

Canadian Fishing Camp II

Mahkwa Lodge, Ontario, Canada
August 8-14, 2022



Welcome Anglers!

Welcome to your Canadian Fishing adventure. We are proud to be offering this United Methodist Fish camp for our 24th year. The reason we love doing this is because this trip is fun, we catch a lot of fish, and we find spiritual renewal in the Canadian wilderness. Thanks for signing up for this great adventure. Over the years we've learned a lot and we hope that our experience will help you have a fantastic trip. You will experience world-class walleye fishing. If you are new to walleye fishing, please let us know. We have experienced anglers who can provide extra help. We also have opportunities to catch large Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass.

On this trip you can expect to fish with new people during the week so that everyone has an opportunity to get to know others in the group. This also provides an opportunity for everyone to learn different fishing techniques from a variety of anglers and methods. If you have a special need, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

There is a pre-camp meeting scheduled for **Monday, May 16, 2022 supper at 5:30 meeting at 6:00pm**. This meeting will be at Hilltop United Methodist Church in Mankato ([108 S Manitou Dr](#)), or online via [BlueJeans videoconferencing](#). Please RSVP to Matt Sipe. We will cover some of the basics of the trip and talk about the new border regulations this year.

Sincerely,
Matt Sipe 952-486-3112
Chip Nielsen 218-606-0306



Jon catches another Northern



Ken & Mark catch a rainy day walleye double-header

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Mahkwa Lodge, Lac Seul, Ontario

August 8-14, 2022 (5 days / 6 nights fishing)

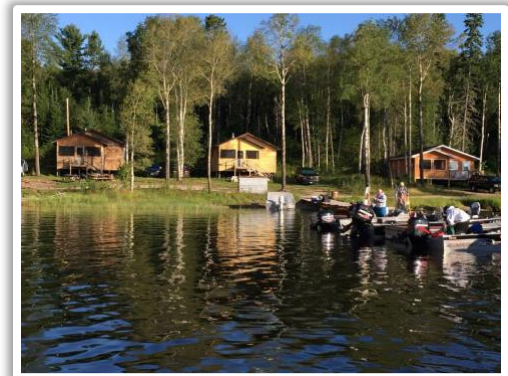
Itinerary

We will carpool from various locations on Monday morning and arrive at Mahkwa Lodge in the early evening. We can drive directly to the cabins and launch boats from the resort. There will be an evening meal on Monday night and all other meals are provided. We also have an orientation meeting the first night for instructions, introductions, discussion of expectations, time to prepare boats and equipment, evening devotions, and time to get to know others.

We will have fish meals Tuesday-Saturday and leave for home on Sunday morning. Days will be for fishing, resting, and relaxation. Evenings will include worship, more fishing or fish stories, and beautiful sunsets. Expect to fish with different persons daily unless there is a special need.

Cabins

We have reserved cabins that sleep up to 26 people. The cabins are very basic, but they are modern: beds with twin mattresses, full kitchen, electric refrigerators and freezers, bathrooms with hot showers, etc.



Bring Your Own Boat

We cannot afford to reimburse the full cost of towing and running a boat, but we will help by paying for your gas and offering you an additional rebate of \$60. We cover all gas to/from Canada and all gas while used in the boat at camp.

There are three advantages to bringing your own boat: 1) You can help to keep the camp affordable; 2) You get to use a boat that is equipped for your needs; 3) You are familiar with your boat and its handling. The minimum requirements for bringing a boat is 14' deep/wide with a 50-horsepower motor. We will be fishing 3 people per boat. Bringing a boat is encouraged but not required. Boat drivers are expected to safely operate the boats and follow all camp and Ontario provincial guidelines. If you plan to bring a boat on this trip, please make sure it is in good working order and ready to go at least 3 weeks before we leave. Please talk to a camp dean if you are interested in bringing your boat (we currently have enough boat drivers for the 2022 trip).

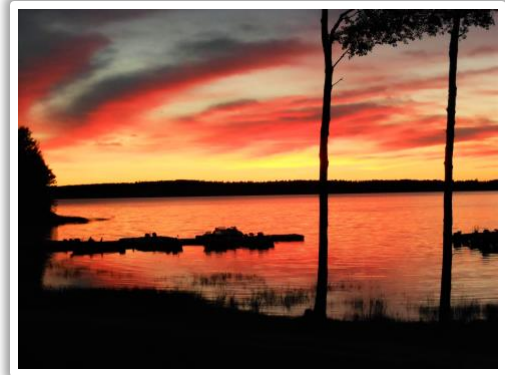


Food

We prepare our own meals. If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know. Each camper will take turns helping with meal prep, cooking, and clean up for a single day while at camp.

Fishing Equipment

Each angler oversees their own license, bait, life jacket and fishing equipment. We will mainly be jig-fishing off the bottom with live minnows/crawlers. We have found that regular-shank 3/8 oz. jigs work the best; however, you might want to bring a variety of weights/styles of jigs to try other presentations.



Your Registration Includes

Transportation to/from camp (when you ride with someone towing a boat), lodging at the camp, food, all gas, and a boat. If gas prices should spike or other costs increase far beyond the budgeted price, we reserve the right to ask for additional funding.



Not Included in Registration

Meals while traveling to/from Canada, souvenirs, bait, Canadian Fishing license (approximately \$60 USD for a regular license or \$30 USD for a sportsman's license), and Ontario Outdoor Card (approximately \$10 USD and required to buy a fishing license). Ontario licenses and regulations are [located here](#).

All items at Mahkwa Lodge are priced in USD. There is no need to exchange any USD for Canadian currency. Credit Cards work at most places *except Mahkwa Lodge*. **Mahkwa only accepts cash (USD) or personal check.**

Passports

Passports are required to get back into the USA. If you need to apply or renew yours—start early! Passports (or accepted ground permits) are a requirement for this trip. For more information about crossing the border go to the [Department of Homeland Security website](#) or the [U.S. Embassy in Canada website](#).





COVID-19

We have not traveled to Canada since the pandemic, but as of the writing of this letter (Spring 2022), there are additional travel requirements. Each person traveling to Canada **MUST** be vaccinated (please carry your vaccine card with you when you travel) and **ALSO** must be pre-cleared to enter Canada through the ArriveCAN app on your mobile phone. Please visit [this website](#) to learn more.

DWI/DUI

If you have ever been convicted of a DWI or DUI offense in the United States (even a very old offense) you must clear your entry into Canada with Canadian customs in advance. DWI/DUI is a felony in Canada and a conviction may prevent you from entering the country. To find out more please check the Canadian government's website: www.cic.gc.ca.

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2022 Canadian Fishing Camp II Checklist



- Passport & COVID vaccine documents
- License/Outdoor Card (purchase online)
- Pillow, Sleeping bag, sheet
- Flashlight
- 1 Gallon Ziplock Freezer Bags & permanent marker (all frozen fish must be labeled—one fish per bag)
- Towels, washcloth, soap, shampoo
- Toiletries: deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving is optional
- Money (meals on the road, bait, fishing license—5's & 10's come in handy)
- Rain gear
- Hand lotion (hands get dry and chapped from handling fish and washing)
- Cooler for transporting fish (or share one)
- Small cooler for soda/lunch in the boat (or share one)
- 2-quart plastic jugs to fill with water and freeze
- Earplugs and/or iPod (drowns out snoring)
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bible
- Camera
- Silent alarms only
- Sun screen and lip balm (at least SPF 15)
- Bug spray (although we have never had a problem with bugs)
- Fillet Knife
- Fishing Equipment:
 - at least 2 good sensitive rods
 - 8-10 lb. test fishing line (and spare line) for walleye
 - 3/8 oz. jigs (any color—this will be the main tackle to use)
 - Large spinner baits/spoons for Pike
 - Rapalas/small spinner baits for Bass
- Minnow bucket with your name on it
- Approved life jacket that fits (must be worn when boats are moving)
- Health medications (you may want to declare medications at the border)
- Your favorite snack to share with your cabin group and camp deans
- Your personal supply of soda/bottled water (non-alcoholic beverages)

SUGGESTED CHECK LIST FOR BRINGING A BOAT

- Oars, Anchor, marker buoys
- Landing Net
- Rescue device (boat cushion with a 50' rope attached)
- Horn (or pea-less whistle)
- Fire extinguisher (inboards or boats with a fixed gas tank)
- Spare gas cans to fill before crossing the border & marine oil.
- Marine Band Radio (if you own one). We also have radios if you do not.
- Trailer jack and spare tire
- Replacement tail light bulbs
- Spare spark plugs
- Extension cord & battery charger for trolling motors-electricity goes to dock.
- Electrical splitter for charging cable.
- Extra prop

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