

What To Bring

Personal gear/baggage limit: 70 lbs per person.

Rusty Myers makes every effort to provide you with the BEST service possible to make this a most enjoyable outpost experience. Comfortable accommodations, quality equipment, superior service and affordable prices are the keys to our success. We pack the food, you cook it. We try to make everything as easy as possible. The only extras you will need are, bait and beverages, and snack food to munch on.

PLEASE NOTE: the Emergency Boat kit is not supplied, and it is **MANDATORY** that you bring your own. It must consist of a 50' rope, whistle, watertight flashlight and a bailing bucket.



You MUST bring

- **Passport** – helpful links from the Canada Border Services Agency
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp> and <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/minors.asp>
and <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/minors.asp>
- **Fishing license** – link to buy your fishing license online -
<https://www2.on.wildlifelicense.com/start.php?lang=1>
- **Ontario Outdoor Card** – link to buy your Ontario Outdoor Card online -
<https://www2.on.wildlifelicense.com/start.php?lang=1>
- **Boating License** – any state license is valid, we can provide a onetime license at our base in Ft Francis. We do encourage our guests to get a life time license. The following is a link to the Minnesota Online Boating Safety Course - <https://www.boat-ed.com/minnesota/> or <http://www.boaterexam.com/canada/boatinglicense.aspx>
- **Life Jackets** – C.S.A. approved (each person needs to bring their own life jacket)
- **Emergency Boat Kit** - Watertight flashlight, 50 ft rope, bailing bucket and whistle

Clothing and Essentials

We suggest that you plan your fishing clothing for all weather conditions, layers that can be added or subtracted is best

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Personal Towel and Facecloth
- Personal Soap & Shampoo/Toiletries
- Dish cloths and dish towels
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Medications
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Walkie Talkies (we recommend one per boat)
- Cell Phone (although your phone will NOT work you may want it to take pictures)
- Fully Charged external battery pack (Mophie) for your cell phone
- Bluetooth Speaker to be used with your cell phone
- Camera (or use your phone) – we would love if you shared your photos so we can add them to our website
- “Refreshments” – keep in mind your weight restriction (you may place an order 2 weeks in advance with us, along with any order for ice)
- Small Cooler for boat
- Waterproof Bag (for the boat for your gear and if you pack a lunch)
- Water Filtration System – we recommend: <https://www.katadyn.com/us/us> or you may place an order 2 weeks in advance with us for case(s) of bottled water
- Playing Cards
- “Junk Food”
- Ziploc baggies, freezer baggies
- Fish Batter (we supply cornflake crumbs)
- BandAids, Antacid, antiseptic
- Duct Tape

Cool-weather fishing clothing

- Quality rain gear
- Waterproof footwear
- Heavy shirt & socks
- Insulated underwear
- Insulated gloves and hat
- Layers – Windbreaker, Hoodie, Fleece
- Heavier jacket (recommended in early spring or late fall)

Warm-weather fishing clothing

- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Extra shoes/rubber boots



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Fishing Gear you should bring

- Conventional Tackle:
 - Pike and Lake Trout: 6' 6" – 7' medium heavy to heavy rods, reels spooled with 15 lb. and up line (we recommend braided line), steel or titanium leaders – minimum 12 inches long.
 - Walleye: 6' medium light to medium spinning, reels spooled with 6 lb. to 12 lb. line.
- Lures for Pike
 - #3 to #6 Mepps/Blue Fox spinners,
 - Mann's 1-Minus,
 - Rattlin Rap,
 - Topwater baits like Zara Spook or Whopper Plopper,
 - Soft baits like Sluggos, lizards, or swimbaits.
 - 500 series Buchertails
 - Musky baits are popular in August
- Lures for Walleye
 - 2 ½" to 3 ½" deep running crankbaits
 - 1/8 to ¼ jigs (various sizes and colors), Mr Twisters, Powerbaits or Gulp
 - Lindy Rigs, floating jigs, etc
- Lures for Lake Trout
 - Dardevle Husky Devle
 - T-60 Flatfish
 - Rattlin' Raps and smaller spoons for "action" trout
- Depth Finder (we recommend one per boat)
- Stringer
- Gloves for handling fish



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE SUPPLY LANDING NETS AND MINNOW BUCKETS FOR EACH BOAT

Live Bait (you can place your order with us in advance)

- Minnows, Leeches and Nightcrawlers/Worms – you can place your order for live bait with us in advance and we can have it ready for you when you arrive in Ft Frances (we can help you with how much to order too)
- Nightcrawlers/Worms can be brought across the border in artificial bedding

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