

# Gateway North Outfitters

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## **HELLO!**

We are happy that you have reserved your trip with us for the upcoming season. We look forward to doing all we can to make your trip the best yet. If you are a new guest or one of our many repeat customers, we have included this letter to just go over some of the most frequently asked questions.

## **Where are we located?**

We are located just 50 miles northwest of Fort Frances, ON on Off Lake. From International Falls, MN cross over into Canada and take Hwy 11-71 West for 24 miles to Hwy 71 north, turn right. Follow Hwy 71 North to Hwy 615, turn right. Then follow Hwy 615 for approximately 9 miles to French's Road, turn right. Once on French's Road proceed for about ½ mile to our sign, turn right. Our sign is posted right at the end of our drive. For those of you who don't mind gravel roads, you can take gravel and shorten the drive by about 15 minutes. If you wish to do this, once on Hwy 11-71 you will pass through the town of Emo. You will pass a John Deere dealer and just past that lot is Off Lake Road, turn right. Off Lake Road eventually meets up with Hwy 615. You will travel about 20 miles from Emo to French's Road, turn right. We are about ½ mile down French's Road on the right. You will see our sign.

## **Where should we stay the night before our flight?**

We do recommend that you cross over into Canada the night before your flight. This will prevent any delays the morning of your flight due to customs etc. We do offer overnight lodging right here at our base of operations on Off Lake. We have three cabins sleeping from 4-8 people each. All of them have three piece baths and full kitchenettes. We also offer an all you can eat pancake breakfast. The rates are great, along with the view. Overnight cabins and rates can be viewed on our website. If you do choose to stay in town, you can give us a call and we will give you some numbers of local hotels. For those of you flying commercially the cab fare is about \$145 to get out to Off Lake. We want to remind you all to be to the base 1 hour before your scheduled flight time.

## **What time should we arrive?**

We ask that you arrive at the base about 1 hour before your scheduled flight time. This allows plenty of time to go over your paperwork, lake maps, and get your gear all down on the dock. For those of you staying with us the night before you fly in, we will go through everything that night if time allows.

## **What should we use for bait?**

If you are fishing for walleyes, we recommend you use minnows, leeches, or crawlers. You will definitely have faster action with live bait. We recommend 1-2 dozen per person per day. For those of you fishing for bass, we recommend leeches. Figure about 2 dozen leeches per person per day. You are not allowed to bring minnows or leeches across the border. Crawlers are also good for bass fishing and those you can bring with you if packed in worm bedding or

newspaper (not soil). If you would like us to have bait for you please give us 1 month's notice and we will be happy to have it ready for you.

**What are the weight restrictions?**

We have a 100# weight limit per person. This includes everything that will go on the plane with you, such as beer, soda, water, groceries, ice, etc. We ask that you keep your gear within reason and try to limit bulky items as space can also be an issue on the airplane. We do have a scale and will be weighing your gear to keep within the weight restrictions. If you are over the limit you may be asked to leave some thing behind. For those of you requiring an additional plane for extra gear current air charter rates will be applied. For those of you that wish to order your beer, pop, or canned goods ahead of time we can have those out at the cabin for you and this will not go against your weight limit. Please give us 1 month's notice to get this done.

**Do we need a depth finder?**

Portable depth finders are very helpful. If you have one bring it along.

**What is your catch & release policy?**

We practice conservation fishing. We offer conservation fishing licenses. The conservation licenses allow you to have fish for shore lunch while at the cabin, but we do not allow you to bring any fish out with you from 7 of our 8 outposts. Conservation limits are allowed to be taken home from Trout Lake. Please help conserve the fishery. We will issue you your licenses when we do all the final paperwork. We will go over fishing regulations and lake maps with you before your departure.

We have enclosed with this letter, your reservation statement with the dates we have you down for. Please double check your dates and if you wish to each pay individually for your trip please have this figured when you arrive. If your group size changes we need to be notified asap and we will adjust your rate if needed. Any orders of beverages, groceries or bait need to be made 1 month prior to your trip.

If you have any further questions please check our website at [www.gatewaynorthoutfitters.com](http://www.gatewaynorthoutfitters.com) and if you can't find your answers there please feel free to email or phone us. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

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