonefishing is what attracts the vast majority of guests at the Delphi Club, a luxuriously appointed boutique lodge located on the eastern shore of Great Abaco Island. "It's the holy grail of flyfishing," says Robert Ford, the Delphi Club's