

## **Trip Preparation PDF**

### **Suggested Items Not to Forget**

- Good raingear - Coat and Pants are a must, carry it with you every day regardless on how good the day may look.
- We remind our guests to have it when they arrive, it's amazing how many don't take us serious until the rain starts.
- Sun Screen – buy the highest SPF rating available. Sun burns are serious and seem to happen all at once.
- Remember that while fishing the sun and the ultraviolet rays hit you three ways, direct sunlight, off the water, and off the boat. Add windburn to it and you can get fried quickly.
- Long sleeve shirts and a good hat are also a must.
- Quality polarized sunglasses protect your eyes from the constant sun and water glare. Being able to see into the water is a big advantage while fishing.
- Camera & Film.
- Prescription Drugs.
- Warm jackets, long sleeve shirts, both summer and cool gear. Most days are warm but you can have the cool days too. Come prepared for either.
- Car Insurance Policy – Check to make sure it is valid in Canada. Have it with you in case of an accident.
- Check your own personal checklist.

### **Fishing Equipment**

Fishing Rods - We advise fishermen to bring along the rod and reels they feel comfortable with using. Casting & spinning are the most popular. Medium to light action rods are advised, they allow the best action and good hook setting ability. Ultra light is used but hook sets are more difficult but offer tons of action once the fish is hooked.

Reels - Regardless of the manufacturer or type of reel, always ensure that the reel has a good drag system that allow smooth release of the line throughout the range of the reels drag setting & allows for easy setting of the drag. If the reel has jerky or erratic release points or is difficult to set, consider the purchase of a new reel. The drag is the most important part. Our guests land big fish with light equipment but it always comes down to proper drag setting while fighting the fish.

Line & line test - 6# to 10# test seem to be the most popular, 8# is a good choice. For casting with larger lures some guests have a second rod equipped with 14# to 17# line. Once again, the drag setting is important, set the reel for the line test, the line must release before it reaches its breaking point. When BIG fish are hooked, set the drag back to allow for the strong immediate force these fish place on your line when they run and dive.

Fishing Lures - This could be a long list. We advise our guests to bring along the tackle they have and wait until they arrive to find out what the fish are hitting at the time. At the lodge we have a very good selection of the popular lures. You can spend countless \$\$\$ on lures, trying to anticipate what the fish are hitting, only to have most of them remain in the tackle box unused. Various jig and bait rigs tipped with a minnow remain a very inexpensive, popular, and effective lure for our type of fishing. Spoons, spinner baits, and crank baits are also used, but that list is endless.

### **Common Metric Conversion Tables**

Canada uses the Metric System. Visitors will find weather reports given in degrees Celsius, gasoline sold by the liters (milk and wine by milliliter, and liters), grocery items in grams and kilograms and clothing sizes to centimeters.

#### **WEIGHT:**

1 lb is 0.45 Kilograms 1 oz. is 28 grams

1 kilogram is 2.2 lb. 1 gram is 0.035 oz.

#### **VOLUME**

1 imperial gallon is 4.5 liters or 615 USA. gallon

1 liter - 0.22 gal.

#### **DISTANCE**

1 mile is 1.6 kilometers 1 km is 0.62 miles

1 inch is 2.54 centimeters 1 cm. is 0.39 inches

#### **SPEED**

25 km/h equals (approx.) 15 m.p.h.

40 km/h equals (approx.) 25 m.p.h.

50 km/h equals (approx.) 30 m.p.h.

60 km/h equals (approx.) 37 m.p.h.

80 km/h equals (approx.) 50 m.p.h.

100 km/h equals (approx.) 60 m.p.h.

TEMPERATURE Celsius to Fahrenheit  $C \times 9/5 + 32 = \text{Fahrenheit}$

Fahrenheit to Celsius  $^{\circ}\text{F} - 32 \times 5/9 = \text{Celsius}$

**The Canadian Firearms Act:**

The Canada Firearm Centre Canadian legislation passed gun registration legislation. This site contains the information concerning the legislation and the process to registering a firearm.

[http://www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca/default\\_e.asp](http://www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca/default_e.asp)

US Visitors/Hunters Firearm Registration form - This legislation requires non-resident hunters to register their firearms. It requires filling out a form in triplicate, a \$50.00 fee applies - do not sign the forms until the inspection officer requires.

The Form: Canadian Firearms JUS 909E

**Information: Visitors to Canada**

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