



TRIP TIPS AND DETAILS

Flights

Anglers,

It's that time again when we are gearing up for the start of a new season in the "Bush". It has been a mild winter up north so ice-out should be normal. Water depths might be lower than last year's record levels. Travel logistics are the same as last campaign for the Eastmain and Lake Evans facilities. Eastmain clients will be flying from the Kilo 372 hydro-base while Lake Evans sportsmen launch from the Kilo 237 hydro-base north of Matagami. Willy will facilitate people into the camps again this season.

The Eastmain groups will leave at approximately 9:00 A.M. on Fridays from the base, weather permitting. We highly recommend staying at the Kilo 381 rest stop on Thursday night to capitalize on the window of opportunity to fly in and out of the bush early.

Lake Evans camps begin flying at 7:00 A.M. on Saturdays beginning with Crow Bay followed by Kirk Island (10:00 A.M) and finishing up with the SW Bay (11:30) facility. Cabins are available at the base on Friday nights for your convenience. Please be at the base at least 1 hour before the scheduled flight for weigh-in and processing.

Eastmain Clients:

Friday from Kilo 372 Base

Lake Clarkie 9:00 A.M. 55 minute flight from base

Lake Kamwak 12:00 P.M. 45 minute flight from base

Lake Evans Clients:

Saturday from Kilo 237 Base

Crow Bay 7:00 A.M. 40 minute flight from base

Kirk Island 10:00 A.M. 30 minute flight from base

Southwest Bay 11:30 A.M. 30 minute flight from base

Weight Limits: (\$1,400 for additional flights over the limit from the base)

4 People: 1,650 pounds

6 People: 2,100 pounds

8 People: 3,000 pounds



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General Terms and Conditions

1. The fishing policy is “No Kill” Total Catch and Release on all Northern Pike and Speckled Trout at the outpost camps. This means no Pike or Speckled Trout are to be kept or taken out of the Bush for any reason. The enforcement of this policy ensures terrific world-class angling for generations to come. Clients are permitted to consume Walleye and Lake Trout less than 3 lbs. for shore lunch and dinner while on your trip.
2. Clients must prepare their lures with single hooks.
3. Please separate bottles and cans from the trash at camp so they may be removed from the bush for recycling. Your cooperation in keeping the camps neat and clean is greatly appreciated and will make for a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. Please try to avoid glass containers when at all possible.
4. Under no circumstances discard glass containers into the Bush. They pose a great threat and danger of Bush fires due to the focusing of the sun through them. (The glass acts as a lens.) Under law a conservation officer has the right to deny glass containers in the Bush if there is a fire ban on due to extremely dry conditions.
5. Please do not discard any food remains into the Bush. This only attracts bugs and animals. Do not burn any plastic or paper garbage in the fire pit at camp. They are used for cooking as well as warmth. The caretaker has a burn barrel for the garbage and will handle that responsibility.
6. Please do not leave any unattended open flame in or out of the cabin at camp.
7. Guest are responsible for all damage to equipment when fishing without a guide. Normal wear and tear will be accepted.
8. No firearms of any kind are permitted at the camps.
9. Should illness, safety or other personal reasons necessitate the evacuation from the Bush prior to the scheduled departure from camp, the cost of additional airfare is the sole responsibility of the clients. The expense is due and payable at the base.
10. We will supply each group with the number of boats and motors as listed in the brochure and package literature. Usage of additional equipment will not be permitted without prior arrangements and payments to the main office.



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Outpost Information

The outpost camps are situated between the 50th & 52nd parallel in the northern region of the James Bay Territory. Weather conditions can change dramatically without much warning.

One can expect high temperatures to average 50 degrees F during the beginning and end of the season (early June and late August). Lows have been known to go into the 20s & 30s with snow and sleet during early June in the Bush. However it is not uncommon to see highs in the 70s during the same time period. Mid-July and much of August bring highs in the mid to upper 70s with 60s at night in the Bush. Heat waves are prevalent in the north during the summer months. Rain is always expected the entire summer coming off of the Bay in the region. You must prepare yourself to be comfortable in a wide spectrum of weather conditions no matter what week you are scheduled for on your trip.

CARETAKER GENERAL CAMP DUTIES

Include but are not limited to the following:

- Changing propane for the cabin
- Cutting fire wood
- General safety of camp
- Fueling tanks for the boats
- Minor repairs of equipment
- Cleaning cabin
- Cleaning boats
- Communications (sat phone & radio with camps, base, and float planes)
- Optional guiding (\$100 per day paid directly to caretaker)

Tips are always welcome and appreciated but never mandatory.

CAMP NOTES:

- All camp facilities are equipped with generators for electrical needs. (charging batteries, music, medical equipment)
- For breathing machine users we recommend the 12 volt converter. Batteries are in camp for nightly use.
- Generators will run for 3-4 hours every morning and evening for lighting and to maintain refrigeration.



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Maps

There are many online sources for maps. One good source for topographic maps with robust features is The Atlas of Canada. Use this link for The Atlas of Canada:

<http://atlas.gc.ca/toporama/en/index.html>

In the "Find a Location" field, start typing the name of the Lake you want (Lac Evans, Lac Clarkie, Lac Kamwakuskach). A pop-up list will appear. Below are the choices that you will want for the correct map(s).

Lac Evans, Eeyou Istchee Baie-James; Eeyou Istchee Baie-James, Quebec (Lake)
Lac Clarkie, Eeyou Istchee Baie-James; Eeyou Istchee Baie-James, Quebec (Lake)
Lac Kamwakuskach, Eeyou Istchee Baie-James; Eeyou Istchee Baie-James, Quebec (Lake)

Once you have the correct map(s), you can make adjustments and use the interactive features to suit your needs. Of course you can buy topo maps instead of printing your own. Here are a few sources:

<http://www.maptown.com/canadiantopographical/quebecntsindex.html>

<http://www.canmaps.com/topographic/qc/>

<http://www.macarte.ca/topographic.php>

<http://geology.com/canada/topo-maps.shtml>

Federal Maps Inc.
#1 Antares Dr.
Nepean, Ontario K2E 7Z1
Canada

Lake Evans Scale: 1:50,000, Map #: 32K/4, 32K/15

Lake Clarkie Scale: 1:50,000, Map #: 33B/3, 33B/4, 33B/5, 33B/6

Lake Kamwak Scale: 1:50,000, Map #: 33B/12



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Clothes/Gear Recommendations

- Warm clothing, layered, including wool shirt & pants
- Down jacket (Heavy winter jacket for June)
- Wool sweater or Polartec type of garment
- Wool blend or thermal socks
- Insulated long underwear
- Lightweight clothes for summer (Long sleeve shirts for bugs and sun)
- Lightweight jacket
- Peaked cap
- Good quality rain suit is a must
- Good water repellent footwear (9" waterproof leather boots)
- Waterproof rubber boots
- Hip or chest waders for Speckled Trout fishing
- Rubber gloves for fish handling
- Wool or neoprene gloves
- Sunglasses
- Camera with extra batteries
- Video gear (power available at camp)
- Insect repellent
- Head nets for the early season and streamside fishing for Speckled Trout
- Map of lake (GPS)
- Hook outs (9" pistol grip)
- 80–100 Qt. coolers for food. These sizes are easier to handle in the plane.
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Personal effects: medications, soap, sun screen, towels, flashlight, etc.
- Dry bag (to be carried in boat every day) containing: Extra dry clothes, food, fire starter, water, signaling device (white t-shirt, orange flag, etc.)



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Fishing Information

FISHING LICENSE

Lake Evans and the Eastmain clients can get their licenses at the Shell Station in Matagami (Open 24 hours a day) while refueling for the trip north to the Kilo 237 or 372 bases. The Nord Select store in Matagami is also an option. If you cannot make the 7:00 A.M.–10:00 P.M. window to purchase the license, arrangements can be made to pre-make the license for your arrival in Matagami at Shell.

SINGLE HOOKS

All spoons, spinners and inline spinners must have single hooks. No trebles are allowed. The caretaker and base manager have the right to inspect your tackle. Only small body baits generally used for Walleye and Speckled Trout are allowed the use of micro treble hooks and a limit of 2 are permitted. (i.e. Rapalas, Bombers, Stick Baits, Hot-N-Tots, Shad Raps, etc.) Minnows, trot lines & live bait (worms are authorized) are not permitted in the Zone.

FISH HANDLING

When landing a gamefish please adhere to these simple rules:

- Never hold the fish by the eyes and do not drag the fish to shore. (Sand in the gills will kill the fish and damage the skin and scales.)
- Do not allow the fish to rest on the seats or the bottom of the boat. The flopping will damage the fish. (Remove the lure in the water whenever possible.)
- The protective membrane that covers the skin of a Pike is there to combat infection and disease. Do not hold the fish next to your clothing when removing the lure or while taking a picture. Try to hold the fish horizontally instead of vertically to prevent compressing its organs.
- Rule of thumb: When you land a fish, hold your breath. When you run out of oxygen, the fish has brain damage. 30 seconds is the longest you should ever have a game fish out of water.
- Have hook outs and camera ready before you land the fish.

GRAPHITE REPLICA INFORMATION

Bushland Adventures has pioneered the “No Kill” Total Catch and Release policy in Quebec. We pride ourselves as being the first outfitter to implement this policy on Northern Pike and Speckled Trout in the Province. Being anglers ourselves and having participated in Sport Shows for 3 decades, we have had the privilege of seeing the efforts of the most noted taxidermists in the country. The graphite reproduction is the soundest method of supporting the Catch and Release program available. We highly recommend Artistic Angler out of Minnesota for your trophy. Please contact Matt at 800-544-7466 for a free brochure on the subject. (You receive an outfitters discount rate if you mention Bushland Adventures.)



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Tackle Recommendations

RODS & LINE:

- Medium to heavy casting or spinning rod 6 ½ – 7 ft. for Pike
- 14 – 25 lb. test for Pike and Lakers
- Medium to light action with 6 – 8 lb. test for Walleye
- Light to ultra-light action with 4 – 6 lb. test for Speckled Trout
- Fly fishing: 9 weight for Pike, 5 – 7 weight for Walleye and Speckled Trout
- Steel leaders 9" – 12" 30 lb. test with cross lock snaps
- Weights ¼ – ½ oz. also bead chain weights 1 oz. to 3 oz.

NORTHERN PIKE

- Single hooks, O'Shaughnessy style 4/0 & 5/0

Spinners:

- Spinners (white, black, chartreuse, yellow), Hot Fire Tiger,
- Buzz Baits (white, black, chartreuse, yellow, black & white skirts), Buzz-N-Devle
- Using larger lures has produced many more fish. Adding a stinger hook with a rubber tube skirt increases the lure's profile and adds action.

Crank Baits:

- Rapala, Husky Jerks (chrome/black, orange, clown, chrome/blue)
- Bomber Long A (chrome/ blue, chrome/black)
- Rippin Redfin (chrome/blue, chrome/black)
- Jointed Rapala (blue/white)

Spoons:

- Johnson Silver Minnow (chrome, gold later in the season)
- Daredevle Spoons (five of diamonds, red & white)
- Barney Spoons (frog, black, yellow, white)
- Doctor Spoon 3 ¼ & 4 ¼ (silver)
- Williams Wobbler Spoon (sizes 60–80)
- Williams Whitefish (sizes 70–80)
- Tip: Remove the treble hook and replace it with a single hook (Either 3/0 or 4/0). Adding a white Berkley Power Bait split-tail trailer has proven to increase success by adding action and scent while enhancing the lure's profile. (White Mister Twister is also good.)



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Tackle Recommendations (continued)

WALLEYE

- ¼ – ½ oz. jigs (white, green, pink, black)
- Mister Twister 3" or 4" single tails (white, chartreuse, yellow, pink, black)
- Body Baits: Canadian Wigglers, Hot-N-Tots (chrome/black, orange, chrome/blue), Shad Raps, Rapala Husky Jerks (chrome/blue, orange, clown, chrome/black), Jointed Rapala (blue/white)

LAKERS

- Single hooks, O'Shaughnessy style 4/0 & 5/0
- Hot Fire Tiger, deep trolling

Spoons:

- Lucky Strike Half Wave (4 ½" chrome/red & white)
- Eppinger/Daredevle Big Ed Flutter Chuck (6" – 8" chrome/blue)
- Husky Jr.
- Cop-E-Cat
- Blue Fox Pixee Spoon ½ oz. & 7/8 oz. (florescent, pink, yellow, black)
- Williams Whitefish (chrome)

Crank Baits:

- Luhr Jensen A.C. Plug (6" – 8")
- Berkley Frenzy Pro Series Diver (8" – 10")
- Tip: When fishing for Lakers, use split shot to get the desired trolling depth. At normal trolling speed a size 0 split shot will provide 6 ft. of depth and a size 1 split shot will provide 5 ft. of depth. Simply add or subtract split shot to adjust the lure depth. This will allow for easier rigging & more flexibility in comparison to using standard in-line sinkers.

SPECKLED TROUT

- Blue Fox Pixee Spoons in orange, florescent, red
- Mepps Spinners & Vibrax spinners
- Muddlers Minnows, Modified Muddler, Marabou Muddler, Cadis Flies and flesh flies. Fly sizes # 4, 5 and 6.
- Worten's Vibric Rooster Tail (¼ oz. black/yellow, Tiger Mylar) K/O Wobbler