



Dear Friend of Weatherby's,

Winter/Spring 2026

Our 23rd season is just around the corner and we would like to THANK YOU once again for all your support over the years! Without you coming to stay and fish with us, we wouldn't be here.



What a year we had in 2025 - Great guides and groups in May, June and September! New York Anglers, Cabelas, Greater Boston Trout Unlimited, Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Natural Resources Council of Maine to round it out in Septmeber.

Our third Weatherby's Argentine Adventure was nothing short of a huge success. We added a couple of new rivers to our list in December, including the Malleo and the Hauka and again fished the Limay River downstream of Bariloche for trophy brown trout up to 30 inches of pure power. The fishing, food and hospitality were off the charts and we have begun the planning for our 2026 Adventure. Consider joining us for this bucket list trip coming up quickly in late March. Our Bahamas Acklins/Crooked Island Adventure is also set for the third week of March and we have had two spots open up. Let us know if you are interested in joining Jon Peterson and our group for a week of bonefish and sunshine. Stay tuned to our Instagram for photos of our clients in action on the flats of Acklins.

We hosted the production on an episode of "Jim Just Landed," a YouTube production featuring place and tradition. Although the fish didn't cooperate in the limited time we had to film, we share a nice shore dinner on Big Lake and we were able to feature Bill Shamel as a local canoe builder of the Pop Moore Grand Lake Canoe in the show. In a different prodution in cooperation of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, we were featured in the the Maine and New Hampshire Outdoor Film Festivals. Another feather in our cap!

Upland Hunting - As Maine suffered a very wet May in 2025, so did our grouse - meaning hatch survival was not particularly good. Sporadic reports of good bird numbers did not hold up for our Northwoods hunts, making



for some tough days in the field. Good news is that with a good, dry spring, the grouse recover quickly and we should be back on track in 2026.

Grouse in the Grand Lake Stream area were fair, with wood-cock numbers quite good considering the big flights did not show up until the first week of November due to tropcial patterns preventing birds from moving south.

Our remote fishing trips continue to be popular and successful, in particular our Roach River Camp led by Jon Peterson. Dates again will be mid-September for three nights, with two and a half days of guided fishing. In 2026 we will be offering our West Branch Adventure September 23-27 with limited availability. Northwoods Grouse Camp in the Allagash November 1-15. Space is very limited for any of our remote trips, so book early to ensure you have a spot!

Our guide crew is all returning and we would like to welcome new guide via Montana, Will Higginson. Abbey, Carson and Keaton will be running the show and Jeff will be relegated to the back of a canoe for the foreseeable future.



Looking forward to seeing you in 2026!

The Weatherby's Gang

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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 2026 are September 13-16 Cost \$1495 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 2026 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 through 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.



Acklins Island, Bahamas March 2026 ~~ TWO SPOTS OPEN~~

Join us March 20-27 at Grey's Point Bonefish Lodge on the northern tip of Acklins for seven nights and six days of guided bonefishing. The remote island destination of Acklins boasts miles of tropical flats and mangrove lined creeks - perfect for bonefish - the ghost of the flats. Trip pricing will include lodging for seven nights on Acklins, and six days guided fishing and all meals. Give Jeff a call to reserve your spot. Our 2025 trip sold out well in advance and we expect this trip to fill quickly too.



Argentina 2026 Browns, Rainbows and Dorado November 30 - December 11

This trip is anchored around a week at the Limay River Lodge, December 4-11, 2026. The Middle Limay is an ecologically rich tailwater that holds big rainbows and even bigger browns. How big? Watch "Chasing 30" about the search for a 30 inch brown. The Limay is about much more than just big browns however- the lodge is comfortable and the food is excellent. The rainbows are no slouches either and run from 16 - 24 inches and fight like devils. There are good hatches and plenty of dry fly opportunities.

But before we plant ourselves in northern Patagonia, we'll be hunting golden dorado on the upper reaches of the Parana River well above its confluence with the Paraguay. If you have been intrigued by this beautiful, hard fighting fish, this is a great opportunity to find out what they are all about. This region is known for its excellent dorado fishing, so we've put together a 4 night / 3 day adventure that you will partake in. We'll be staying in the area near Itati at a shore-based lodge and fishing from boats. Puerto Paraiso owns and operates five separate properties in dorado country, which means you'll always have access to prime fishing. We'll be accompanied by a couple guides from Patagonia Outfitters to ease our communication with any local guides who do not speak good English.

Here is the schedule:

- Novmeber 31 - December 3, 2026 Dorado Exploration, Itati Region 4 nights / 3 days
- December 3 - Night in Buenos Aires at MIO Hotel (included)
- December, 4 - 11, 2026 Limay River Lodge 7 nights / 6 days

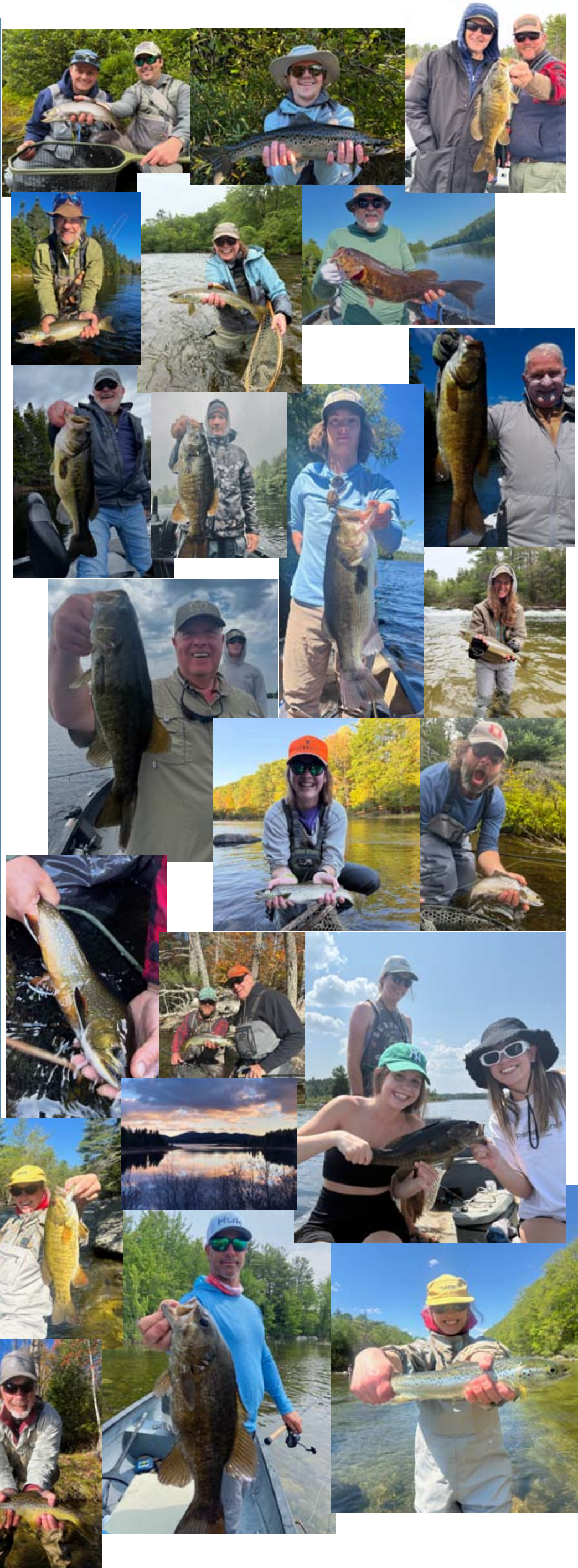
Give Jeff a call soon to secure your spots for this unique bucket list adventure!



2025 20" Club Hall of Fame

The 2025 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 26" lake trout caught by Chris Kelley, a 23" smallmouth caught by David Lyle and a 85" stick caught by John Marra.

Date	Name	species	Size	guide
12-May	Larry Converse	largemouth	20	Jon P
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15-May	Holly Piper	lake trout	22	Bill R
15-May	Holly Piper	lake trout	21	Bill R
15-May	John Piper	lake trout	20	Bill R
16-May	Ian Kaiser	salmon	20	Brian W
17-May	Maisk Bange	pickerel	22.5	Josh I
18-May	Chris Kelley	lake trout	26	Brian W
19-May	Patrick Sheppard	pickerel	22	Hammy
20-May	Lee Sillin	pickerel	20	Jon P
20-May	John Cornell	salmon	20	Josh I
19-May	Kurt Mains	pickerel	20	Joe
22-May	Chuck Mosher	salmon	21	Josh I
23-May	Chris Vossler	smallmouth	20	Jon P
24-May	John Marra	STICK	85	Hammy
30-May	Mart Shea	pickerel	25	Hammy
5-Jun	Abe McKinnon	largemouth	21	Jeff
5-Jun	Abe McKinnon	smallmouth	21	Jeff
5-Jun	Clif Shepard	smallmouth	20	Brian W
5-Jun	Noah McKinnon	pickerel	24	Jeff
5-Jun	Phil O'Connel	pickerel	20	Jon P
5-Jun	Noah McKinnon	pickerel	23	Jeff
6-Jun	Noah McKinnon	pickerel	20	Jeff
13-Jun	Kathy Pirasaic	largemouth	21	Jon P
13-Jun	Kathy Pirasaic	pickerel	22	Jon P
13-Jun	Richard Ruschhaupt	pickerel	23	Bill R
24-Jun	Alan Mackenzie	pickerel	21	Brian W
26-Jun	Jeff Martel	largemouth	20	Brian W
26-Jun	Molly Mackenzie	largemouth	20	Brian W
25-Jul	Eli Van Deventer	pickerel	21	Jon P
25-Jul	Hersh Hernandez	pickerel	20	Jon P
25-Jul	Ben Van Deventer	pickerel	21	Jon P
25-Jul	Ben Van Deventer	pickerel	20	Jon P
26-Jul	Neil Buckley	pickerel	22	Jon P
27-Jul	Pati Gedric	pickerel	22	Jon P
5-Aug	Todd P	pickerel	23	Jon P
9-Aug	David Lyle	smallmouth	23	Jon P
12-Aug	Regina Redmond	pickerel	21	Keaton
12-Aug	Lucas Hierl	largemouth	20	Keaton
23-Aug	Lander F	largemouth	22	Keaton
23-Aug	Ben F	pickerel	22	Keaton
24-Aug	Antonio Tavares	pickerel	20	Keaton
3-Sep	Frank Richards	pickerel	23	Keaton
21-Sep	Skip Boorman	lake trout	24	Bill R
21-Sep	Skip Boorman	salmon	20	Bill R
28-Sep	Sam Dedekian	salmon	20	Bill R
28-Sep	Sam Dedekian	lake trout	21	Bill R
28-Sep	Sam Dedekian	lake trout	20	Bill R
14-Oct	Laurel Lockett	salmon	20	Jon P
15-Oct	Ethan Lakota	salmon	20	Keaton
18-Oct	Warren Dibacco	salmon	20	Jon P
21-Oct	Garry Crago	salmon	20	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 7-10, 2026 or our Woman's Novice School, June 5-9 and June 24-28, 2026.



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



Young Roux had her first litter of pups last February and we will hopefully breeding her again late this winter. If you are looking for a field bred English cocker spaniel, let us know. The pups go fast, so sooner is better to get on the list. We will be having a retirement party in the spring for the world class super Curly Fry. Twelve years of guiding hunters from across the globe, Curly has accrude close to 400 working days over the years. She is still healthy and running, but I think her full days in the field are coming to a close in 2026. Gus and Roux will be carrying the torch moving forward and we will be adding some new blood to our gang in the spring.



Registered Maine Guide Training



We are excited to offer a Maine Guide Training Course for individuals that are interested in learning the highly respected trade of guiding fishing, hunting and canoe camping in Maine. We will be offering a three day, four night course that will teach you the ins and outs of getting your Maine Guide license in the disciplines of fishing, hunting and/or recreation (camping, hiking, canoeing). In addition to the classroom work, you will learn the art of cooking on an open fire each day with focus placed on preparing different types of meat, potatoes and onions as well as the secret to making our world famous Maine Guide coffee. Successful candidates will be considered for full or part-time guide positions at Weatherby's in 2026 and beyond.

Course Dates
May 8,9,10 2026
• Cost \$1499 PP for four nights lodging, all meals, private room in a shared cabin, three full days of instruction, all course materials. Not included – gratuities for lodge staff.



• \$549 PP for three days of classroom instruction only (for local and camping participants) Not included – lodging and meals.

Military veterans and Active Duty military can qualify for full reimbursement upon successful completion of this course.

Space is limited – give Jeff a call at 207-796-5558 today to reserve you spot in our first ever Registered Maine Guide training event.

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Rake Fest 2026

Every spring we host a large group of anglers with a small raking problem. We get 100 hours of work done in two short days while we fish at least that many. Good music, food and home brew included. If interested in joining the party, give Jeff a call. A true rite of spring - May 2 and 3, 2026.



2026 Rates

American Plan
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner / Day / Person
All inclusive pricing -
Meals, lodging, beer, house wines, Orvis equipment

Adult \$299 May 16 - June 30 and September 16 - close
\$269 May 1-May 15 and July 1-Sept.15
Children 10-15 yrs, \$125.00
Children 4-9 yrs, \$95.00 (Free July/August*)

Guide service- \$500/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
\$79/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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