

River Keepers

STEVE HERTER

"When the owners of Marabou told me to dream my biggest fly fishing dream, I took them seriously. I think we have brought the best of the brightest scientists and guides together to design and build a unique quality fishery like no other." ~ Steve Herter

Steve Herter, our Master Fishing Guide, is helping plan our River Enhancement, Meadows Fishery, Wildlife Habitat Restoration and River Core Trail concepts. Herter is a nationally-known flyfisherman, aquatic restoration expert and has developed 3 of the top 10 fly fishing lodges in North America. He has lived in Northwest Colorado for 35 years and has extensive knowledge of many secret hunting and fishing wilderness spots around Steamboat.

PAT STEFANEK

"I have guided 15 years from Alaska to Colorado. Combining the fly-fishing opportunities at Marabou with the diversity that North Park offers, truly represents the best trout fish experience anywhere in North America." ~ Pat Stefaneck

Pat Stefaneck is another Flyfishing Master Guide for Marabou. What do you do with a Wildlife Biology degree? You fish and hunt the best places in the West and Alaska. Pat put his education and great love for wilderness into his work. Stefaneck, a long time Steamboat resident, has guided top fishermen and hunters from Alaska to the American West for 15 years. He founded and owns the prestigious North Park Fishing Club in nearby Walden, Colorado, to which Marabou owners have exclusive access. His passion for true wilderness adventure is instrumental to Marabou's commitment to world-class adventures in our own backyard.

Marabou Fly

Marabou feathers, used in fly tying for a century, give a fly pattern life and vitality. Flies tied with this special feather pulse, swim, and dance in the water like no other, just as we have created a ranch community that has vibrancy like no other.

Artist JOHN KOBALD

John's paintings and sculptures reflect his passion for outdoor sport. His experience as a fly-fishing and hunting guide gives him an intimate relationship with the natural world, which he translates into his art.



Riparian Restoration and Habitat Enhancements

Marabou's extensive Riparian Restoration and Habitat Enhancement provides our ranch community with quality sanctuary for all the ranch wildlife. The river corridor (over 2 miles in length) has great river trout pools, and our meadow lakes project, with 14 acres of lakes and meadow meanders, give our owners quality private trout fishing like no other place.

Resident Fish

- Brook Trout** ~ The beauty queen of the stream is not a trout at all, but a char. She was originally brought out from the east to bejewel the Rocky Mountain waters.
- Rainbow Trout** ~ Originally from the Pacific slope, this tremendous fighter puts on a spectacular aerial display and makes awesome runs when hooked. Many anglers have been 'spooled' by large Rainbow's racing downstream after being duped by a fly.
- Brown Trout** ~ We call him the Marabou Marauder! The fish that legends are made of - The fabled finned ogre occasionally coming out to strip the angler of his smaller hooked fish and all the terminal tackle at the end of his line.
- Cut Bow** ~ A beautiful cross between the native Cutthroat and the fighting Rainbow Trout, this trout has flourished in the Rocky Mountain waters and is a common catch on the Elk River.
- Colorado River Cutthroat** ~ The native of the Colorado Rockies - A beautiful reddish-orange slash on the throat gives this salmonid its name. A Colorado River Cutthroat has larger but fewer spots more concentrated toward the tail than its cousin the Rainbow.



Resident Birds

- Bald Eagle** ~ Our nation's symbol, the Bald Eagle, is always an awesome sight, keeping a commandful watch over the meadows and rivers below.
- Canadian Goose** ~ With a black head and distinctive white "chinstrap," these geese can be seen flying in a V-shaped formation over Marabou.
- Kingfisher** ~ With its penetrating rattling call, the Kingfisher cruises and perches above the rivers and ponds in search of small fish.
- Osprey** ~ A better angler than we will ever be, the Osprey cruises above the water in search of fish. It dives steeply into the water with its talons outstretched to capture its prey.
- Sandhill Crane** ~ Among the tallest birds in the world and a wing span of almost 7 feet, the Sandhill Crane is easily recognized in flight, having both its neck and legs extended out.
- Ducks** ~ Many varieties of duck can be seen dabbling and cruising in the waters of the Elk River. The colorful plumage of the males identifies each species.

North Park

Marabou owners have full access to the private waters of the North Park Fishing Club. North Park consists of seven ranches that compose over 76,000 deeded acres, most of which are hayfields and river bottoms. As a Marabou landowner you have private access to over 50 miles of rivers and four lakes! The nearest town is Walden, which is the moose viewing capital for the state; in fact moose outnumber people. North Park area is listed as the last frontier of Colorado.

The Four major waterways that run through the properties are the North Platte, the North Fork of the Platte, the Michigan and the Canadian rivers, in addition to smaller spring-fed creeks and four lakes. The diversity of these waters will appease any type of angler.

The famous North Platte River is a slow moving, floatable river, our reach winds 10 miles through luscious hay fields, with deep oxbow bends. It is perfect for the angler who likes to throw a steamer or a hopper. There are also abundant insect hatches for the technical dry fly, nymph and wet fly enthusiasts. If smaller freestone streams are to your liking, the North Fork of the Platte, the Michigan and the Canadian rivers will supply you with the kinds of challenges you are looking for.

Wherever you choose to fish, you will be overwhelmed with the incredible wild trout fishing, the majestic beauty and the absolute privacy available on each piece of water.

Our Cottonwoods

Marabou's Habitat Enhancement plan involves a great team effort of sportsmen, cowboys and scientists to plant native trees, grasses, create "Bio-Island" sanctuaries, and protect our wonderful riverside Cottonwood Groves. Mike Middleton, Colorado Division of Wildlife officer, notes that, "Eighty percent of Northwest Colorado cottonwood groves are in rough shape." These groves provide security and sustenance for much of the wildlife on our ranch. The combination of Wetlands Restoration, planting Cottonwood seedlings, fencing, sensible range grazing and our Core Trail System will help our Cottonwood Groves come back to the real job of protecting our river, wetlands and wildlife.



Marabou STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

