



**IGNACE OUTPOSTS  
2011 GUEST HANDBOOK**

**G**reetings:

In keeping with our fine tradition of Canadian Hospitality, we wish to welcome you in joining us for our **2011** season. Ignace Outposts offers outstanding accommodations, personal service, and tremendous value for your dollar, and of course, Quality Wilderness Fishing. This information packet has been prepared to enhance your vacation with us. If we can help you any further in your preparations, please feel free to contact us.

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*BOOKING INFO:*

*PARTY NAME* \_\_\_\_\_

*DATE* \_\_\_\_\_

*LAKE* \_\_\_\_\_

*# of people confirmed* \_\_\_\_\_

*Group ID #* \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1.0 BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

### 1.1 Packing

On a fly-in vacation such as we offer it is important not to over pack. Due to government regulations, safety and just plain common sense, we do not overload our aircraft. The manufacturer's recommendations are followed quite closely. We will weigh loads. In light of this, we recommend you plan your packing carefully. We ask that fishing parties stay under 100 lbs. per person.

### 1.2 Sample list of items to bring:

#### 1.2.1 Personal items

- couple of rods and reels
- spare line
- a well-equipped tackle box (please don't bring tackle for fish you won't be catching)
- a landing net
- mosquito repellent and/or a mosquito net head cover
- sunglasses
- compass or GPS
- pillow
- sleeping bag
- towels and face cloth (soap etc)
- camera (a spare battery is handy)
- filet knife and whet stone
- life jacket approved in your home State (these are mandatory)
- rain gear
- clothing (appropriate for the season)
- personal needs ( i.e. prescriptions, toothpaste, toiletries, shaving kit, etc)

#### 1.2.2 Group items:

- coolers
- food (the group should coordinate a master food plan including meals- a sample list is included below)
- beverages (please **NO bottled beer** – cans only)
- a couple of good flashlights and at least one lantern (battery powered)
- snacks
- alarm clock
- first aid kit (ideas in next section)
- small tool kit
- axe and saw
- toilet paper
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- small tool kit
- axe and saw
- toilet paper
- dish towels

- bait buckets
- deck of cards and crib board (board games are nice on those long rainy evenings)
- waterproof matches
- garbage bags

**NOTE: Strike anywhere matches, lead acid batteries and aerosol cans and bear spray are all restricted for air transportation. Also, we do not permit white gas/naphtha gas lanterns into our camps. Please bring battery powered lanterns instead. If in doubt please contact us about these items.**

If possible please pack your personal gear in one or two duffle or gym bags. Please do not use suitcases. Your food and other supplies should be packed in sturdy boxes. Cardboard or plastic boxes are great and the boxes should have lids. Please, no coffin sized boxes or coolers. Remember your gear and supplies must be carried to the dock and to the cabin. They must also fit into the airplane without having to make a new door or hire extra staff to lift them. You may also require the same boxes to bring extra stuff out. With a little planning you will not need to bring more than necessary. **If it takes more than one man to lift or carry it – it is too big!** Rods should be broken down and packed in a case of some sort. Please don't bring rod cases that are longer than 6 ½ feet or more than 7 inches in diameter. Do not bring your fishing poles in heavy PVC sewer pipe. Buy a lightweight rod tube from your favourite sporting goods store. Individual rods must be reel-less and hook-less. These requirements are to help protect your equipment.

If you end up bringing more than 100 lbs. per person, we may charge you an overload fee based on current air transportation tariffs. We will work with you!! If you want to fly in a few items ahead of time, just let us know and we can pick up your beer, soda or other grocery items and have them at the camp waiting for you. If we need not make an extra flight for your overload we will not charge you.

#### **1.1.2. Things not to bring:**

- More than 100 lbs of stuff (beer, water and pop are the items which will put you over your weight limit the quickest).
- Bottled beer

There are some items which you won't need. These include:

- 120 volt electrical appliances (hair dryer, TV etc)
- Cell phones won't work from the lakes
- Pellet guns, hand guns, shot guns – These won't stop a bear and may just make him angry

### 1.2.3 First Aid Kit:

A good First Aid Kit is something every fishing group should have. Keep in mind; help may be a long way off.

Here are some ideas for a personal/group kit.

- Hydrogen peroxide to clean wounds
- Sterile Gauze and sterile ointment
- Steri-strips to use in lieu of stitches
- An eye cup, sterile rinse and ointment for eye related injuries
- Pain Killers
- Antacid for stomach disorders
- Laxative and antidiarrheal
- Antihistamine, in case someone reacts to food or an insect bite
- Toothache gel
- Tweezers and scissors and pliers (quality ones)
- First aid manual
- Suntan lotion
- Solarcaine or similar for sunburn
- Anti-itch cream
- Others things which may be required for personal needs

Pack these items in a tackle box or something similar. Assign someone in the group to be responsible for the kit and that every one knows where it is. Tape a contents list on the inside of the lid. You may want to indicate what some items are used for. The best situation is to ensure someone in the group has a current first aid certificate.

**Please ensure everyone in the group has their own personal medication** including things like antacid, aspirin and prescription medicines. We do not have a pharmacy in Ignace, so please be sure you have all your prescription medication before you go into the bush. Extra medicine is advisable in the event there is a delay in getting out of the bush. In the event someone in the group has a particular condition such as diabetes or a heart condition, another person in the group should be instructed in the proper method of administering medication, in the event the person becomes incapacitated.

In the event that it takes more than one aircraft to move your group, please be sure you have any medications or required personal items with you on board.

### 1.3 Sample Food Planning List:

#### STAPLES

sm salt  
sm pepper  
flour  
sugar  
coffee (instant or reg)  
tea bags

#### BREADS

loaves of bread - white  
loaves of bread - brown  
hamburger buns  
hot dog buns  
pancake mix  
soda crackers  
Shake'n Bake fish  
breakfast cereal

#### SNACKS

cookies  
potato chips  
chocolate bars  
pretzels  
hard candies  
peanuts

#### BOTTLED GOODS

pancake syrup  
pickles  
mustard  
mayonnaise  
ketchup  
salad dressing  
tartar sauce  
1 gal cooking oil

#### CANNED GOODS

jam  
evap milk  
soup  
peas  
corn  
pears  
peaches  
pork and beans  
tomato juice  
orange juice  
canned ham  
apple sauce

#### PRODUCE

lettuce  
tomatoes  
apples  
oranges  
potatoes  
onions  
lemons

#### DRY GOODS

matches  
pic coils  
bar hand soap  
dish soap  
SOS pads  
paper towel  
toilet paper  
paper plates  
tin foil

#### MEATS

bacon  
ground beef  
wieners  
pork chops  
steaks  
cut up chicken  
sandwich meats  
hamburger patties

#### DAIRY PRODUCTS

eggs  
milk  
butter  
cheese

#### BEVERAGES

pop  
beer  
milk  
koolaid  
fruit juice powder  
non alcohol beer  
liquor  
ice tea mix

#### \* Note \*

For your cooking convenience, our cabins have gas ranges with ovens, refrigerators, gas bar-b-ques and some cabins have outside deep fryers. All pots and pans, cooking utensils and dishes are provided at the cabin.

## 1.4 Travel plans:

Access to Ignace Outposts' base is quite simple. We are located just off the Trans-Canada Hwy in the town of Ignace, Ontario. Aside of a shortcut or hwy construction, your travel will be on paved road right to our driveway. **If by chance you are delayed on route, please contact us by phone to let us know your new estimated time of arrival.** It certainly helps in our planning to know when you plan to arrive. It is advisable that you contact us a few days before your departure from home to advise us of your arrival date and time and to ensure there are no surprises ahead. I hate to say it, but we've had guests show up on wrong dates simply because of travel plan mix-ups.

### 1.4.1 Tips:

- confirm your dates and times and balance owing before you leave home
- note your travel time, planned route and sights of interest along the way
- leave a copy of your itinerary at home
- leave a list of party members and phone numbers with someone at home
- leave our phone number and names with someone at home
- be sure to have a valid driver's licence, vehicle registration and insurance
- have some Canadian money (cash) for incidentals along the way
- persons 18 and under not accompanied by an adult should have a letter from a parent, or guardian giving them permission to enter Canada
- be sure to declare all items being brought into Canada
- be polite and truthful to the custom officers (this will help expedite your border crossing)
- AAA is a good investment when traveling in a foreign country
- use of headlights while driving (even in the day) is recommended
- Canadian speed limits are posted in kilometers per hour (kph) not miles per hour
- Canadian stamps must be used when mailing from Canada

### 1.4.2 Customs Information:

- Canada Customs Fort Frances Bridge: 807-274-3655
- Canada Customs Pigeon River (Thunder Bay): 807-964-2093
- If you have customs questions please call, the appropriate Customs office
- **If you or a party member have had a criminal conviction in the past i.e. Impaired Driving charge, please contact the Canada Customs office you are planning to pass through for admissibility requirements and/or restrictions**
- Passports are now required for citizens of the United States to re-enter the United States so it is highly advisable that you acquire a passport early.
- Each person of legal drinking age is allowed to bring across one case of beer or one 40 oz bottle of hard liquor without paying duty (legal drinking age in Ontario is 19)
- Each adult over the age of 16 may bring across one carton of cigarettes (200)
- Each person is allowed to bring a reasonable amount of groceries for their stay
- Handguns are PROHIBITED so is pepper spray
- Live swimming bait (minnows and leeches) are not allowed over the border

### 1.4.3 Hospital and Medical Services

Canadian hospital and medical services are excellent but rates vary. Therefore we recommend you have traveler's health insurance. Some health plans do not cover services outside the US. Please check your policy for coverage in Canada.

If you are taking medicine prescribed by a doctor, please bring a copy of your prescription in the event it needs to be renewed. And please bring your medicine with you.

## 2.0 ON YOUR WAY

### 2.1 Getting to us:

For most American visitors arriving by vehicle, the two most convenient border crossings are Pigeon River near Thunder Bay and Fort Frances/International Falls. From Duluth, Minn, it is a 6 hour drive to Ignace either way.

#### 2.1.1 Through Pigeon River:

- take Hwy 61 north from Duluth about 3 ½ hours to the border
- continue on Hwy 61 to Thunder Bay (approx 35 mi)\*
- as you pass the airport take Arthur St west (left at the lights)  
Arthur St will become Hwy 11/17
- Stay on Hwy 11/17 west bound thru Kakebeka Falls and Shabaqua (Hwy 11 splits off Hwy 17 just past Shabaqua)
- Stay on Hwy 17 towards Dryden and Kenora
- go thru Raith, Upsala, English River and then into Ignace.
- as you arrive in Ignace from the east, you'll pass Vern's Minnows on the left. This is our only bait shop.
- Continue through Ignace and as you are leaving town there is a Petro Canada Commercial fuel plant on the right. Just past this is our sign. "IGNACE AIRWAYS AND OUTPOSTS"
- turn left on Lakeshore Dr. We are less than 1 mile down this road.

\* There is a short cut which will by-pass Thunder Bay and save about 20 - 25 minutes.

- as you near Thunder Bay, you'll see Hwy 130 approx. 24 mi. from the border
- turn left on Hwy 130 and follow thru to Arthur St (Hwy 11/17)
- Hwy 130 ( this road takes you thru some farm areas and bends and turns sharply several times) (8 ½ mi.)
- turn left on Arthur St to Hwy 11/17 and proceed as above to Ignace.

#### 2.1.2 Through International Falls/Fort Frances:

- take Hwy 53 north from Duluth to International Falls
- Cross the border into Fort Frances, Ontario
- Follow Hwy 11 east out of Fort Frances about 12 miles\*

- take Hwy 502 north to Dryden (this road is about 80 mi with nothing but moose to break the monotony)
- be especially careful of moose at night on this road
- as you enter Dryden, stay on the same road thru Dryden to Hwy 17
- you will come to Hwy 17 near Mc Donalds on your left.
- go east on Hwy 17 for 65 miles to Ignace
- as you approach Ignace, you'll see our sign "IGNACE OUTPOSTS AND AIRWAYS"
- turn right on Lakeshore Dr. we are less than 1 mi down this road.

\*there is a short cut which will save you about 30 minutes but requires travel on about 30 mi of gravel road.

- stay on Hwy 11 past Hwy 502 to Mine Center (approx 38 mi from Fort Frances)
- about 7 miles past Mine Center is Manion Lake Rd.
- turn left on Manion Lake Rd and when the road splits take the right fork (Grey Trout Lake Rd) - just stay on the main traveled portion of the road (don't take any side roads)
- after about 27 miles from Hwy 11 you'll come to Hwy 622
- turn left (north) on Hwy 622
- go about 47 miles to Hwy 17
- turn right (east) on Hwy 17
- Ignace is 20 miles from this intersection

To return to the US just reverse the above directions.

## 2.2 Approx distances in miles

from	Chicago	Des Moines	Milwaukee	Duluth	Minneapolis/St Paul
to Ignace	840	715	750	345	500

### REMEMBER:

- **IT IS THE LAW IN ONTARIO TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS.**
- **RADAR DETECTORS ARE ILLEGAL**
- **CELL PHONES DO NOT ALWAYS WORK IN OUR AREA** - You leave coverage near Thunder Bay or Fort Frances. There is a small area of coverage near Dryden and Ignace.

### **3.0 YOUR ARRIVAL IN IGNACE**

#### **3.1 Arrival in Ignace:**

If possible we request you arrive in Ignace early in the morning on your date of departure. Many guests prefer to arrive the night before and get a good night's rest at a local hotel before they fly out (remember, you are on vacation). Our normal flight schedule begins at 7 am. To be able to depart at this time, we request you arrange to arrive at our base prior to this time. Normally we can give you a good idea of your proposed departure time about a week ahead of your fly out date. Generally, our scheduling is based on a first in first out basis; however, this policy is not cast in stone due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Fridays and Saturdays are very busy and sometimes delays are unavoidable.

When you arrive at our base, please check in at the office. Please don't just start unloading your stuff near an aircraft. We can issue your angling licences here, give you a briefing on your lake and help you arrange any last minute needs. Our staff will direct you to your dock and we'll give you an approximate departure time. All party members must present themselves in the office to register with us. We suggest you leave your vehicle keys with us to prevent their loss and to facilitate retrieval of forgotten items from your vehicle or the moving of your vehicle if need be. Your balance owing will be due upon arrival at our office. If you arrive early we can take care of the "paper work" at this time. We accept cash, money order, bank draft, traveler's check, VISA and Master Card for payment of your trip. We accept personal cheques only for deposit. All of our rates are in CDN\$ unless otherwise noted. When we provide your bill, you will notice we have added tax. The tax (HST) (13%) is refundable up to 50% for non-residents for certain portions of your package. If you have made a deposit at least 30 days in advance, our government allows us to charge only half the tax. We will do this on your behalf so there is no need to make a request for refund. If you do not qualify (i.e. late or no deposit) we will charge the whole tax and you will have to submit a claim for refund. We do have the appropriate forms for you.

Any incidentals charged while you are in camp can be paid for upon your return to Ignace from the bush. We do have a few sundry items for sale in our office. We recommend you have all your needs taken care of before you arrive. If we can help you acquire items such as food, beverages (pop and beer or wine) let us know at least 30 days in advance and we'll do our best to have these items waiting for you at our base or perhaps even ahead of you at the camp.

We carry a variety of quality T-shirts, hats and sweats for souvenir items to remember your trip with us.

### 3.2 Hotels and Restaurants in Ignace:

We suggest you make reservations at a local hotel if you plan to arrive in Ignace the evening before your flight.

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| ○ Northwoods Motor Inn (restaurant and bar on site)    | 807-934-2296              |
| ○ Lone Pine Motel (on the lake, very quiet)            | 807-934-2239              |
| ○ Ignace White Otter Inn (near restaurants and Tavern) | 807-934-6322              |
| ○ Westwood Motel (near restaurants and Tavern)         | 807-934-2978              |
| ○ Trading Post Motel                                   | 888-934-2386 807-934-2386 |

The Ignace area also has a few campgrounds

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| ○ Davy Lake Campground (right in town about 1.5 miles from us) | 807-934-0914 |
| ○ Sandbar Provincial Park (6 miles north)                      | 807-934-2995 |

Ignace has several restaurants. All are on the Highway except Ignace Tavern.

### 3.3 Baitshop:

The bait shop is on the highway at the same location as the Shell Gas Station.

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| ○ Vern's Minnows | 807-934-2254 |
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The bait shop opens early and would appreciate advance notice for large orders to be provided early in the morning. Please notify them no later than the night before for these early orders. Be sure to advise them you are flying with us and would like the bait packed accordingly.

### 3.4 Your flight:

You will be flying over the great Northwestern portion of Ontario during your flight to the outpost camp. Your pilot is a seasoned professional who must meet stringent Transport Canada requirements in order to work for us. Before you board the aircraft, **it will be your responsibility to help the pilot load your gear and to ensure all your stuff is out of the vehicles.** Once aboard the aircraft your adventure begins. The pilot will brief you on emergency procedures aboard the aircraft. Please be sure you understand what he is saying. The pilot is there to help you enjoy your vacation so feel free to ask him questions but please do not disturb him while preparing for takeoff, during takeoff or landing. Usually, if you ask him and if conditions are conducive, the pilot will be able to show you the lake from the air as you arrive. Very often the pilot will point out a moose or bear from the air. Your flight will last from 15 minutes to 1 hour depending on your chosen lake and you will fly over virgin forest, cutovers, lakes and otherwise fantastic scenery.

**Because room is limited on the aircraft, please don't have any carry on bags.**

Camera bags, purses, computers, and bottles of liquor are all safer with the cargo in the back of the aircraft. If you wish to take pictures, carry only your camera on board with you.

Every seat is a good one. Someone will be able to sit in the cockpit with the pilot. If you do sit "up front" be careful as you enter and exit that you don't bump any switches or pull any handles

or cords. The pilot will appreciate this. The front seat is not “reserved” for the biggest guy. Usually, it is best if an agile member of the group gets up front with the pilot.

#### 4.0 AT THE LAKE:

When you are dropped off, the pilot will help you unload your gear. He will check your cabin, propane, gas supply, and boats and motors. We suggest at least one member of your party checks things with the pilot (or camp attendant) in order to familiarize you with what is there. Please ask questions if in doubt.

Before the pilot leaves, be sure you know:

- where and how much gas you have
- how to operate the boats
- how to change a propane tank, if necessary
- how to work the radio
- how to light the fridge and lights
- how to use the icehouse
- where to put your fish offal

If you are at a camp with a caretaker, these things are not as much a concern to you as would be knowing where to find the attendant. He will help orient you and let you know camp details.

It is completely up to you as to whether you tip the pilot or other staff. Our feeling is that if they do a good job assisting you and helping you make your vacation enjoyable it is perfectly in order to “slide” something their way. It is also customary to leave any food you do not wish to take home with you to the pilots or other staff. Please pack this food to leave the camp and fly it out with you unless you leave it with the camp attendant.

Housekeeping cabins require that you clean the cabin, boats, shore lunch spots, etc. before your departure. **Absolutely no garbage, leftover food, drinks or packaging is to be left behind.** This also applies to Seseganaga and Metionga Lakes. If you are leaving beer for the next guys, please collect the money yourselves. We will not give you credit on beer and then charge the next guys. **We do not keep beer at the outposts so if you want us to get beer for you, we will be pleased to do so, but like minnows, you pay for the beer or liquor ordered and we won't take beer back nor give you a credit for unused beer or liquor.** **Guests are responsible for all physical damage to our facilities and equipment caused during their stay.** We urge you to use caution on the lake to avoid striking rocks, reefs, etc.

#### 4.1 As a courtesy to other guests

Please:

- Take care of the equipment as though it were your own (if something breaks or is broken, please let our staff know as soon as possible.)
- Be kind to the wildlife. Do not damage plants or molest animals.
- Run only one motor per boat; to do otherwise is not safe and may cause damage.
- Take paddles, matches and life preservers in the boat with you.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back (if you must, leave a note.)
- Before you leave, clean your cabin and your boats. Leave things as you would like to find them.

- Do not litter. Before you leave, clean up your garbage outside the cabin and place all your garbage in bags to be flown out.
- Bag all of the garbage (do not try to burn tin cans, tinfoil, glass etc.)
- Clean your fish at the appropriate place and dispose of the remains on a far shore or island. Do not bury fish remains near the camp or dump them in the water. Bears attracted to the cabins by careless housekeeping practices are essentially on a death sentence since they will be back – more likely when you are at home and someone else is in the cabin.
- Do not urinate off the deck or steps of the cabin.
- Do not leave fish (cooked or otherwise) in the fridge for the next party. They came to catch their own.
- Do not write on the cabin walls. A logbook is provided in each cabin where your adventures may be recorded.
- Clean the cabin. Kits are provided and we expect you to leave the cabin as you would like to find it. Most often, this is cleaner than you found it.
- Please be ready to fly out at the appointed time; packing up and cleaning up the night before eases the rush on both ends.

#### 4.2 Catch and Consume Policy:

At Ignace Outposts we are leaders in conservation practices. We insist our guests kill only those fish they are going to eat and limit eating fish to the smaller tastier ones. **It is our policy to live release ALL large fish.** Walleye over 22”, northern over 27”, bass over 18” and trout over 24” must be released. We ask that you don’t take fish home but if you choose to do so, please take only the smaller ones and return all trophies to the lake. We encourage you to pinch down the barbs on your hooks and handle the fish you release as little as possible. To safely release trophy fish, it is best not to remove the fish from the water and pop out the hook with pliers or just cut your line. Try replacing the treble hooks on spinners, spoons and plugs with single hooks and it will make releasing your fish much easier. We wholeheartedly support shore lunch as a tradition on fly-in trips. We hope to maintain a World Class fishery on our lakes and trust that you will do your part in preserving trophy fish. Bring your camera to capture your trophy for posterity and let the fish live to fight another day. Graphite mounts are available from most taxidermists and can provide a wall mount without killing the fish. The taxidermist requires length and girth measurements as well as a picture of the fish to create a replica mount.

#### 4.3 Fishing Tackle and Equipment

##### 4.3.1 Rods and reels:

For walleye, bass, and whitefish use a light or ultra light 5' to 5' 5" graphite rod. A good reel with 4 to 8 lb test line is quite adequate. Be sure your line is new and the reel is full.

For northern, and lake trout use a medium heavy or heavy 6' to 7' graphite rod. A good dependable reel appropriate to the size of rod is recommended. Fourteen to twenty pound test line is adequate and again, new line and a full reel is advisable.

### 4.3.2 Electronics and toys:

All of our lakes offer many multiple reef structures, deep holes and drop offs. A portable depth finder is advisable for each boat and will enhance your experience at Ignace Outposts. These devices are handy but not necessary as our lakes are easy to fish and sometimes the challenge of reading shorelines and searching for holes is fun without electronic help. **Please note that lead-acid batteries are restricted items when transported by air.**

We suggest you use 12 volt dry cell batteries (with capped ends) for your portable finder. Other toys such as color finders, PH gauges and temperature gauges are not really necessary.

Portable downriggers are handy when fishing lake trout in mid summer. If you wish to use a downrigger, please do not screw it to our boat. Use the clamp on type.

GPSs are fun toys and certainly will help you navigate around the lake, but don't rely solely on them to keep track of your location. Batteries in the GPS may die, but the batteries in your map will last all week. Know how to read it too.

## 4.4 Baits and techniques:

### 4.4.1 Walleye:

Spring (May to early June): Walleye are shallow and focused around rivers and currents early in the year. We suggest, jigs 1/8 oz to 1/4 oz tipped with a twister tail and a piece of a minnow or leech. Work the jig slowly and off the bottom. Colors for the lead head and twister tails vary from chartreuse, pink, motor oil, to orange and brown. Little Joe spinners with a leech or minnow also entice early walleye. Troll slowly backwards and slowly work the rod tip.

Summer (late June through Aug.): Walleye school tightly during summer months and can be enticed with similar bait as in the spring but usually in deeper water. Use slightly heavier jigs - 1/4 to 3/8 oz. Walleye tend to feed more actively on cloudy days and in reduced daylight. As the summer goes on the walleyes become lazier in their feeding, choosing not to chase food pulled away from them. Try working edges of weed beds and drop offs with crank baits and night crawlers. Lindy rigs and slow bottom jigging often produce some of our largest walleye catches in mid summer.

Fall (Sept): In the fall Walleyes are very lazy but still feed actively. As the water cools they search out deep holes and when the water turns over they tend to scatter for a couple of weeks. Use the same baits as above and plenty of patience. Although fishing is tougher, the rewards for fall walleye fishing can be fantastic. On Irene Lake due to the clear water, fishing is better on cloudy days and in the evening.

\*Special note\* do not use swivels or leaders: tie your jig or lure directly to the line when fishing walleye.

### 4.4.2 Northern Pike:

Spring (May and early June): Early in the year pike feed near spawning walleye and suckers. The pike are usually shallow and quite aggressive. Spoons, spinners, crank baits and stick baits will entice lunker northern out of the shallows. Big northern will also cruise drop offs and deep channels this time of year.

Summer (late June through Aug.): By late June the weed beds are coming along well and the big northern tend to spend a lot of time ambushing other fish in and near the weeds. Drop offs are also good and some lunkers still search the deeps for their next meal. Deep trolling and deep diving crank baits work well in deep water. Often the largest northern of the summer are caught

by accident while walleye fishing. Don't be surprised if your light tackle has to endure a battle with an ornery northern.

Fall (Sept.): As the water cools the northern return to shallow water and begin a pre-winter feeding frenzy. Large spinners and big spoons (red and white, blue and white, and silver) trolled or retrieved slowly will yield phenomenal results.

\*special note\* durable 10" to 12" leaders are a must!

#### **4.4.3 Lake Trout:**

Spring: Before the water temperatures rise in late June, Lake trout can be found in relatively shallow water. Seseganaga Lake, Irene Lake, Gamble Lake and Nora Lake give up many fine trout in the early season. Flat-lining silver flutter spoons, live minnow preceded by silver spinners or flashers, and cleos produce many spring trout. Trout are very aggressive but are also quite skittish this time of year. Trolling shallow with 100 ft of line or more and changing the speed of the bait will work well.

Summer: In late June trout will move into 50 to 100 foot depths. They are then enticed by ciscos, and large silver spoons presented at their levels. Down riggers or bottom bouncing with three ounce sinkers will get your bait down to the trout. Vertical jigging with airplane jigs or lead head of 1½ oz works well.

Fall: Trout spawn in the fall. They are very vulnerable in late September just before the season closes on October 1st. Trout leave the depths and congregate on rocky reefs with head size boulders. Casting from shore onto these reefs with silver and blue spoons will produce great fall trout. In the fall, the trout are hitting lures more out of anger than for feeding so they hit hard and they hit often. A variable speed retrieve is most enticing to them.

#### **4.4.4 Small Mouth Bass** (only available at Irene Lake, Doan Lake and Gamble Lake)

Spring (May and early June): During the spring, smallies spawn and are vulnerable while guarding their nests. They are found in rocky shorelines and under fallen trees and ledges. Twister tails on jigs and plastic or real worm are sure-fire baits.

Summer (late June through Aug.): Bass are school fish which gather around drop offs and areas of structure. Worms and crank baits such as rappalas (small) and jigs and twister tails work well.

Fall (late Aug. and Sept.): As the water cools, bass become very aggressive and will attack the same smaller lures as in the summer.

#### **4.5 Fishing tips from Brad:**

- Rule for fighting large fish (even on light tackle) -- when the fish pulls you don't; when the fish doesn't pull, you do
- Spoons have to be fished at the right speed in order to wobble properly. This is true for casting or trolling.
- Trolling into the wind is often more productive than with it because the lure runs slower and is in the strike zone longer.
- When jigging, more strikes occur when the jig is going down than up, so it is best to pay attention to the jig at all times.
- The best artificial bait is that which imitates natural bait movement.

- Baking soda, vinegar and salt, or lemon juice will remove the fish smell from your hands.
- A choppy lake surface and a light rain are excellent fishing conditions.
- Hook setting calls for fast reflexes.
- When setting the hook react quickly and bring the rod back and up sharply into the chest area.
- Do not hold Northern Pike by the eyes and expect them to live. When live releasing pike, hold them horizontally and release them quickly into the water.

#### 4.6 Fishing Regulations

In Northwestern Ontario a fishing licence is required to angle if you are 18 or over. Under 18 a licence is not required however, the youth's fish limit is 0. The limits and size restrictions are as follows:

Regular licence	Conservation Licence
Walleye: 4 fish, 1 of which may be over 18 in	2 fish, 1 of which may be over 18 in
Northern: 4 fish, 1 of which may be over 36 in	2 fish, 1 of which may be over 36 in
* slot size on Northern - no fish kept between 27 ½ in and 36 in except on Metionga Lake*	
Bass: 4 fish, (before June 27 possession is 0)	2 fish, (before June 27 possession is 0)
L. Trout: 2 fish, no size restriction until Sept	1 fish, no size restriction until Sept

\*NOTE: IRENE and GAMBLE lakes each have a special limit of 2 walleye per day with a possession of 4 total and 1 trout per day with a possession of 2 total with a regular licence. Conversation licence possession is ½ of the regular licence.

All fish must be transported in such a manner whereby they can be counted, measured (where required) and identifiable. The best method of packaging is to package one fish per package, leave the hide on for identification and do not freeze the fish. The law states that on the lake, fish must be transported WHOLE. You can not fillet a fish on the lake and then transport it to camp. It must be whole on the lake. Please refer to our CATCH and CONSUME policy 4.2.

These are summaries; we encourage you to read the Fisheries regulations for further details. If you have any questions, please ask. Ignorance may be bliss, but it no excuse.

## 5.0 OTHER TIDBITS

### 5.1 Metric Conversion:

Canada uses the metric system. Visitors will find weather reports given in degrees Celsius, gasoline sold by the litre, and grocery items sold by the gram.

#### Weight

1 lb = 0.45 kilos      1 kilo = 2.2 lbs  
1 oz = 28 grams      1 gram = 0.035 oz

#### Volume

1 US gal = 3.75 litres      1 litre = .267 US gal (a litre is almost the same as a US quart)

#### Distance

1 mile = 1.6 kilometers      1 km = 0.62 mi  
1 inch = 2.54 centimeters      1 cm = 0.39 in

#### Speed

25 km/h equals (approx) 15 mph  
50 km/h equals (approx) 30 mph  
60 km/h equals (approx) 37 mph  
80 km/h equals (approx) 50 mph  
90 km/h equals (approx) 56 mph  
100 km/h equals (approx) 62 mph

#### Temperature:

Celsius to Fahrenheit

degrees C x 9/5 + 32 = degrees Fahrenheit

Fahrenheit to Celsius

degrees F - 32 x 5/9 = degrees Celsius

Example: 0 degrees C = 32 degrees F  
21 degrees C = 70 degrees F

### 5.1.1 Dollar Conversion

**Our rates are all in CDN \$.** To convert to US\$ multiply the CDN price by the exchange rate.

i.e. \$1.00 CDN x .94 = \$0.94 US

To change US to CDN multiply by the inverse of the exchange rate

i.e. \$ 1.00 US x 1/.94 = \$1.06 CDN

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE EXCHANGE RATES CHANGE DAILY and these calculations are just examples\*\***

Banks do not sell at the same rate at which they buy so we will endeavour to give as fair an exchange rate as possible.

**At this time the dollars are virtually at par.**

## 5.2 Liquor Regulations:

**Ontario Liquor laws are different from the United States.** Ontario does not allow consumption of liquor in any place other than a residence (outpost camp and land adjacent to the camp) or licensed premises or a private place. **Beer or liquor at a shore lunch site is not legal.** According to the law, open liquor is not allowed in a motorized vehicle (car or boat). **It is illegal to operate a motorized vehicle (car or boat) while under the influence of alcohol.**

## 5.3 Photo Tips:

- Bring a good camera.
- Close-ups of people and fish make better photos than more distant pictures. Don't "cut off" the fish's tail or your buddy's head.
- Have your camera ready and if you do remove the fish from the water, please return it within 60 seconds.
- Candid shots are usually better than posed photos and often are more fondly remembered.
- Carry extra batteries for your digital camera, and be careful not to get it wet if it is not waterproof.
- If possible hold the fish horizontally. It is better for the fish and he looks bigger.
- When photographing friends or family focus on their faces not the fish

## 5.4 Re-Booking:

Our policy concerning re-booking for a subsequent year is this: Each group has the first right of refusal on "their" week for the following year. If the week is not re-booked before you leave our base to go home, "your" week will go to the first request. We do require a deposit to hold any booking and deposits are non refundable. We will under certain conditions transfer a deposit to the next year with the same group. There are times when the calendar shifts, or occasionally when large groups shift that we cannot offer first right of refusal to everyone. This occurrence is rare and we will do our best to ensure everyone is accommodated in the following year.

We do reserve the right to refuse any group or person from returning to our camps if that person or group causes damage to wildlife, the environment or our property. If persons or groups do not conform to Ontario's laws regarding alcohol, fisheries or other, they may be refused the right to return to our camps. We take pride in our facilities and equipment and we hold the highest regard for our environment and natural resources. We trust our guests will have the same high standards and expectations. This philosophy insures we can provide the highest quality wilderness experiences available for many years to come.

## 5.5 Golf

Ignace has a nice little golf course three miles from town. There is no need to book a tee time and very seldom is there a wait to golf. Green fees are reasonable and the course is challenging.

## 5.6 Canadian Holidays

Even though we work on Canadian holidays, not all other services in Canada are open for regular hours during holidays. Canada has different holidays than the USA. The following are holidays in Canada and you will find liquor stores, banks, government offices and many other businesses closed during these days.

Victoria Day:	Monday May 23/11
Canada Day:	Friday July 1/11
Civic Holiday:	Monday August 1/11
Labour Day:	Monday September 5/11
Thanksgiving Day:	Monday October 10/11

## 5.7 Wildlife Avoidance Tips When Driving

Moose, Deer and Bear often attempt to share the road ways with vehicles in our area. Even though most accidents with animals occur between 5 - 8 am and 6 pm to midnight, hitting a large animal on the road will ruin your trip anytime of day. Here are some tips to help you avoid an accident with a large animal.

- Use high beams when possible
- Be sure your windshield is clean and your lights are working
- Scan the road continuously from shoulder to shoulder
- Be aware that in most animal/vehicle accidents the animal was “just barely” on the paved portion of the road
- At night, watch for flashes of the small glowing eyes of animals
- Wildlife crossing signs do actually indicate areas of increased risk
- Always slow down when passing wildlife – they may suddenly turn or dart into your path
- Remain alert after passing an animal, it may be with others or its young
- Never attempt extreme manoeuvres to avoid a collision
- Don’t assume the animal will move out of your way
- Watch your speed, KPH and MPH are different!
- Moose, Bear and Deer are large enough to activate your airbags when you hit them. Keep this in mind as you sip from a bottle or cup in the front seat.
- You don’t often hit the animals you see.
- If you do hit an animal be very cautious about getting out of your car to see if it is all right – especially if it is a bear.
- If you hit an animal and it is laying on the road, activate your flashers and try to warn other vehicles to prevent a potentially serious accident.

## 6.0 Law Changes

As with most governments, ours has too much time to think up new laws and requirements. They have been busy justifying their pay checks with these new laws:

- Sales Tax rules changed in Ontario last July 1/2010. The GST and PST were replaced with the HST (harmonized sales tax). Please contact us for details.
- As of Sept 15/09 all operators of motor boats in Canada require a boat operator's competency card. This will be required to be carried with you in the boat. There are several on line sites where you can receive this card. If you have one or get one from your home state, it is accepted in Canada. There is presently a provision that we can issue a temporary check list that will suffice for your time with us but we encourage you to get a card soon. There is no grandfathering!

<http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/>

<http://www.boaterexam.com/canada/>

- If you fished or hunted in Ontario in 2009 or 2010, you would have purchased an Outdoors Card – even if you didn't know it. By now you likely have received the plastic card in the mail. Please bring it with you in 2011 or you will be required to purchase another one.
- And don't forget the US Government requirement to have a passport to re-enter the United States after your Canadian visit. The Canadian customs will check that you have one so that you are eligible to return to the States
- The Canadian border officials have been very strict about denying entry into Canada to anyone convicted of a felony. This includes DUIs or DWIs. In Canada these are felonies even though they may not be in your home State. If you've had any criminal convictions in the past it is best to check with Canadian authorities regarding admissibility before arriving at the border. It is actually best to know admissibility issues before you commit to your trip. As much as we would like you to deposit with us, refunds are not forthcoming if you cannot be allowed into Canada because of a criminal record. Please be straight forward with your group members about any past convictions to avoid embarrassment at the border. If the whole group turns back because of one inadmissible member the whole group will forfeit their deposits. I suspect that would be a quite ride home.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/rehabil.asp>