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# Welcome Anglers!

Spring Creeks Ranch is an advocate for conservation, youth involvement and prides itself for being a destination experience. The Gianinetti Family welcomes you, your family, and your friends to their home to enjoy the waters and explore the pleasures of fly fishing premiere waters in the Rockies!

We continuously maintain and improve the waters to provide the best ecology for the trout on the property. This has allowed the various trout species to flourish, reach trophy size, and provide an experience every Angler dreams of. This is also made possible through proper fish handling, angler etiquette, sportsmanship, and catch & release fishing. The property hosts two large ponds, multiple creeks, and Roaring Fork River frontage. The diverse waters are sure to provide anglers with an experience tailored to their desires. Regardless of skill level, whether true novice or seasoned veteran alike, Anglers are sure to have a great time on the property's waters.

You are welcome to contact SCR if you have any questions about the water, property lines and/or access points. We are more than happy to go over the entire property with you and make sure you are taken care of! We encourage you to reach out if you come across any fishing hazards and we would appreciate it if you reported any suspicious activity throughout the day. We value your privacy and experience with us and always want to do everything we can to ensure you a great day on the water! Though we cannot guarantee every Angler is sure to a catch fish, we can guarantee that there are sure many to catch!

Sincerely,

The Gianinetti Family

# SCR Fly Fishing Rules & Regulations

#### Licensing

Anglers must possess a valid Colorado fishing license.

#### Reservations

Anglers must have a reservation prior to accessing the property. The maximum number of Anglers allowed to fish the property is 4 anglers per day. Children Anglers are not attributed to the property's Angler capacity. If a party wishes to reserve the property for a group that exceeds 4 anglers, the reservation request must be made through the Anglers booking organization and then approved by SCR to be reserved. Any bookings that are cancelled within 48 hours of booking date shall be charged the full rod fee amount.

#### Identification Badge & Registration Card

Badges must be worn on site and should be visible on Angler's chest. Anglers can pick up badges and any last-minute gear at Alpine Anglers. This fly shop is located close to the property and the address is: *981 Cowen Dr*, *Carbondale*, *81623*. All Anglers shall receive their registration card from Alpine Angling prior to fishing the property. This reservation card is to be completed placed on the driver's side dash of the vehicle upon arrival. Registration should be clearly visible through the windshield. SCR representatives do check to make sure that only Anglers with valid reservations are using the property and that all Anglers are complying with the property rules.

#### Fly Fishing Only

Angling is restricted to artificial flies with single, barbless hook only. Pellet Flies, "Fish Cookies", are prohibited on all property water. The size of the fish on the property can range from 10 – 30+ inches and weigh anywhere between 2 – 12 lbs. We advise Anglers to rig accordingly and possess an adequate net. Longer nets are recommended for landing fish on the creeks. For further recommendations on gear, please contact Alpine Angling.

#### Chumming

Chumming is illegal in the state of Colorado. "Chumming" means placing fish, parts of fish, fish feed/pellets or other material upon or in the waters for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area so they might be taken. Any Angler who is seen chumming shall be immediately expelled from the property and banned from returning. The incident will be documented and reported to their booking organization as well as Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

#### Access

Angling reservations permit access to the property for angling purposes only. Access to the property is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. A vast majority of the water access is maintained and easily accessible for Anglers. SCR advises all Anglers to be mindful of their footing as the banks can possess holes and unstable ground. Anglers seldomly use waders when fishing the creeks and most find that knee high boots are sufficient for the few bank areas that can be boggy. Waders are recommended when fishing the Roaring Fork River and Anglers are advised to wade with extreme caution.

#### **Restricted Access Days**

When the property is accommodating event guests, a section of one of the creeks is restricted from being accessed by Anglers. However, all the other water ways on the property are still accessible. SCR does its best to ensure both Anglers and event guests have the best experience and most privacy possible. Anglers who fish on Restricted

Access Days will need to contact SCR upon arrival, before getting on the water, for access instructions and limitations.

# Fish Handling

The property is strictly catch and release fly fishing only. Anglers are required to use a net with rubber netting material when landing fish and must ensure that fish return to the water with proper handling and resuscitation when necessary. Fish should be returned to the water as soon as possible and should only be removed from the water for a maximum time of 30 seconds at a time.

# **Photography**

Anglers are welcome to take pictures of the fish they catch but we do ask that Anglers have their phone ready and only have the fish out of the water for a maximum of 30 seconds. If Anglers would like to be showcased on the property's website with their catch, we encourage Anglers to send in their pictures and share their experience with us! Submissions can be sent to the email listed above.

SCR reserves the right to capture and/or use any photographs, video or other media reproductions of Anglers, fishing, or other fly-fishing activities in our publicity and advertising materials.

#### Guides

Anglers can be accompanied by a guide if they wish to obtain one for their reservation. SCR has a list of preferred guides for the property and can provide guide contact information for Anglers on request. Anglers are strictly prohibited from "guiding" (charging and/or accepting money or goods and/or services in return for accessing the property) guests or other anglers on the property.

# **Parking**

Anglers must use specified parking located in front of the Anglers pavilion at the base of hill. This area is easily seen upon entering the property and is accommodated by signage for parking. Anglers are not permitted to drive vehicles beyond this point and are not able to access any other road by vehicle on the property.

# **Angler Pavilion**

The pavilion is a common area for Anglers to utilize throughout the day. Outfitted with a picnic table, shaded covering and located near the parking area. Anglers are welcome to get comfortable. Bring a lunch, some lawn chairs and keep the cooler in the shade! SCR does recommend that Anglers remain mindful of scavengers and asks that Anglers do not leave any items out unattended during your time on the property.

#### Restrooms

The property does have a porta-pottie restroom located near the Angler Pavilion for Angler use. This restroom is maintained and cleaned regularly.

#### Gates

There are many gates throughout the property that Anglers can pass through to fish the various waters on the Ranch. Gates must always be left the way they are found. If they are open, then they can remain open. If they are closed, please ensure they are closed after you pass through. The property does have livestock in these gated areas and asks Anglers to be mindful of livestock presence and gate policy.

#### Trash

If you brought it with you, please make sure you take it with you when you go. Please be courteous and pick up after yourself.

# Respect Private Property

Respecting property, private or public, is paramount to being an ethical angler. SCR asks that all Anglers be respectful of the property and leave the common areas in good standing for the Anglers that follow. Anglers and any guests or guides accompanying them, will be held personally responsible for any damage caused by their actions.

# Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on the property.

# **Camping**

Camping and fires are not allowed on the property unless approved by SCR.

#### Watercraft

The use of boats, canoes, and/or rafts is prohibited on all property water.

# **Rule Changes**

SCR reserves the right to change any rules or regulations. In the event of a rule change, written notice will be provided to the booking organizations and onsite signage will be updated to reflect said changes.

# **Courtesy Protocol**

SCR reserves the right to request any person or group of people acting unruly and contrary to rules & regulations to leave the property. Angler may be banned from the property and/or forcefully removed by law enforcement if request is not met immediately.

# SCR Angler's Assumption of Risk:

I understand that by entering Spring Creeks Ranch to partake in fly fishing, I will frequently engage in activities that involve inherent and other risks during my time spent on the property. I acknowledge that some activities are strenuous and dangerous and require a certain degree of physical condition, ability, maturity, and skill. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for determining the suitability to participate in the activities presented with outdoor recreation and fly fishing. I knowingly and freely assume all risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the other guests, Anglers and/or SCR staff, owners, or pertinent parties, whether present or absent, and assume full responsibility for my participation and for any participation of any minor(s) under my supervision.

