

Sacred Waters FAQ

Donor Questions:

<p>How many donor memberships are available?</p>	<p>Only Limited Donor Memberships are available at this time (Platinum, Gold, & Silver). Numbers are based on the number of days each Donor may utilize in a year. Once we expand to offer additional future locations we will reevaluate allowing for more donor members. These numbers are based off of usage data we figured out for the best health of the fisheries.</p>
<p>Do Bronze Donor Members receive any river access or guided fishing?</p>	<p>Not at this time. You have choice of a free gift and are placed list to upgrade when a higher-level Donor membership opens up. The Bronze level is a charity support donation only helping the Sacred Waters Mission.</p>
<p>What fishing experiences do donors receive?</p>	<p>That depends on the level of your donation. Donor Members receive access to incredible exclusive private waters, but some of the waters we guide have yearly and other limits that we must abide by to fulfill our Mission and Landowner Lease Contract Agreements. Year-Round access to exclusive private wade, float, and backcountry horseback or hike-in fishing trips with the most experienced local Professional Anglers.</p>
<p>How do donors book a trip?</p>	<p>Donors have access to a private web page with Professional Angler and Water Availability Calendar, Booking Contact Form or can call us directly to discuss booking a trip.</p>
<p>How much notice do I need to give to schedule a booking on conservation waters?</p>	<p>Preferably one week notice, we do have an online calendar easily available to Donor Members. We will try to be flexible though. If a last minute date is open, the booking deadline is 48 hours prior to your preferred trip date.</p>
<p>Am I guaranteed any date I want a trip?</p>	<p>Factors like water temps and safe conditions for fish health are the top priority. After that, its first come, first served on bookings.</p>
<p>Can I purchase more Guided Trips after I use up my allocated trips?</p>	<p>Possibly, that will be determined on availability of Professional Anglers/Guides and waters as we evaluate that we are not reaching any over usage of waters and staying in line with our mission.</p>
<p>What are the base benefits to any donor no matter the level?</p>	<p>Donors will benefit from a healthier community and local ecosystems. Benefits to all donors are access to our newsletters, fishing reports, and some free gifts to show your support and promote the Mission.</p>

Donor Guest Access Questions:

Can I bring guests fishing with me?	Absolutely. You can even share some of your user days with them instead of guest paying Extra PA Fee. Or to accompany you, without using one of your user days guests must pay all applicable fees.
What are the extra fees to Donor Member Guests?	Each Donor Guest is required to pay an annual \$150 Conservation Fee that is dedicated to environmental & charity work. Guest Professional Angler/Guide Fee varies on the Donor's level and goes to Sacred Waters operating costs.
Can I use my user days for my friends/guest?	Yes, you can use any of your fishing/user days to cover your guests PA/Guide Fee, but guests are still required to pay \$150 Conservation Fee once annually and guest must be accompanied by donor member.

Nonprofit Questions:

Is Sacred Waters a nonprofit?	Sacred Waters is registered with the Colorado Secretary of State and operates as a nonprofit. Our 501(c)3 nonprofit status with the IRS is pending, but approval is expected soon.
When will you get your nonprofit Status?	The timeline for IRS nonprofit review and approval is out of our control. We hope to receive this status before the end of the tax year. This approval would benefit donors with tax break/write offs. We cannot promise these until IRS approves our applications which can be up to a full 12 month year from submission date.
Why is Sacred Waters a nonprofit?	Nonprofit operational requirements ensure transparency of our executing our Mission. We believe we can benefit local waters while helping disabled veterans and local youth at the same time.
How does Sacred Waters help Disabled Veterans and local children?	We help charities by providing monies needed to organize events with lodging, food, private waters, necessary gear/equipment for participates, free gifts, as well only the best Professional Anglers to guide youth and disabled veterans on the very best waters to have the best private experience available in our area.

Donation Questions:

Why are donations broken down into levels?	Affordability to donors at multiple financial status, who want to support our Mission. Alternatively, Donors may choose a level based on their personal schedule availability to use all their Free Guided Fly Fishing Trips.
What do donations go toward?	We help charities by providing only the best professional anglers to guide youth and disabled veterans on the very best waters. This allows them to have the best private experience available in our area. Additionally, we will work on private and public waters to maintain healthy fisheries and ecosystems as well as community educational events about the fishing water conservation efforts they can make personally.
How does Sacred Waters Advocacy & Conservation Mission benefit Donors? Do donations only help private waters?	Your donations help give Sacred Waters staff more time and monies to petition local government agencies for better conservation minded regulations for our local public fisheries. Donations will help pay staff members to write grants &/or grant applications for local conservation work on public and private lands that will benefits the entire ecosystem.
What payment methods are available?	We request that your donation be in the form of a check or a bank transfer to avoid the financial overhead of credit card processing fees.

Landowner Questions:

Describe how you work with landowners?	We negotiate limited access conservation contracts with landowners of waters that we care about improving fish and habitat on. We gather trusted local Professional Anglers to manage the conservation work and guide donors as they access land they're helping us improve. Profits from grants and our donors go to conservation of habitat of these private lands.
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Float Trip Questions:

What are the Float/Boat trip benefits?	Float/Boat Trips are extremely seasonal in this area and hard to schedule with most retail outfitters that offer them. We can help prioritize scheduling to get as many of you on this unique and very limited experience. Since the season is so short and some of you may not be able to get it into you schedule we can trade the float into extra wade trips.
Where will the Float/Boat Trips be available?	The Upper San Juan River in Colorado. It is a very seasonal so could be in the river upstream of Pagosa Springs to Pagosa Springs, downstream of Pagosa Springs to Trujillo/12 Mile (Mesa Canyon/Bass Ranch) and/or Middle San Juan (Trujillo/12 Mile to Juniata) (Juniata to Caracas) Trout, Bass, and Carp fishing available based on section of water and time of year.

Fishing Questions:

What's the Fishing Season in Colorado?	Fishing Season is Year-Round in Colorado. There is No Closed Season in Colorado. Geographically speaking certain waters do freeze or some roads become inaccessible/closed for a few months in the Winter.
When can you fish Sacred Waters Ranches?	All depends on the Ranch/Water and weather/water conditions. EFR (East Fork of the San Juan) the road is usually Open by April/May and closes Nov/Dec. Fishing is usually from June to November. Weber Ranches (upper San Juan River) accessible Year-Round. Fishing can start in late Feb/early March to Run-Off (May/June). Then Fishes from Mid-late June till Late Nov./Dec. Pick-Bar Ranch (Los Pinos/Pine River Tailwater) Accessible and Fishable Year-Round Everyday!
What's the Best Time to Fish Sacred Waters Ranches?	What do you prefer to do or want to learn? Favorite Fishing Techniques or learning goals. (Dry Flies, Nymphs, Streamers) Do you want Quantity or Quality?
How experienced of an angler do I have to be to fish your waters?	We can accommodate most all anglers abilities most all year-round. All Ranches will work well for any physical or angling abilities depending section and time of year.

