



Three Rivers Lodge June 12th- 19th, 2025

Whether you are a new guest or an old friend, we're most excited that you have chosen to be a part of this very special trip. As Three Rivers Lodge is in their twenty-eighth year in operation, the streams of the Woods River system continue to surpass our highest expectations producing extraordinary fishing for trophy brook trout. The northern pike and lake trout fisheries in the flat water remain almost untouched. And Three Rivers Lodge continues to raise the standard of sporting camps in Labrador. The fishery, still only lightly explored to date, affords our guests a memorable escape into a quieter time past where wild waters hold the daily adventure of life-long dreams. The brook trout fishing is 100% hook and release. We trust you will share a commitment to the care and protection of our wilderness areas so these trips into the past will be our promise to the future. We're glad you're heading north!

TRAVEL

You should plan on arriving in Wabush, Labrador (Labrador City) on Wednesday, June 11th. Most flights will arrive there from Montreal or Quebec City. Best scenario and cheapest (see below) will be Montreal.

*****Very important-** Do NOT book this flight- Montreal to Wabush more than 6 months out! Please only book this flight after January 12th 2025 as you will get a promotional rate with Air Canada that is a fraction of the cost of what you will find at 6 months or more out. Also best to wait as flight schedules are always changing these days.

Upon arrival in Wabush on Wednesday, June 11th, we will be transported to a local hotel for the night. These arrangements will be made in advance by the lodge, but we are required to pay for the room, not included. MRO will pair guests up to share a room to split costs, unless instructed otherwise.

We will then be transported to the Float Plane terminal on the morning of Thursday, June 12th and flown to the lodge.

We will return to Wabush on Thursday, June 19th at mid-day. Flights back to Montreal/Quebec City and then to home should be later in the day on Thursday. You may find that you have to overnight again in Wabush on Thursday for a Friday, June 20th departure. If so, we can make the hotel arrangements for you. Just let us know.

DAILY ITINERARY

Coffee is ready at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast is at 7:00. The fishing begins soon thereafter and you're off in boats, motorized canoes or the float plane to the many opportunities on the rivers, feeder streams and lakes that comprise our watershed. Guides each take two anglers for the day and we rotate guests through our guide staff. The kitchen staff prepares field lunches to order for each guest. Fishing continues until dinner, around 7:00 pm.

After dinner, those who want may troll/cast in the lakes as long as daylight safely allows. Labrador's long days offer fishing beyond what is possible in the lower 48. Safety, weather and water conditions will govern the extent of evening fishing opportunities.

After dinner, guests can relax and have a drink or a game of cards in their cabins or in the cook lodge.

There is a fully stocked fly tying bench in the cook lodge and maps of the river system for planning the next day's adventure. The generated electrical power is turned off at about 10:00 each evening and back on at 6:00 a.m.

ABOUT THE FISHING

Guests at Three Rivers Lodge have exclusive access to the Woods River fishery. Its feeder streams and rapids are **prime brook trout** water. The lakes and broad reaches of the system offer superb fishing for lake trout, northern pike and whitefish. The float-plane is available for fly-outs for Arctic char and landlocked salmon (in season) to waters beyond our river system.

They allow *only fly fishing with single, barbless hooks in the river and we release all the brookies we catch*. (Carved mounts can be made from pictures & measurements that equal or exceed traditional skin mounts.)

We have remarkable fishing for lake trout and northern pike. Often overlooked, these species are abundant, feisty and aggressive. Anglers may fish the flat waters for lake trout and pike with fly rod or with spinning gear and lures with single, barbless hooks.

Additional options for their *prime season plan* include fly-outs for Arctic char and landlocked salmon (in season) to rivers other than our Woods River. (Available for an additional charge to cover flight costs only.)

OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

- Floatplane weight limit is **50 pounds** per guest and this rule is *strictly* enforced.

You should be able to pack all of your gear into one large, soft duffel bag, as space on the floatplane is very limited.

Rods should be in tubes taped together or in a case.

- Wine, beer, liquor and soft drinks can be purchased in Wabush/Labrador City for slightly above reasonable prices if you arrive in town early enough to shop. We prefer that you complete and return our *beverage order form* when you receive it. Your beverages will then be purchased by the staff and sent into camp prior to your arrival.

- Tobacco is very costly in Labrador and too much of it is a guaranteed hassle at your border crossing. Bring only what you need and be forthright in declaring with Canadian Customs to preclude delays.

- To assure your greatest comfort, we need to know about *any physical or emotional limitations* and/or *special dietary requirements* you may have. **Please send us this information** by the end of May month. A form will be provided in April before your trip.

Very Important: We cannot predict or control the weather conditions in Canada. Float-planes fly Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and there have been, in the past, very few delays getting into and out of the lodge. Should such delays occur, however, we will do all we can to assist you in arranging lodging and travel accommodations. We are not responsible for guests' expenses if delayed and our rates will still apply.

We provide one qualified, licensed guide for every two anglers. Kev Barry, manager and head guide, and his staff of guides are experienced outdoorsmen and fly fishers. They know our waters well and will take you safely to and from our fisheries. Frances Barry and Judy Drake prepare your lodge meals and shore lunches and generally make camp a comfortable, lively and welcoming place. Gratuities are typically 10 to 20% of the TRL package cost, but we encourage each guest to tip at the level that he or she feels is consistent with the level of service received.

Kevin and Frances will be managing the camps again this summer. They love the Labrador wilderness, the

sporting life and mostly, their relationships with our guests. If you are an old friend, welcome back. If you are a new guest, we are anxious to meet you, to listen to your stories and to share some of ours. You are in for a real treat.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

WEATHER and CONDITIONS

Labrador's sub-arctic weather is unpredictable. It rains (or occasionally snows) with some frequency and temperatures vary from 35 to 90 degrees right through the summer. However, daytime temps average in the mid-60s and nights are usually in the mid- to high 40s. Bring layers of capilene, fleece (or wool), and a quality Goretex rain jacket with a hood. Breathable waders should keep your lower half dry. They do have laundry service should you need it for basics.

CLOTHING and BASICS ** Remember: **Don't over-pack**. Bring only what you need.

- Breathable, chest waders; wicking layers or fleece beneath. Felt soles (with studs if you prefer) or Aquastealth (rubber) soles with star cleats on wading boots. Suspenders, wader belt.
- A week's worth of underwear and socks
- Comfortable, casual pants and shirts (you don't need too many)
- Sneakers or casual shoes for around camp
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Long-sleeved shirts.
- Polarized sunglasses with strap, prescription glasses, a couple of good books.
- Hat or cap. (You will be given a complimentary TRL ball cap when you arrive camp.)
- Gloves for sun/bug protection and cool evening return boat rides.
- Fishing shirt, vest or sling-pack; net. (Guides have large nets, but you may bring one as well.)
- Travel kit with bathroom needs, medications, sun block, lip balm, insect-bite and sunburn ointments.
- Insect repellent with deet - head net or bug jacket.
- Bring a water bottle to take our filtered water into the field, Nalgene-type or the like.

(We provide clean linens.)

TACKLE

Rods: We recommend 6-, 7- or 8-wt. rods, 9 feet or longer. (5-weights are too light to efficiently land large fish in the strong currents and to cast large flies in strong winds.) Bring one or two rods at least. (We have 6- and 7-wt Sage lodge rods should you need the loan of an appropriate rod).

Line: WF floating line will be used for most situations. A sink-tip line may suit the occasional need in deep water areas. All lines should have at least 100 yards of 15# backing.

Leader: Tapered leaders with 2x or 1x tippet. 3x tippet will work for small dries, but that is the *minimum* diameter to bring. For larger streamers of course 0X leaders are preferred. Please check with the shop if you have any questions on leaders/tippet.

NECESSITIES

- Proper **safety** equipment, e.g., **wading staff** (River rocks are uneven making for challenging wading.) Some anglers prefer an *inflatable vest*. We provide PFD's (life jackets) for all guests, but if you prefer, you may bring an inflatable. Remember, CO2 cartridges are not allowed on commercial aircraft and must be mailed to us at least three weeks prior to your trip.
- Hemostats, Leatherman, or long, needle-nosed pliers for de-barbing and hook removal
- Floatant, snips, hook hone.
- Small flash light or headlamp (for reading after 'lights-out') with extra batteries.
- Camera and accessories.
- Assorted leader/tippet material.
- Insect repellent with deet; head net. (We know we mentioned this above - are you getting the message here?)

LIST OF FLY SUGGESTIONS

Dry Flies

Blue-winged olives, #16

Elk-hair caddis, tan #14 black and/or olive

Henryville Special, #14

****Royal Wulff, #14 and #8**

Adams, #12 – 14

Goddard Caddis, #12

****Bombers, orange #4 – 8**

****Deer hair mouse, Lynch's White Belly Mouse, Morrish Mouse**

Quill Gordon, #12

Streamers

****Wooly buggers, #2 – 6**

Conehead muddlers, #4 – 8

Zonkers, #4 – 8

***Clouser's Minnows, #0 – 6**

Skiddish Smolt – natural and olive #4

Galloup's Barely Legal- Olive

Gray & black ghosts, #2 - 6

Rabbit fur sculpins, #00

Deceivers, yellow or white #00

Galloup's Mini-Dungeons

Nymphs

**** Bead-heads, #14 – 20**

G.R. Hare's ear, #12 - 16

Stonefly nymphs, #6 - 8

Bead-head pheasant-tail, #16

Egg patterns, pale yellow

Copper Johns #14 - 20

(Nymphs w/ **green** are hot!)

(flies noted in **bold** are particularly successful, **** essential**)

Other flies: - large, gaudy flies or poppers for pike, up to 4-5" long (2 or 3 needed; **affixed to steel tippet**s). Best idea is to bring along a few Figure 8 flies and a few Pike/Muskie Leaders
- mouse/vole patterns for calm evening explosions
- soft hackle emergers; CDC emergers, in tan and brown.
- any of your favorite flies that have brought brookies to your net.

There is no need to spend a fortune on flies. The list above is provided to suggest rather than to insist.

Replenish your stock as needed and **bring your favorites**. Each year, we enjoy a new and different 'super fly', so bring your normal fly boxes and experiment.

They do have a fully stocked tying bench available as well as many proven fly patterns for purchase at Three Rivers Lodge in case you run short on something.

If you need help in putting a well-rounded fly selection together, please contact us at the shop, we'll be happy to pull a selection together for you!

614-451-0363
admin@madriverroutfitters.com