

**LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GUIDES & THE QUINLAN RANCH**  
**All Inclusive, Multi-day Guided Fly Fishing Trips for the 2012 Season**

*2 Days Fishing / 3 Nights Food and Lodging or...*

*3 Days Fishing / 4 Nights Food and Lodging*

**SCHEDULE & GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS OF TRIPS**

**ARRIVAL EVENING:**

Arrive at the Quinlan Ranch around 4:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Get settled in to your rooms and have dinner in the ranch's dinning room. Spend the night at the ranch.

**FIRST FISHING DAY:**

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the ranch's dining room; lunch will be at the fishing spot. Spend the night at the ranch.

**SECOND FISHING DAY:**

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the ranch's dining room; lunch will be at the fishing spot. Spend the night at the ranch.

**THIRD FISHING DAY (If you are doing the 3 day/4 night package):**

Guided fishing at one of the locations offered. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the ranch's dining room; lunch will be at the fishing spot. Spend the night at the ranch.

**DEPARTURE MORNING:**

Breakfast will be served in the ranch's dining room and then check-out by 11:00 am.

*Note: If you would like to arrange for a guide to fish with on this day we will do our best to get this set up.*

**GUIDED FISHING & FISHING LOCATIONS**

We will depart from the ranch after breakfast and return to the ranch for dinner. Anglers can either ride with the guides or drive their own vehicles to the fishing locations. The guides will provide all the flies, tippet and leaders you will need. We recommend that you bring your own fly rods - 4 or 5 weights are the best suited for the waters you will be fishing. If you don't have a fly rod, your guide will have ones you can use. If you don't have wading shoes and/or waders, Land of Enchantment Guides can provide them for you. If you need to use our wading shoes and wading gear for the trip, we will need to know your shoe size in advance. All anglers will be responsible for their own New Mexico and Colorado fishing licenses. We recommend that

you have your licenses before you arrive at the ranch (you can get them online on the Land of Enchantment Guides website, at this page: [Book a Trip](#)) If you don't have your licenses when you arrive at the Quinlan Ranch; New Mexico licenses are available in Chama and Colorado licenses are available on the way to the Abeyta ranch.

Depending on how many days you are going to fish and what style of fishing you would like to experience, you can choose from any of the fishing locations detailed below...

**THE ABEYTA RANCH:** Known as the Abeyta Ranch or the Canon Bonito water, this 2.5 mile stretch of the Conejos River in southern Colorado has great pools and runs which are inhabited by many large native browns and rainbows. Located just across the state line from New Mexico, the ranch is on one of the best and most accessible stretches of Conejos. It is easy wading and there has been a large amount of stream improvement done, creating some superb pools and runs. There are lots of really nice browns and a fair number of larger rainbows throughout the ranch's water. The Conejos is known for its green drake and stonefly hatches and, if you are lucky enough to be there when one is happening, you stand the chance of getting into some great dry fly action. The landscape is beautiful. This section of the river flows through open meadows with hills and cliffs off in the distance. *Note: There is an additional \$50 per day/per angler rod fee to fish on the Abeyta Ranch.*



**THE QUINLAN RANCH:** Located just west of Chama and south of Rancho del Oso Pardo the ranch is adjacent to the renowned, state-owned Edward Sargent Wildlife Area. It is a rich alpine wilderness at the intersection of multiple ecosystems; one-third forest; one-third scrub oak and one-third meadow. There are 4 ponds on the Quinlan Ranch's 17,000 acres (yes that is correct, seventeen thousand acres!). Each one is full of large fish - three of them have both rainbows and browns with the fourth having strictly cutthroats. The largest pond is over 12 acres with the others ranging in size down to about 4 acres. The ponds are in open meadow areas so anglers can easily fish from the shore without worrying about trees to hang up their back casts. Boats are also available for anglers to use. *Note: There is an additional \$40 per day/per angler rod fee to fish on the Quinlan Ranch.*



**THE CHAMA AREA RIVERS & STREAMS:** There are many spots to fish in the area including the Chama, the Brazos and the Los Piños rivers. Depending on which spots are fishing the best, we may go to any number of spots within a short drive from the ranch.

The Chama River is probably one of the West's most undiscovered and diverse trout rivers. Starting in the mountains on the Colorado border, it flows as a freestone stream for many miles through high mountain forests and meadows. Below El Vado reservoir, it runs for over thirty miles through rugged, multi-colored sandstone canyons and rough terrain with limited access. For six miles of this section it passes through the 50,000 acre Chama River Canyon Wilderness area. All the sections of the Chama have good populations of large wild browns and rainbows (the state record brown trout was caught in the river below El Vado). The other nice thing about the Chama is that, by its being so diverse, there is almost always a section of it that is fishing well. Because most of the river is quite remote, you will usually see lots of wildlife. The scenery is unrivaled and the fishing can be outstanding. The Chama River is truly a "wild river", offering an unforgettable fishing experience.



The section of the Brazos we will be fishing offers us approximately 4 to 5 miles of the river. This reach provides good fishing for wild browns and stocked rainbows. There are incredible views of the Brazos cliffs. Because this part of the Brazos is near its confluence with the Chama, we are often able to fish both rivers in a day. There is often great terrestrial/dry fly fishing in the summer to early fall with a "hopper-dropper" rig being the way to go.

**THE SAN JUAN:** The San Juan River is a fishery that everyone should experience. It is world renowned as one of the greatest tailwater trout fisheries. In the top 4 miles of river below the dam, there are over 20,000 fish per mile, averaging 17 inches in length. Considering the average size of the fish, this means that there are many real "lunkers" in the 20" plus range to be caught - you couldn't ask for more. Most of the fish are rainbows but the population of browns seems to be increasing. It is primarily a small fly fishery with size #20 to #26 midges on light tippet being the standard



setup. It is quite a thrill to hook and land a large fish on this type of gear. The river is big by New Mexico standards but very easy to wade and, with the density of fish being so great, long casts are not usually necessary. We mostly do float trips (fishing from a drift boat) on the San Juan. Fishing from the boat allows anglers to fish many spots that are impossible to wade to. Fishing on the San Juan is excellent at any time of year.

### FOOD & LODGING

The recently refurbished Garcia Cabin on the Quinlan Ranch offers convenience, comfort, great food and great views. Situated on a hillside, the cabin overlooks the San Juan Basin - a classic New Mexican stretch of the Rocky Mountains.



The grand room is elegantly comfortable encircled by large picture windows with spectacular views. The river rock fireplace with roaring fire turns the room into a warm refuge on cool rocky mountain nights. The gaming table and large screen television round out one of the most social areas of the cabin. Wireless internet service is available throughout.



Each bedroom has two full sized beds with pillow-top mattresses, a leather couch or chair and plenty of space for gear. The bedrooms have their own separate bathrooms. Lodging is based on double occupancy.

Note: If you want to rough it in luxury, there is the option of staying in extremely well fitted-out wall tents. The tenting area is located about 3 miles into the ranch and has a great bath house with hot water and all the necessary facilities.



All of the meals will be prepared by the ranch's in house chef with breakfast and dinner served in the ranch's dining room. Lunches will be served at the fishing spots, picnic style. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks are provided.

## COSTS & DETAILS

- All of the trips offered at the Quinlan Ranch are completely customizable. Because of the many available options and choices of fishing locations, you will need to contact us to design and price your specific trip.

*(An example of a larger group trip's pricing: The cost per person for a trip of 4 nights lodging with all meals and three full days of guided fishing is \$945.00, tax included. This price includes each angler's rod fees for a day at the Abeyta Ranch and a day at the Quinlan Ranch. This trip and pricing is based on having an exact group size of either 6, 9 or 12 anglers with 1 guide for every 3 anglers on each fishing day).*

- Having a fishing licenses is the responsibility of each angler.
- The price does not include any tip/gratuity for the fishing guides and/or the ranch staff.
- Only non-alcoholic drinks are provided - the trip is B.Y.O.B.

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For more information about Land of Enchantment Guides or the trips...

Please go to our website: [www.loeflyfishing.com](http://www.loeflyfishing.com)

or you can give us a call at: (505) 629-5688 or (505) 927-5356

