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Re: Would you pay to fish a PA trout stream?

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I hate to do this, but I kind of agree with Jack. Anyhow, I am not perfect in this area. 35 years ago, I joined a local ff club for a year and found that it wasn't for me (kind of like fishing for your pets). Since then, I never have, and I have turned down opportunities to fish at private clubs, most notably on Spruce Creek. But, I can envision a scenario where I would. Locally, almost all of our fishing is done on privately owned but still publicly accessible properties. These landowners are not wealthy people and work hard to make ends meet. They have welcomed me to their properties for over 40 years of fly-fishing, and I am extremely grateful for their generosity. If they as individual landowners would ask for a reasonable access fee to fish on their properties to help make their ends meet, I believe I would do it. It is pretty difficult for rural property owners, especially farmers, in today's world. (I truly think a good easement program from the FBC would help them a lot.) At any rate, though I never have (except for my youthful indiscretion with the club many years ago) paid to access a property to fish and certainly prefer not to, I can say never say never. The scenario I have described is one in which I think I would pay to fish for wild trout, not for pellet-fed hatchery dumbbells.