



FORT WILDERNESS

Prep Guide

Journey: Canada Fishing Trip

Preparing for your Journey

Thanks for joining us! We're so excited for the adventure that lies ahead. This guide serves as a helpful tool for you to ensure you have the essentials, but feel free to bring whatever other gear or items you think you would use. If you have any questions or concerns as you pack, please reach out. We'd love to help. Here are some helpful tips and best practices to make the packing process easy and successful!

Clothing and Personal Items:

- Personal clothing for 4 days plus travel
- Hoodie or light jacket – The mornings and evenings can be cool
- Rain gear and shoes or boots that can get wet
- Drybag for keeping valuables dry on the boat
- Personal toiletries – Bring soap and shampoo
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Sunglasses – Polarized are best!
- Small cooler for personal snacks, drinks, etc. for in the boat
- Bedding and towels are provided by the camp, but if you have a favorite pillow or blanket to bring, feel free!

Fishing Gear and Tackle:

Having the right gear is crucial to having a good trip! As you collect these items, make sure that they are in good working order and ready for your use. There is a bait and tackle shop near the marina where we meet to travel to the resort. If you forget anything or need to resupply your tackle box, they have a great selection there. Additionally, if you have a favorite lure or rig you'd like to try out please feel free to bring it along!

- Rod and Reels – One for walleye/smallmouth jigging, one heavier for pike
- 8-12 lb test line for walleye – Braided or mono will work, whichever you prefer!
- 10-14 lb test line for pike - Braided or mono will work, whichever you prefer!
- Line clipper/lanyard with a jig head paint punch
- Pliers/forceps for hook removal
- 3/8 oz jig heads in bright colors – Other sizes are okay to bring to try out
- Medium size spoons for casting
- Spinner baits with bright colors
- 20+ lb test wire or mono leaders for pike fishing

Documentation Information for Fort:

A liability release must be filled out and signed at the time of your payment. This can be done as a hard copy or on-line (preferred). Forms must be submitted prior to your arrival.

Insurance:

Each family is responsible for their own attendee's health/accident insurance while they are participating in this trip.

Paperwork checklist:

- Participant fees paid on ___ / ___ / ___
- Liability Release Form sent on ___ / ___ / ___
- Food allergy info (if applicable) sent on ___ / ___ / ___

Valid Proof of Citizenship and ID:

A U.S. passport, passport card or NEXUS card all serve as proof of both citizenship and identification. Of these, a passport is the best choice, because it's the only universally accepted travel ID. If you don't have one of these three documents, you can cross the border using your government-issued photo ID and one of the following documents to prove your citizenship: A U.S. birth certificate, certificate of citizenship or naturalization, permanent resident card or certificate of Indian status. Canadian authorities reserve the right to deny entry to people with a criminal record.

Travelling with Children:

If you're travelling with kids and if the custodial parents are not present – or if you're not a custodial parent or legal guardian of the child you're traveling with – bring a consent letter from the absent parent(s). The letter should state that you're authorized to travel with the child and include both parents' full names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Common Questions

When do campers arrive and depart?

Participants will meet on Sunday between 2-4pm CST at Gill's Morson Marina in Morson, Ontario.
Address: 10045 Hwy 621, Morson ON P0W 1J0
From there we will then travel by boat to Obabikon Island Camp.
Upon departure, we will return to our vehicles at the Marina and bid farewell from there.

When are participant fees due?

Participant fees are due, in full, no later than **2 WEEKS PRIOR** to arrival.

What if I have to cancel?

Each registration deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

How are health issues handled on the trip?

A trained and certified emergency medical responder will travel with each trip. We will work with special conditions, allergies, or concerns on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, we have an evacuation plan to get to a hospital or other emergency services at all times.

What if I have food allergies and/or a special diet?

For this trip, all food is provided by Obabikon Bay Island Camp. They can be contacted at (618) 322-4759 or by email at obabikon@gmail.com to respond to any dietary questions or concerns.

What equipment does Fort Provide?

Fort does not provide any equipment for this trip. Everything you need is on this packing list or will be provided by Obabikon Bay Island Camp upon arrival.

Is fishing experience required?

No! An experienced guide will go out with each group and Fort staff will provide additional in-boat support and guidance to beginners.