



All-Inclusive Fly Fishing Package, for 2 Days & 3 Nights, at Cow Creek Ranch with Land of Enchantment Guides ~ 2024

DAYS & DESCRIPTIONS

Day 1: Arrive at the ranch around 4:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Get settled in to your room and have dinner at the ranch.

Day 2: Guided fishing on the stream and lakes at Cow Creek Ranch. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the ranch.

Day 3: Guided fishing on the stream and lakes at Cow Creek Ranch or possibly at another nearby fishing spot. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the ranch.

Day 4: Breakfast will be served at the ranch and then check-out by 11:00 am.

Note: If you would like to arrange for a guide to fish with on Day 4, we will do our best to set it up.

FISHING TRIP INFORMATION

You will have two full days of guided fly fishing, in groups of either two or three anglers, with one guide, on each day. Any fishing gear you may need will be provided (fly rods & reels, wading gear, custom tied flies, tippet and leaders, etc.) at no additional cost. If you would like to bring your own fly rods & reels, 4 or 5 weight rods are the best suited for fishing at the Cow Creek Ranch. You may also want to consider bringing a shorter 3 weight for fishing up into the upper sections of Cow Creek - this is where most of the Rio Grande Cutthroats are found. If you don't have wading shoes and/or waders, Land of Enchantment Guides will provide them for you. If you will need to use our wading shoes and wading gear on the trip, we will need your shoe size at least a week **before** you arrive at the ranch. From early June until mid-October you will probably be able to "wet-wade". This being said, if you are going to bring your own wading gear and boots, consider bringing a pair of wet wading socks and a pair of either hipsters, waist high or chest high waders. All anglers will be responsible to get their own New Mexico fishing licenses. We recommend that you get your fishing licenses **before** you arrive at the ranch. You can stop by our fly shop in Santa Fe, The Fly Fishing Outpost, and get your licenses over the counter. You can also purchase them online - there is a link to where you can get licenses on the "[Book a Trip](#)" page of our website.

YOU WILL BE FISHING TWO DAYS AT COW CREEK RANCH AND POSSIBLY AT ONE OF THE OTHER NEARBY FISHING LOCATIONS

COW CREEK RANCH: Cow Creek Ranch has an incredibly productive trout stream (Cow Creek itself) that meanders for 3.5 miles through an alpine valley along with seven high mountain lakes - both the stream and the lakes offer anglers some of the largest trout and finest fly fishing to be had anywhere in the West. Cow Creek has been professionally enhanced to provide dozens of pools that support trout averaging 16 to 20+ inches in length. The lower section of the stream produces mostly larger browns and rainbow and the upper stretch has a good population of brook trout and some pure strain Rio Grande Cutthroats; how about a northern New Mexico trout “grand slam”? The lakes allow and angler to target some truly giant trout, often with the opportunity to site cast to these brutes with dry flies. The rich aquatic insect base in the both the stream and the lakes keep the fish fat and healthy. As well, the ranch carefully monitors the number of anglers that fish on the property throughout the season so that the trout are never overly pressured or stressed. Located at 8,500 feet and surrounded by National Forest land at the edge of the Pecos Wilderness, Cow Creek Ranch is amazingly wild but still only a little over an hour drive from Santa Fe.



BAR X BAR RANCH: The Bar X Bar, a 5,000 acre private ranch about a 20 minute drive from Cow Creek Ranch, offers anglers incredible fishing in a beautiful high alpine setting, with lots of wildlife to be seen as an added bonus. There are five small lakes situated throughout the length of the 600 acre Manzanares Valley. Because these lakes are in the valley's meadows, access is easy and they are full of large rainbow and brown trout. Along with the five lakes, the Bar X Bar has one mile of private water on Cow Creek and private access to Cow Creek Falls and the box canyon section of the stream. This section of Cow Creek has some of the best of small stream, wild trout fishing in northern New Mexico. Lunkers in the lakes or wild fish in Cow Creek - the Bar X Bar Ranch offers the best of two completely different types of fly fishing waters.



PECOS RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES: The Pecos River is a beautiful, small to medium sized, stream that flows through many different types of terrain. Because it has a road that follows most of its course, the access is quite easy to many good fishing locations along the river. Even so, if one is willing to get off the beaten path a bit, you can go to areas that are away from the road. The Pecos River has a good population of wild brown trout and is heavily stocked with rainbows, some of which get to truly epic sizes. A major tributary of the Pecos is the Rio Mora. Where the two streams converge, each has similar flow levels and they are about the same size. Like the Pecos, the Mora has a good population of wild brown trout and is stocked with rainbows in the first half-mile upstream of its confluence with the Pecos. For the angler who is willing to hike and wants solitude with the chance to fish for Rio Grande Cutthroats, the various small tributaries that form the Mora offer this opportunity. Another smaller tributary of the Pecos that can be an absolute blast to fish is Jack's Creek. Located at the upper end of the Pecos drainage at the entry of the Pecos Wilderness, it is a small alpine stream that flows through alpine meadows and wooded areas. This small stream offers great dry fly fishing from early summer well into the fall. Be prepared for a good hike at higher altitude but the great fishing and beauty can make the effort well worth it.



FOOD & LODGING

Encompassing over 1,000 acres of a long alpine valley, Cow Creek Ranch was first operated in the 1800s as a “boarding ranch” for wealthy English boys to learn about western ranching. Over time the ranch transformed into a guest ranch in the 1930s, it reached its apex as a guest lodge specializing in fly fishing during the past couple of decades. The historic improvements at Cow Creek Ranch are integral to its attraction. Everything on the ranch has been constructed with pine and aspen lumber that was cut and milled on the ranch itself, including the Lodge which has 11 separate guest rooms.

The lodge’s great room is an experience that can only be termed “rustic luxury”, unlike anywhere else in the Rockies. With comfortable chairs and sofas and a river rock fireplace, this is the perfect place to relax with a cocktail after a long day of fishing. During the summer months there is a large flagstone patio with a fire pit where guests can sit and enjoy the sunsets.



The guest rooms are located off the main lawn, under a portal, each with its own entrance and bath. They have viga ceilings, kiva fireplaces and comfortable king or queen beds. The views from the windows look out into the river valley and the lakes below.



All of the meals will be prepared by the ranch’s in house chefs, with breakfast and dinner served in the lodge’s large dining room. Lunches typically will be served back at the lodge but also can be arranged as a picnic at any location on the ranch. All non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by the ranch. If you want any to have any beer, wine or alcohol during your stay, you should get it in Santa Fe before you head up to the ranch.



If you or anyone in your group has specific dietary requirements or restrictions, it is not a problem. If notified in advance, the ranch’s chefs will do their best accommodate any individual needs.

COST & DETAILS

With 2 Anglers per Guide:

The cost per person is \$2,245 (the cost for children under 11 years old is \$1,095). This is for three nights lodging with all meals and two full days of guided fishing. This trip and pricing is based on having an **exact group size of either 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 anglers**. There will be two anglers with one guide, every fishing day.

With 3 Anglers per Guide:

The cost per person is \$2,140 (the cost for children under 11 years old is \$990). This is for three nights lodging with all meals and two full days of guided fishing. This trip and pricing is based on having an **exact group size of either 3, 6, 9 or 12 anglers**. There will be three anglers with each guide, every fishing day.

Cow Creek Ranch has eleven rooms. All lodging is either single or double occupancy, your choice unless your group is larger than eleven anglers/guests. For groups of over eleven anglers/guests, some folks will have to be double occupancy in the rooms with two beds, if necessary.

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Note: If you choose to pay with a credit card, there will be an additional 3% (of your total bill) charged for credit card processing fees. To avoid this additional cost, please bring a check or cash with you to the ranch to pay for the trip.

The prices do not include NM state tax or any gratuities for the fishing guides and/or the ranch staff.

Non-alcoholic drinks are provided ~ the trip is B.Y.O.B.

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For more information about Land of Enchantment Guides,

Please check out our website: www.loeflyfishing.com

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