

# **HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR TRIP TO MANOTAK LODGE**

## **THE DRIVE:**

The drive into Canada and to Manotak Lodge is easy. At the border, you will typically be asked three questions. 1) What is the purpose in visiting Canada? You will tell them you are going fishing. 2) Are you bringing alcohol into Canada? You are allowed one case of beer or 40 oz. of liquor per person. 3) Are you transporting firearms into Canada? If you are, declare them, but remember handguns are not allowed in Canada.

If your child or grandchild is traveling with you, remember to bring their birth certificate. If the child's mother is not traveling into Canada with you for this trip, it is also a good idea to bring along a note from the child's mother saying that she is aware that the child is traveling into Canada, and it should be signed and include her address and phone number.

## **DETAILED DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN:**

It is best to follow these directions. GPS may not work and you do not want to get lost. After paying the toll at the border, take the first street and then a right at the lights onto Hwy 11 East. It is 19.4 miles to 502 North and then 94.7 miles to 594 East. At this point ignore the signs you will see, it is best to take a right on 594 East that will take you into Dryden and to Hwy 17 West. Take a left on Hwy 17 West and travel 22 miles to Hwy 105 North. Turn North on 105 and travel 38 miles to Manotak Lodge. Look for the sign on the right hand side of the highway. It is a paved road all the way and your only obstacle may be a moose or bear wandering onto the highway.

## **IF YOU DECIDE TO FLY:**

There are a couple of options. If you fly into International Falls, MN you will have to fly into Minneapolis, MN and then take a Northwest Orient flight into International Falls and rent a car for the last 3 hours of your trip. If you prefer to avoid the flight on the smaller commuter plane, you can fly into Winnipeg, Manitoba, and rent a car for the last 4 hours to the lodge. Air Canada, American, United, Northwest and Canadian all fly into Winnipeg daily.

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU PACK?**

The following is a list of items you may want to bring on your trip to Manotak Lodge: clothing for any temperature—hot or cold and rain gear. Fishing gear and tackle, sunscreen, bug repellent, flashlight, charcoal for Weber bar-b-q, paper towels, toiletries and camera. If you are on the housekeeping plan you will also need your food and beverages.

**HOUSEKEEPING CABINS ARE SUPPLIED WITH:**

Bath and hand towels, face cloths, pillows, sheets, blankets, dish cloths and towels, pots and pans, cooking utensils, plates, glasses, silverware and toilet paper. Full size frig and stove, microwave, Mr. Coffee coffeemaker and Weber bar-b-q.

**IN THE AMERICAN PLAN CABINS:**

We supply daily maid service with bath towels, hand towels and face clothes changed at your request. We also supply toilet paper, soap, coffee makers with coffee and tea. There is also a bar frig in the cabin to keep your drinks and snacks cold.

**FISHING LICENSES ARE SOLD ONLINE AND AT THE LODGE:**

Online: <https://www.huntandfishontario.com/>

A conservation license allows you 2 of each species and 25 perch in possession and a sportsman fishing license allows you 4 Pike, 4 Walleye, 4 Bass and 50 perch in possession. Muskie are ALWAYS catch and release. If that big Northern gets away with your lure, we have lures at our store that work well in Perrault Lake. We also sell minnows, leeches, worms by the dozen at the dock.

**IF YOU FORGET SOMETHING**

Dryden is a good place to shop if you forget something or just want to buy groceries and supplies once you are closer to the lodge. There is also a small convenience store that carries food items, beer, wine and liquor and it is only 3 1/2 miles away from the lodge.

**WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A MAP OF THE LAKE SHOWING THE HOT SPOTS FOR EACH SPECIES.**

**NORTHERN PIKE** – Season opens 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May.

Use 8-12 lb test. You will find that large sucker minnows, dare devils, mepps #4 or 5 and rapalas work well. Best colors are gold, silver, chartreuse or perch.

**WALLEYE** – Season opens 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May.

Use 4-6-8 lb test. Rapala #9, mepps #3, and jigs tipped with minnows work well. Best colors are gold glitter, green, yellow, white, chartreuse or black.

**SMALLMOUTH BASS** – Season is open all year.

Use 4-8 lb test. Spinner baits, small crank baits, minnows and worms work well. Best colors are crawfish, perch, white, silver and orange.

**MUSKIE** – Season opens the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of June.

Use 12-20 lb test and use Mepps muskie killers, Hellraisers, or large stick baits in yellow, green, chartreuse, gold or silver colors. Muskie must be over 54" to keep and it is best to catch and release this great fighting fish.

**LIFE VESTS:** Proper fitting Life Vests are required for each person in the boat.  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LIFE JACKETS TO ASSURE PROPER FIT.**