

VISITORS GUIDE

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: 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 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, dish detergent, 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 AT THE LODGE:

A conservation license allows you 2 of each species, (except Muskie), in possession and a regular fishing license allows you 4 Pike, 4 Walleye, 4 Bass and 1 Muskie in possession. 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 which are available all season long.

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 & SHORT ORIENTATION SHOWING THE HOT SPOTS FOR EACH SPECIES.

NORTHERN PIKE – Season opens 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd 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: The Canadian Coast Guard no longer accepts life cushions as a personal floatation device. Proper fitting Life Vests are required for each person in the boat.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LIFE JACKETS TO ASSURE PROPER FIT.

VISITORS TO CANADA GENERAL INFORMATION

Visitors to Canada may bring certain goods as personal baggage, duty and tax free, providing all such items are declared to customs on arrival and not subject to restrictions. The following are some rules and regulations on should know, prior to entering Canada:

CHILDREN – Bring identification for ALL children. i.e. Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate, or Passport. Children traveling with someone other than their parent or legal guardian, should have written permission. (If only one parent is traveling with the child or children, please bring a note signed by the other parent indicating that they know the child is traveling with you)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS – Personal baggage may include up to 1.14 litres (40 Imperial ounces) of alcohol (liquor, wine, or liqueur) OR – 355ml (12 ounce) cans or bottles of beer or ale, duty and tax free. 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, and 200 mg of tobacco would also be allowed in duty free. NOTE: a limit of 45 litres of alcohol or 5.5 cases of beer can be imported with duties and taxes owing.

ALCOHOL – may only be imported by persons who are the legal age, as prescribed by the Province and the point of entry. The minimum ages are as follows: 18-for Manitoba, Quebec, Alberta, and PEI. 19-for Ontario, Sask., BC, NFD, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Northwest Territories and Yukon.

TOBACCO- may only be imported by persons who are 19 years of age or over, across Canada.

FOOD- a reasonable supply of food consistent with the length of stay and number of people to be used for your own personal use will be allowed in duty free.

PETS-Dogs and cats from the US, must be accompanied by a certificate signed and dated by a Veterinarian, indicating that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. The certificate must provide sufficient description and detail to enable adequate identification. Puppies and kittens, under three months old, do not require a certificate, providing they are in good health at the time of entry into Canada. (Please not Manotak has a NO Pet Policy.)

FIREARMS- Long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, imported temporarily by non-residents for sporting or competition use in Canada must be registered on or before crossing the border. This will require payment of an annual \$50.00 fee (CDN). Forms and information are available by going to www.cfc.gc.ca/en/visitors/visitorqa.asap or by calling 1-800-731-4000.

HANDGUNS – or other restricted and prohibited weapons are NOT allowed entry into Canada. Mace and pepper spray are also prohibited.

GASOLINE – the gasoline carried in the tanks of your vehicles are allowed. Boats with outboard motors are allowed the normal tank duty free. Any extra containers would be subject to duty and taxes.

BAIT – Live earthworms are permitted, but only when packed in commercial or artificial bedding, (no earth, or soil). Frozen or salted minnows are allowed. NO LIVE MINNOWS OR LEECHES, as they prohibited.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ABOVE OR ANY OTHER MATTERS,
PLEASE CALL:

Canada Customs in Thunder Bay.....(807) 626-1603 or Pigeon River....(807) 964-2093