



GRAND LAKE STREAMER

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Dear Friend of Weatherby's,

Winter/Spring 2024

2023 was another exceptional year for us at Weatherby's and our 21st season operating one of New England's finest traditional fishing and hunting lodges. We couldn't do it without you, our valued guest or our incredible staff and guides that work tirelessly to make your experience at Weatherby's as fine as it can be. We are excited to be welcoming back Abbey Michaud as our operations manager along with Keaton, Jon and Hamilton as our lead guides. We are also pleased to welcome back Candace in the kitchen helping to keep your culinary desires satisfied and to spell our full time chef and guide. If you are interested in guest cheffing for us in 2024, let us know. We are always looking for help during our busiest seasons.



We are saying farewell to Bob LaForge - our guide and 78 year old "cabin boy" who kept your wood box full the past couple of years. Bob has found new love and will be getting married in June of 2024. Unfortunately he couldn't convince his bride-to-be to assist with his firewood duties. Our loss, but congratulations and best wishes to Bob and his new bride.

Cabin updates and improvements that include heat pumps in some of our colder wood heated cabins - Jack and Jill, and Bon Aire - and also our dining room will be fully functional in 2024. The heat pumps will provide primary heating and cooling systems that will be available in addition to our large signature fireplaces that you all love so much. On a less positive note, a December 'noreaster that ripped through Grand Lake Stream with wind gusts over 75 mph caused lots of damage to properties in the area including Weatherby's. Aside from a few gaps where some trees used to be, the damage should all be remedied by the time of opening in May.



Maine The Way published their 12th issue of their magazine and their first recreation guide book of which features fishing in Grand Lake Stream with Keaton and upland hunting with Jeff and his English cocker spaniels. Great articles and photos available to purchase at www.mainetheway.com.



Keaton and Jeff made a scouting trip to Argentina to fish for rainbow, brook and brown trout in December with great success. They stayed at Rio Manso Lodge in Nahuel Huapi National Park and fished several lakes and the Rio Manso within the park. The trip was nothing less than spectacular and we are excited to return in December with you! Read more for information about our planned trip for the fall/winter of 2024.



We are making an effort to take a bite out of inflation this coming season by holding our rates steady across the board. Don't forget about our remote trips on the West Branch and Roach Rivers, limited space available for awesome wild trout and salmon fishing in Maine. And now, Argentina and Iceland for 2024.

Lets go fishing!

Looking forward to seeing you in 2024!

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West Branch of the Penobscot and the Fox Hole

This gem of a trip is a combination canoe camping and fly fishing adventure. The journey will begin at the confluence of Lobster Stream and the West Branch. You will spend much of the first afternoon traveling down river to our base camp that will be waiting for you. Your guides will prepare fine meals and cater to your angling needs during your four nights on the river. You will fish for three full days before traveling back up river on day five. The fishing is for wild landlocked salmon by casting primarily streamers, wet flies and nymphs and you will get around by canoe and or wading, depending on stream flows. Wildlife may include moose, deer, beavers, otters, osprey, bald eagles and more. Combined with crisp fall days, cool September nights, good food and better bourbon, this is a bucket list trip for some and an annual event for many. Space is limited. Available dates are September 23-27, 2024 and September 27- October 1, 1 2024. Four anglers. Cost \$1842 PP, DO



Roach River - Spencer Bay, Moosehead Lake



Consider joining us for our guided Roach River fishing trip for wild pre-spawn Maine brook trout and wild pre-spawn landlocked salmon. We will camp on the shores of Moosehead Lake just minutes from the sacred waters of the Roach River, which is managed by Maine Fisheries as a wild brook trout and salmon spawning river. The fish are fat and strong, fresh out of Moosehead Lake - Maine's largest lake. As these fish are fresh from Moosehead, they are willing to take big streamer flies, but nymphing can also be very productive. Our dates are scheduled for early September and will include three nights camping with two and a half days of guided fishing, with all your meals and camping equipment. Available dates for 2024 are September 10-13, 13-16, 16-19. Cost \$1150 PP, DO.

Upland Hunting at Weatherby's

Every fall, the cooler weather and change of foliage mark the start of our upland season on the last Saturday in September. Both dogs and hunters anxiously anticipate opening day with unbridled excitement. Boots are oiled, shotguns checked and our best friends - the bird dogs - are spoiled. The preseason preparations are a ritual that all upland hunters know. At Weatherby's, it is no different. We love to hunt, but we don't take ourselves too seriously. It is about the woods, fresh air, wildlife, foliage, a few birds - but mostly about the dogs. There is nothing like following a good bird dog through the woods of downeast Maine in search of wild grouse and woodcock. Consider joining us for a hunt this fall and experience our grand tradition, that being upland hunting at Weatherby's!



Never hunted, but curious to learn about it? Weatherby's has introduced many individuals to upland hunting and firearm safety over the years, thanks to Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the apprentice hunter's license. This category of license allows someone that has never hunted before to experience the sport under the tutelage



of a Registered Maine Hunting Guide. This license creates a tremendous opportunity for kids and adults to "try out" hunting without committing to a full hunter's safety course, which can be time consuming and a deterrent to bringing new hunters into the sport. When you stay and hunt at Weatherby's with a guide, we will teach you firearm and hunter safety. We will take you into the field to shoot rifles and shotguns, shoot clay targets and finally take you into the woods with bird dogs to hunt wild grouse and woodcock. It is a win-win for all parties and folks can experience what hunting is all about. Give us a call to discuss options for you or your kids. Make 2024 your year to experience upland hunting at Weatherby's! Of course experienced hunters may always join us for a hunt in Grand Lake Stream for grouse, woodcock and waterfowl - guided or unguided. Limitless cover, open access, excellent flush rates.

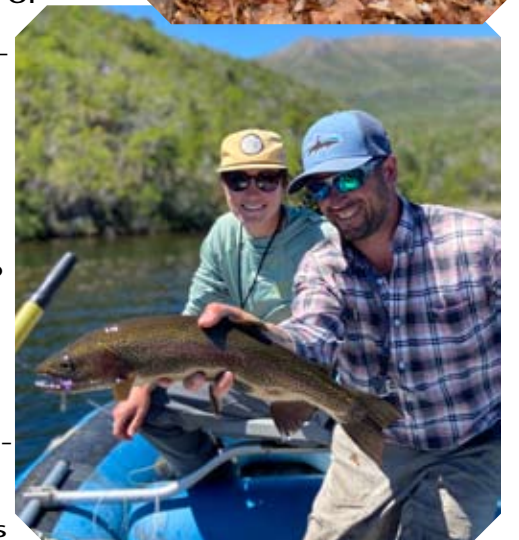


October in Grand Lake Stream is also time for our fall run of spawning salmon. We fish until October 25 so it is possible to mix a little fishing with your hunt and we offer fall specials to help accommodate a cast and blast option for you.



Rio Manso November 30 -December 7, 2024

We are excited to be offering a hosted angling adventure to the Patagonia region of southern Argentina in Nov/Dec 2024. In the heart of the Andes mountains and Nahuel Huapi National Park, Rio Manso Lodge will be our home for a week of fishing, Malbec wine and fine dining. This adventure is all inclusive with lodging, meals, guides and transport to and from Baralocche airport in Argentina. Fishing is for rainbow, brown and brook trout in the Rio Manso watershed - both lakes and river. Join us and enjoy spring sunshine, fantastic fishing and food in an unforgettable setting in the shadow of the Tronador glacier. Give Jeff a call to discuss the details and reserve your spot.



Iceland 2024

Since Covid in 2020, we have not hosted groups in Iceland although Jeff has been back exploring a couple of times with individual clients. We are exploring options for a small group to salmon fish on the Midfjardara River in July. This would be full service, guided fishing on one of Iceland's top five salmon rivers. If interested, contact Jeff ASAP at 207-796-5558.

Creek and Timber Legacy

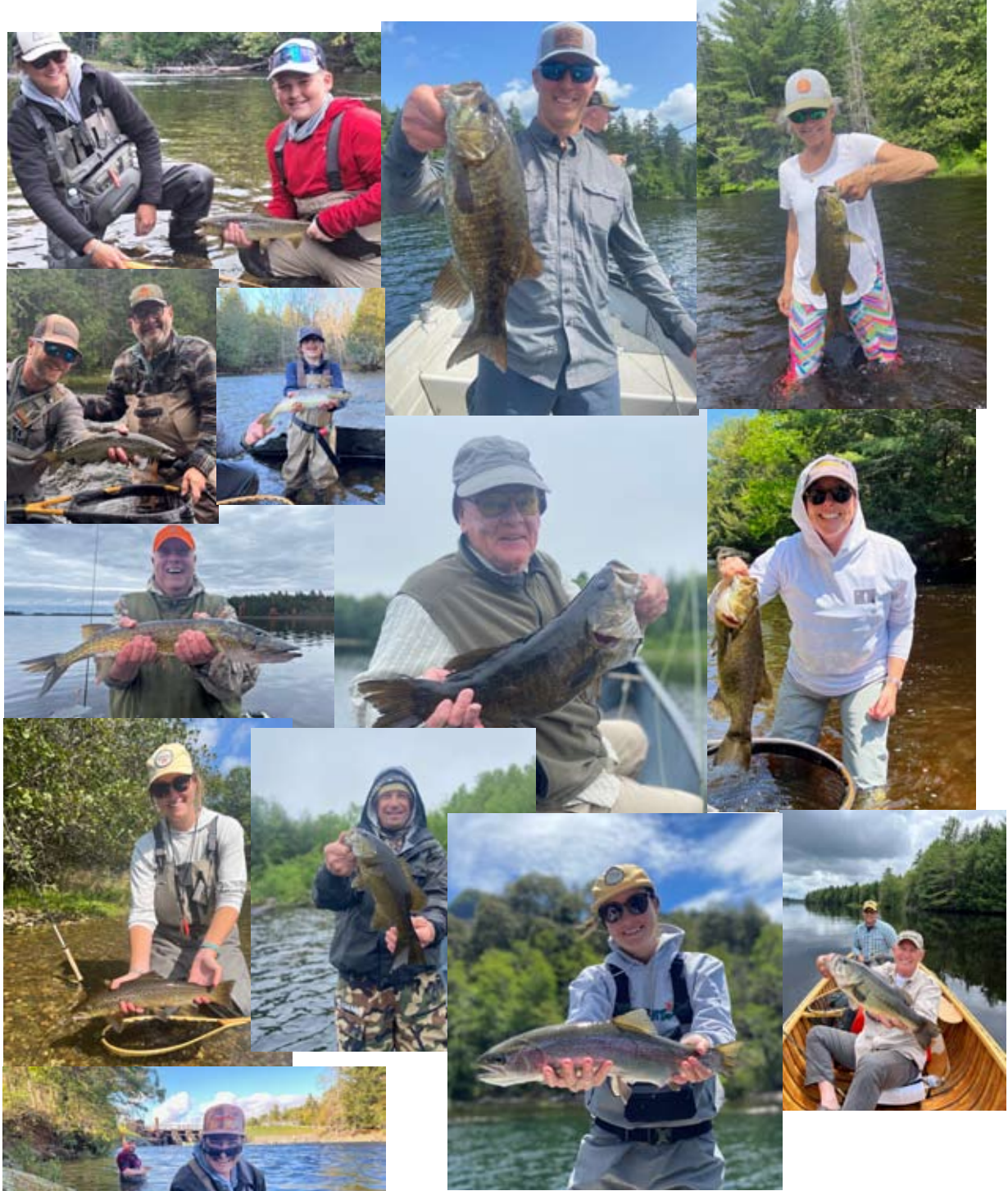
In July 2023 we were honored to host a group of 15 special forces veterans from Creek and Timber Legacy. Learn how you can help this veterans organization by visiting their web site at www.creekandtimberlegacy.org - and we are bringing them back in 2024.



2023 20" Club Hall of Fame

The 2023 fishing season brought another proverbial boat load of big fish to the net. Although no records were set, you should have seen the ones that got away! Remember the anglers listed below **only claim** to have caught these fish. Often times there are no photos nor witnesses. These are real fish stories told by real anglers. Fish of note include a 25 inch salmon caught by Ira Gross, a 26" chain pickerel caught by Hersh Hernandez and two bass caught by Weatherby's 40 year veteran angler John Kelliher - a 21" smallmouth and 20" largemouth caught on the same day and the same fly

date	name	species	size	guide
12-May	Barry Kronman	pickerel	22	Hamilton
13-May	Barry Kronman	pickerel	24	Hamilton
14-May	Barry Kronman	pickerel	22	Hamilton
16-May	Rick Bannerot	pickerel	21	Hamilton
16-May	Don Grosset	salmon	20	
16-May	Michael Wolfson	pickerel	23	JR
16-May	Michael Wolfson	pickerel	21	JR
17-May	Andrew Richter	pickerel	23	Nate
17-May	Ira Gross	salmon	25	Jon P
17-May	Paul Skydell	pickerel	21	Jon P
20-May	Jeffrey Alhambault	pickerel	20	Jon P
22-May	Amy Blake	salmon	20+	Jon P
23-May	Art Crago	salmon	21	Jon P
23-May	Garry Crago	salmon	21	Jon P
24-May	Amy Blake	salmon	21	
24-May	Garry Crago	salmon	21	
26-May	Chris Vossler	pickerel	24	Hamilton
28-May	Cate Stevenson	smallmouth	20	Jon P
28-May	Cat Pickei	salmon	24	Keaton
28-May	Don Abbott	salmon	20	
29-May	Don Abbott	salmon	23	
28-May	Chris Vossler	salmon	20	
28-May	Gain Francis	salmon	20	Jon P
31-May	Jim Suojanen	pickerel	21	
2-Jun	Rafael Sanchez	salmon	20	Hamilton
6-Jun	Jim Shaughnessy	pickerel	25	JR
7-Jun	Dean Wiseman	pickerel	22	Jon P
7-Jun	Jacob Wiseman	smallmouth	20	Jon L
8-Jun	Larry Wiseman	pickerel	24	Jon P
9-Jun	Cody Wiseman	pickerel	22	Jon P
9-Jun	Emerson Cannon	smallmouth	21	Nate
9-Jun	Emerson Cannon	pickerel	22	Nate
9-Jun	John Marra	pickerel	21	Hamilton
12-Jun	Joseph Finger	pickerel	24	Jon P
12-Jun	Joseph Finger	pickerel	22	Jon P
12-Jun	Joseph Finger	pickerel	21	Jon P
14-Jun	Andrew Butler	pickerel	20	John M
13-Jun	Zach Cody	salmon	21	
14-Jun	John Kelliher	smallmouth	21	Jeff
14-Jun	John Kelliher	largemouth	20	jeff
19-Jun	Laurel Lockett	salmon	20	Jon P
24-Jun	Camden Wilson	pickerel	22	Bill
24-Jun	Erin Wilson	pickerel	20	Bill
25-Jun	Lenny Hirsch	pickerel	21	
24-Jun	Clark Wilson	pickerel	23	John M
3-Jul	Courtney Hollen	smallmouth	21	Mac
3-Jul	Courtney Hollen	largemouth	21	Mac
6-Jul	Courtney Hollen	pickerel	20	Sue
21-Jul	Bentley Wilson	smallmouth	20	Keaton



7-Jul	Bentley Wilson	largemouth	21	Keaton
28-Jul	Conner Krajewski	pickerel	20	Jon P
28-Jul	Conner Krajewski	pickerel	21	Jon P
28-Jul	Conner Krajewski	pickerel	22	Jon P
31-Jul	Greg Johnson	pickerel	23	Jon P
31-Jul	Greg Johnson	pickerel	21	Jon P
7-Aug	Sam Blumstein	pickerel	20	Hamilton
4-Aug	Bruce Rae	pickerel	22	Bruce
24-Aug	Farrell Pierce	pickerel	20	Keaton
18-Sep	Bruce Rae	salmon	22	Bruce
3-Oct	Henry Whittemore	salmon	21	
3-Oct	Henry Whittemore	salmon	20	
4-Oct	Lois Sastic	pickerel	21	Jon P
4-Oct	Lois Sastic	pickerel	22	Jon P
4-Oct	Bill Forbes	salmon	21	Hamilton
5-Oct	Lois Sastic	salmon	20	Jon P
6-Oct	Jonathan Sastic	salmon	21	Jon P
8-Oct	Vincent Engelstad	salmon	21	Keaton & Hamilton
6-Oct	Joe Scripture	salmon	21	Hamilton
6-Oct	Dayton Haigney	salmon	21	Hamilton
6-Oct	Dayton Haigney	salmon	21	Hamilton
9-Oct	Joe Pierce	salmon	21	Hamilton
9-Oct	Bruce Friedman	salmon	21	Jon P
9-Oct	Nikhil Brocchini	salmon	21	Jon P
10-Oct	Laurel Lockett	salmon	20	Jon P
10-Oct	Laurel Lockett	salmon	21	Jon P
11-Oct	Doug Wright	salmon	21	Hamilton
12-Oct	Don Hoyt	salmon	20	Jon P
14-Oct	Ken Calamia	pickerel	22	Jon P
17-Oct	Hamlet Hernandez	pickerel	21	Jon P
17-Oct	Hersh Hernandez	pickerel	26	Jon P
18-Oct	Martin Placke	salmon	20	Jon P
18-Oct	RJ Davis	salmon	22	Keaton
18-Oct	Kristin McLawhorn	salmon	20	Hamilton
20-Oct	Mike Placke	salmon	21	
20-Oct	Doug Stradley	salmon	21	Hamilton
23-Oct	Garry Crago	salmon	23	Jon P
24-Oct	Amy Blake	salmon	20	
25-Oct	Silas Shutty	salmon	20	Silas
24-Oct	Kevin McKay	salmon	21	Jon P



Learn to Fly Fish at Weatherby's - Maine's Premiere Fly Fishing School



Have you always wanted to learn to fly fish like the pros but didn't know where to start? Come to Weatherby's and learn from the best! Our professional guides and instructors can teach you all you need to know to get started in the sport or teach you the skills you need to progress to the next level. We offer fixed dates for group schools and offer private instruction to individuals, couples and groups when it is most convenient for you. Call us to discuss options so we can plan a few days that will teach you what you need most. Consider our Intermediate Woman's School scheduled for May 10-13 2024 or our Woman's Novice School, June 19-23 and June 29-July 3, 2024.

Four nights of meals and lodging and three full days of instruction/guided fishing:

\$1495 per person. Includes all meals and lodging for four nights, use of equipment, instruction for three days,

Does not include license, tax/gratuity. We offer a one time 20% discount on any ORVIS product to all fishing school participants.



Weatherby's English Cocker Update



2023 was a year of loss, hope and injury. We lost our matriarch Molly. She started all of this infectious cocker stuff. We have always had a dog or two, but Molly started the cocker problem. With only two working dogs after the winter, and a full guide schedule, we needed more dogs. No litters coming at Weatherby's for the time being so we had to go outside. We found one pup that is related to our Gus and Curly and another unrelated pup from Saltaire Gundogs in New York. So it would happen, Gus-our first string field dog got injured after 6 days of hunting and was sidelined for the season. We begged

and borrowed dogs from a variety of sources to get through the season but leaned hard on our blue roan pup from Saltaire. At only 6 months, Roux proved to be the real deal and rose to the challenge of hunting everyday and was chosen for rookie of the year by mid-November. We have high hopes for her continued development into a first class gun dog. After three months of rest, Gus is back on all fours and tearing up the grouse woods of western Maine during the off season. We will keep fingers crossed that he will stay healthy for the 2024 upland season at Weatherby's.

We have enough dogs out in the world now that we are often aware of related litters of available pups. If you are interested in an excellent field/companion dog, give Jeff a call to see what might be out there.



Rake Fest 2024

Every spring we host a large group of anglers with a raking problem. We get 100 hours of work done in two short days while we fish at least that many. 2024 will be a big clean up due to the damage incurred in a December 'noreaster. If interested in joining the party, give Jeff a call. A true rite of spring-May 4 and 5, 2024.



2024 Rates

American Plan

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner / Day / Person

All inclusive pricing -

Meals, lodging, beer, house wines, Orvis equipment

Adult \$259 May 16 - June 30 and September 16 - close

\$229 May 1-May 15 and July 1-Sept.15

Children 10-15 yrs, \$105.00 (Free July/August*)

Children 4-9 yrs, \$85.00 (Free July/August*)

Guide service- \$450/day/one or two people fish

\$600/day/one or two-person upland hunt

Boat & Motor Rental - \$100.00 per day

Fishing/Hunting licenses - www.maine.gov

Dog Charge \$20/day (except Oct/Nov)

Food & Lodging Tax -9%

Canoe/Kayak - No Charge

Orvis Fly or Spinning Rod - No Charge

Orvis Waders - No Charge

Housekeeping

Cabin only, no meals, no equipment

\$75/adult, \$49/child under 16, under 4 free : Minimum nightly charge \$175.

Payment in full due 30 days in advance of reservation.



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VISA/MC/Discover/Amex Accepted

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