



McKenzie River

FLY FISHING LODGE



TRAVEL INFORMATION

To facilitate your travel, we have entrusted a travel agency with the management of hotels and flights. They will provide you with your flight reservation and can assist you with booking your hotel and transportation while in Quebec City or Montreal.

Vacances Inter

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PACKAGE INFORMATION / TRIP IS FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Included:

Flight from Québec or Montreal to Wabush Labrador return Transportation from the Wabush airport to the camp

Accommodation in double or triple occupancy.

All meals at the camp.

All non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks.

Professional guide (2 anglers per guide/boat)

Fishing license

Towels and bedding

The lodge has high-speed Internet via WIFI available for guests.

Not included:

Gratuities for guide and lodge staff *.

Hotel rooms and meals while traveling to and from the lodge.

Alcohol, beer and wine

Laundry service

BEFORE YOUR TRIP

We must have a valid email address and telephone number.

You will receive by e-mail a health information document that must be filed in and returned to us.

Travel from Quebec or Montreal.

You must arrive the day prior to your departure for the lodge

Flight departure time from Montreal is 06:45 am

Flight departure time from Quebec City is 08:00 am

Please arrive at the airport 2 hours prior to departure.

The baggage weight limit is 50 lbs per person.

We have a preferential hotel rates in Quebec City and Montreal with parking and breakfast included. The next morning, a cab will take you to the airport 2 hours before for check-in and security. Upon arrival in Labrador, an Air Tunulik staff member will meet you, bring you to the liquor store and the sea plane base.

Due to the weight limit, only canned beer will be accepted and we prefer box wine if possible. Thank You for your understanding

It's a 50-minute flight in a turbo Otter float plane to the camps.**

At the Camp

Our team will welcome you to the camp and give you an overview of the week's organization. You'll fill out your Labrador fishing license. A team member will brief you on fishing equipment and current conditions.

The lodge provides daily fruit juices, breakfast, water, tea, and coffee. Alcoholic beverages and mixes are not provided.

Every evening, you'll choose your breakfast for the next day with the cook.

Each morning, the head guide and manager will give you the day's program according to the weather. For most of the season, we organize a riverside dinner for fishing at sunset.

McKenzie River Lodge is catch-and-release, except for some pike, which will be part of the menu in the form of fish and chips. One of our guests' favorite dishes.

Return trip.

Departure from the camp is on the following Friday and expect to be back in Québec City by around 10 pm and 11:10 pm in Montreal. Our travel agent partner can help for hotels stays if you prefer to overnight in Québec City or Montreal before continuing home.

GRATUITIES

* Tipping is a personal matter; however, it is one of the first questions people ask when planning for their trip. The values per service below are based on 7.5% to 10% the value of the trip. Which you can choose to follow or not. Tipping should be based on service received, which you will determine. The following are what have become average for the trip.

Guides	\$400 – \$500
Chef/Kitchen	\$150 – \$200
Housekeeping	\$ 75 – \$100

(each, per angler per week, please cash only)

Again, the above are only suggestions. We will provide envelopes in camp, which should be given directly to the manager. we prefer that tips be given to the manager so that he can distribute the amount fairly among the staff. If you wish to give a bonus to one of the guides, you may do so directly.

NOTE: McKenzie River Lodge does not and will never keep a portion of tips given to its staff.

Lodging at the camp is in our private cabins for two or three people, with a full bathroom. 24 hour a day electricity is provided by a solar system with a diesel generator as back up.

If you have any special requests or equipment needs, please let us know as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate you.

A Fly box with our best patterns is available for purchase prior your arrival. Extra rods and reels are available in case of broken equipment.

*****Please note that float plane delays due to weather are rare, but a possibility; our staff will help you with any inconveniences they may cause.***





Fishing

Whether you like casting dries, nymphs or swinging streamers, we have water to suite your preferences! McKenzie River Lodge practices a strict catch & release barb less policy for all trout, pike may be retained and consumed at our lodge. Please follow your guide's instruction on proper fish handling.

Rivers

Our territory is home to some of the finest trout fishing in the world. On the McKenzie river you'll cast to brookies in the 2-7 pounds range and landlocked Salmon from 4-14 pounds. Our guides can also take you to the Quartzite river, a fast flowing stream a half hour away from camp with action packed pocket water fishing for large brookies; or at the top end of the territory, where the slow moving comeback holds some of the best dry fly action around!

Lakes

Both lake André and Montgomery offer angling opportunities for giant lake trout, whitefish and pike! Landlocked salmon are a possibility, but the real challenge lies in catching a Whitefish on a dry, the finicky feeders are quick to refuse even the best of presentations. If you plan on doing a lot of lake fishing, a set of sinking lines are recommended, otherwise our guides can lend you equipment. Conventional tackle fishing is allowed on both of our lakes using single barb less hooks.



SCHEDULE

Here is an overview of our camp schedule. Friday is used to get the camp ready for the week, guides will meet and greet you, help prepare equipment, get licenses in order and discuss the week's fishing. Please note that there is no guided fishing on Friday. Please ask our staff regarding the particular rules.

Breakfast: Staff and guests 7:00 a.m. / coffee ready at 6:30 a.m.

Fishing: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm*

Lunch: On the waters, unless requested, please request shore lunches a day ahead.

Dinner: Staff and guests 7:00 p.m.

Our staff works long hours. Please respect the guides and cooks time schedule.

On the last day of your trip breakfast, when possible, will be served later. Please pack your gear in the morning as cabins need to be cleaned for the next group. The float plane is expected to arrive slightly for lunch time, staff will notify you. The camp's electricity is provided by a solar system and diesel generator as back up.

*McKenzie prides itself on offering flexible trips that suite your expectations, your guide may offer different fishing opportunities that will vary from these times based on his personal experience and season. A day of guided fishing is 7-8 hours.

CLOTHING AND GEAR

Wading

Chest waders are required.

Most of the fishing at camp is done while wading. Wading isn't particularly treacherous, flows are moderate and the river is shallow but some of the rocks can be slick and unstable. A pair of quality wading boots will provide better support, comfort and mobility than boot-footed waders.

Felt and studs are highly recommended. A wading staff is recommended.

Clothing

Water rarely exceeds the low 60's, warm base layers that allow ample movement and good socks are a must.

Weather is unpredictable in Labrador, and a high quality rain jacket is required.

Long sleeve shirts will help prevent sun burn and keep bugs at bay -

gloves, warm headwear and cold weather gear are recommended for late august trips.

If you wish to check weather forecast in order to dress appropriately Shefferville (QC) is closest the camp.



EQUIPMENT

Rods

A 6-7 weight fly rod will handle most fishing situations and all species.

Brook trout: 5 - 6 weight rods

Landlocked salmon: 7- 8 weight rods

Pike and Lake trout: 8 weight rods

Rods should be matched with appropriate reel.

Lines

Weight forward floating lines are the norm.

Sink-tip lines are helpful for streamer fishing in high-water flows but are rarely used. Full sink lines, which can be borrowed at the lodge, are recommended for Lake trout fishing.

Leaders

3x (approx. 8lbs) is the favored size when prospecting.

Recommended tippet range is 5x-2x (9 feet long) for river fishing.

0x is recommended for lake fishing

Shock tippets, wire or Kevlar are necessary for pike.

Leader material, tippets, wire, backing and nippers are available at the lodge.

Accessories

Even though our guides carry small items such as bug repellent, sun cream, lip balm, vest, clippers, leader materiel, split shot, hook sharpener, dry fly flotant, forceps, pocketknife, a flashlight we please ask that you bring your own.

A small waterproof pack or bag for carrying personal gear, camera, and spare clothing is recommended.

Polarized sunglasses are highly recommended.

FLIES



One of the toughest questions always is, what flies should I bring? The answer: it depends. Like any fishery our trout feed on different things at different times, and sometimes anything at any time.

So, what to bring? Keeping it simple is a good start, stock up on classic eastern trout patterns, stuff that always work and your personal favorites, our fishery sees very little pressure so no need to be overly creative. That being said, we've had cheeky fellows catch trout on some of the wildest patterns out there. Bottom line? Stock up on the classics and bring as many flies as you can, your guide will sort it out when you get there (and he'll have some too), if you're missing something, our store will have it.

Our pristine waters contain abundant populations of mayflies, Caddis flies and Stoneflies. The baitfish present are: Northern dace, white suckers, Mottled sculpins, 3 spine Sticklebacks, baby Brook trout and salmon parr.

*Large trout and salmon are opportunistic feeders and the season is short.

BROOK TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON FLIES

STREAMERS

- DW special 2 *
- S3 sculpin olive
- Wooly bugger 2-4 black
- Muddler minnow 6-8-10 white/orange
- Marabou muddler 2 white, orange/yellow/grizzly
- Master splinter (mouse pattern)
- Baby brook trout 2
- Darren Dick's Special 2

DRY FLIES

- Orange bomber 6
- Gray Wulff 8-10-12
- Adams 12-14-16
- Royal Wulff 12-14-16
- Elk hair caddis olive - tan 12-14 -16
- Simulator gold/olive 8-10
- Tchernobyl ant 6-8
- Black quill 12-14
- BWO 16-18

NYMPHS

- Black stonefly 4
- Prince nymph 14-16
- Copper john 16-18 Std/green
- Caddis larvae 12-14 green
- Golden stone 6-8

*Pattern created by one of our guides



NORTHERN PIKE

STREAMERS

Dalai lama or Double bunnies
- in purple/black, red/white and orange/white.
Clouser Minnow
Poppers
Mice patterns
Puglisi diver

LAKE TROUT

While in the river with the salmon and trout and they will take the same streamers and even nymphs.
For lake fishing, large flashy bait fish patterns like Puglisi's baitfish or others work well.

WHITE FISH

DRY FLIES

Cdc caddis emerger 14-20
Parachute Adams 12-14
BWO 14-16
Rusty spinner 12-16
Elk hair caddis olive - tan 12-14
Black gnat 12-14

NYMPHS

Pheasant tail 14-16
Hare's ear 14-16
Prince nymph 14-16
Black/olive stonefly 14-16
Copper john 14-16
Copper john olive 14-16

PRO SHOP, SALES AND TIPPING

OUR LODGE HAS A SMALL PRO SHOP STOCKED

Flies
Leaders
Tippetts
Nippers
Fly boxes
Cleats
Mugs and hats
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