

Sacred Waters FAQ

Donor Questions

<p>How many donor memberships are available?</p>	<p>Only 15 Donor Memberships are available at this time (5 Platinum, 5 Gold, & 5 Silver). This number is 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>Yes as of 2018 at Donation Amount of \$150.00 or More you can choose to go on Guided Flyfishing Trips on Bronze Level Private & Public Waters at normal guided fishing rates. You will also receive a free gift/s based on donation amount and are placed list to upgrade when a higher-level Donor membership opens up. This Bronze level is a charity support donation only helping the Sacred Waters Mission. * All explained in Donor Agreement Packet*</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.</p> <p>Year round access to exclusive private wade, float, and backcountry horseback 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 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. Allotted number of Guest Allowed based off of Donor Level. (Explained in Donor Agreement Packet) You can even share some of your user days with them to save them additional guide fees (less annual \$150.00 Tax Deductible Conservation Fee. To accompany you, 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 Tax Deductible 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 IRS operates as a nonprofit. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit Charity Foundation & 501(c)7 Fishing & Conservation Club
Are donor payments Tax Deductible?	Yes, conditionally Tax deductible. Donors donating any moneys to the 501(c)3 Charity Foundation and the Conservation Fund are 100% Tax Deductible. Membership dues to the 501(c)7, guest guide fees, &/or Bronze level Guide fees are not tax deductible. Simple Breakdown: Platinum, Gold, & Silver Levels make (2) payments 60% of minimum required level payment to Sacred Waters CO Foundation and the other 40% of minimum required level payment Sacred Waters CO, Inc. Bronze Level (1) Payment to Sacred Waters Foundation for In-kind donations, if wanting guided fishing access at Bronze Guide Fees will be collect on day of guided trip.
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 managed private 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. But if credit card is your best option at the time you can pay on our websites PayPal buttons, over the phone or in person.

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. We gather trusted local Professional Anglers, fisheries biologist, & habitat specialist 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 of these waterways.
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Float Trip Question

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.