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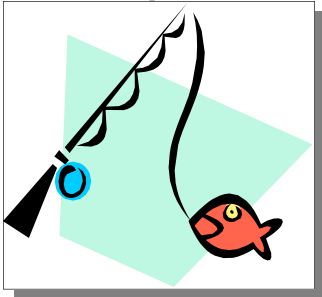
HOW DO I GET THERE ?

Most travelers from the mid-west will pick-up Hwy 94 and head towards Minneapolis. At Eau Claire Wisconsin you can choose to turn north on Hwy 53, which will take you straight to the Border, or you may continue on to Minneapolis. There are some advantages to using the Interstate, then travelling north on hwy 35 route around the Twin Cities. Four lane travel, 65+ MPH and bypassing Duluth may be worthwhile. The 53 route is shorter, slower, and passes through small towns. But this has always been a favorite route to International Falls. Recent construction on 53 has seen an increase in the amount of 4-lane hwy and an increase in the speed limit.

One problem that may occur is a line up at the bridge to cross into Canada. There is no trick to missing the rush hour on Saturdays. To avoid the long line-ups, many travelers cross into Canada Friday, enjoy a relaxing morning, and then arrive after 2 PM to check-in. Occasionally overnight space is available at Stanley's Resort. Call us Friday afternoon at 1-800-461-1444 and ask. If not, here are some Ontario motels:

- **Ft. Frances--**
The Place Rendevous
807-274-9811
- **Kenora --**
Lakeside Inn
1-800-465-1120

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What if I want to fly to Stanley's ? Well there are several ways to get here from where ever you are. Our closest airport with major airline service is International Falls, MN. Northwest Airlines offers a flight out of Minneapolis to Int'l Falls which is only 3 hours away from Stanley's by car . Air Canada, Canadian Airlines,

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Did You Know ?
Postage to Canada from the US more than the standard US postage. Ask you post Office what the correct amount is.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOING TO CANADA?

Here's what to expect once you enter Canada:

- **Currency:**
Money is based on dollars and cents. Exchange rates vary and the traveler is advised to exchange US dollars at a Canadian bank for purchases outside of our resort. The tourist information center, immediately across the border once you are in Fort Frances, Ontario, offers fair US exchange for travelers. US rates are used at Stanley's and Visa or MasterCard are processed in US dollars. Discover cards cannot be used in Canada.
- **Food:**
Subject to some restrictions, visitors may bring food with them for their own use, without duty, if the amount is reasonable for the duration of your visit.

- **Personal Baggage:**
This may include fishing tackle, boats, motors, camping equipment, radios, TVs, cameras, VCRs, and other items of a personal nature to be used in Canada during the visit.

- **Alcohol:**
19 years and older may bring 1.1 Liter (40 oz) of liquors or wine. or 24 x 12 ounce cans or bottles of beer or ale. Up to 9 liters (two gallons) may be imported on payment of duty and taxes at the port of entry. The border guards are kind of sticky on this one, those couple of extra bottles are not worth the fine, nor the embarrassment of being caught smuggling. You can still buy liquor on the Canadian side.

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• **Dryden --**

Riverview Lodge
807-223-4320
Timberland Motel
1-800-465-7232
Town & Country
807-223-2377

• **Vermilion Bay-**

Pine Grove 807-227-2013
The Pines 807-227-2091
Northside 807-227-5339

• **Winnipeg**

Airliner Inn 204-775-7131

Travel from International Falls to Stanley's Resort

Before crossing fill up your gas tank and visit the Duty Free Shop if you like. You will be charged a toll at the bridge when you cross.

Once you cross in to Ft. Frances, immediately in front of you is the tourist information center. If you need to exchange some US currency for CDN, this is a good place to do it. You should have some CDN Dollars on you for small purchases. The local merchants do take US, but you won't get as good of an exchange rate. Letting that summer student at the register try to calculate the difference in currency, is worth having some CDN bills with you (beside they're full of pretty colors to look at).

There are two routes to get you into camp now. The quickest route is to follow Hwy 11 east out of Ft. Frances. Remember the speed limit is in metric, so be careful. About 30 minutes out of Ft. Frances on Hwy 11, you will come upon a left turn onto Hwy 502. This is the road to Dryden. This is road will take a couple of hours till it ends. At the end of the road there will be a couple of directional signs pointing you to Hwy 17 West. Disregard them and pull out these directions. Turn right at the end of 502, which will bring you to hwy 594. About 5 minutes down the road you will see a huge paper mill. If you have all of your supplies and are ready to head right into camp, there is a road just before the mill which points you towards Hwy 17. Follow it till you come to the stoplights and then turn left, now you are on Hwy 17W which will bring you right to Stanley's. If you need to pick up some groceries, don't turn at the mill, proceed straight and follow the road into Dryden. Just past the first light there is a large Safeway grocery store, they should have everything you need. From here you are only about 45 minutes from

camp so you can pick up those perishables if you need them.

Once you are done shopping, turn right and follow the street through several lights, and over a bridge till you come to a set of lights at Hwy 17, where you will turn left.

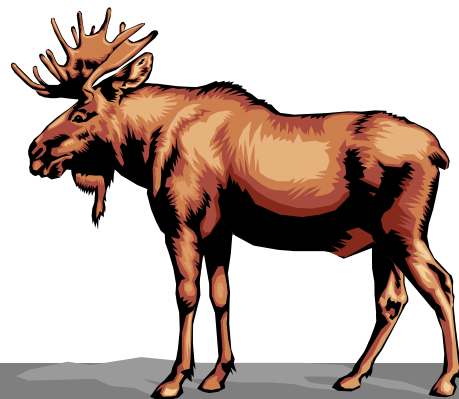
Once we are travelling on Hwy 17W, you will come upon the town of Vermilion Bay. There are grocery stores, liquor outlets, and gas stations here as well. Going past Vermilion Bay about 10-12 minutes will bring you to West Arm Road. It will be a left turn off the hwy, from there just follow the signs right into camp. We'll see you there around **2:00 check-in time.**

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American Airlines and Northwest are other possible ways of getting to Winnipeg. From there you will most likely have to rent a car. From either place, you will have to drive approximately 3 hours to get to Stanley's. Other possibilities include continuing on from Winnipeg with a regional carrier to get you to Dryden, where we can come and pick you up. Any way you choose, your travel agent should be able to make all the arrangements.

Another route to get you to camp would be to head west on Hwy 11 after crossing the border. About 20 minutes outside of Ft. Frances you will turn north on Hwy 71. This road is not as desolate as the other route. There are a couple of stops along the way. Travel to the end of 71 and then turn right and travel east on hwy 17 for about 40 minutes, till you come to West Arm Road. You will be turning right off the hwy, and then following the signs into camp.

Both routes are alright, but the hwy 71 combination will take upwards of 45 minutes longer than the hwy 502 route. Both hways will have some huge bumps and potholes due to the frost heaves of our cold winters, so you might have to drive around them. There is one important aspect to be aware of when travelling on any hways in Northwestern Ontario, especially at night, MOOSE!!!! These animals will come to the highway edges to escape bugs, lick some road salt off the pavement, and just to check out the action. Weighing up to 1200 lbs, they are not the type of animal story that you will want to bring home to your local autobody shop. Be careful and keep looking towards the ditches for "critters"....



WHAT IS AT THE RESORT AND WHAT DO WE BRING ?

COTTAGE FURNISHINGS:

Here is a list of what to expect in your cottage upon arrival at Stanley's

Kitchen: Cutlery, cookware, utensils, dishes, glasses, can opener, corkscrew, toaster, drip-style coffeepot with filters, four burner stove with oven and broiler, full sized fridge & small microwave. Kitchen towels, dishcloth, S.O.S.pads, small dish soap, and garbage bags. *Please note*, paper towels & baggies ARE NOT furnished.

Bathroom: Bath towels, hand towels, face cloths, shower mats, bar soap, toilet tissue, kleenex. Note: All towels are changed daily.

Bedroom: Dresser, closet with sturdy hangars. Extra long twin or double beds. Fresh linen, blankets, pillows, bedspread & clock radio. Additional alarm clocks on request.

Living Room: Sofa, easy chair, reading lamp, TV with satellite hookup (only one channel is available throughout camp and it is put to a suitable channel for all our guest (i.e.. news in A.M., networks during the day, movies or sports event in P.M.). Bring your VCR, video rentals in Vermilion Bay.

Outside your cottage: Charcoal Weber grill and outdoor furniture. Charcoal and starter is NOT included, but available at our store.

AT THE BOAT DOCK:

Free popcorn, coffee and conversation, two 24 hour pay-phones, bait and tackle shop, portage lake sign-up board, charter air service, guide service, free ice (as much as you want, bring your cooler), free fish cleaning, freezers. All tackle, bait shop, and air charter prices are posted.

BOATS:

All of our boats are equipped with paddles, swivel seats, minnow buckets, nets, emergency whistle, bailing can, life jackets, outboard motor and gas. Fish finders, and trout rods may be rented. Our landing nets do take a good beating over the course of a year, if you have a favorite net, you may want to bring it.

THE LOFT ABOVE THE BOAT HOUSE:

Conference room, library, sun deck with lounge chairs, alternate fish-fry location on rainy days.

THE LAKESIDE PATIO:

Outdoor furniture, fish-fry location, and the place to view

our pet northerns. Sorry-no casting for the northerns. We'll show you other fishing holes.

THE LAUNDROMAT:

Open to 10 P.M. use quarters to wash and dry. Soap for sale at the office Public restroom located here.

OFFICE AND STORE AT THE DOCK:

Front desk, fishing licences and maps, messages, baby-sitting, lost and found, local information, mail drop, church directory, convenience store with fresh milk, soda, select candy, groceries, and ice cream. Souvenir shirts, hats, & sweatshirts. Tobacco and alcohol products are not available.

THE BEACH- Shallow swimming, sand beach & swingset.

THE ROCK- Diving board, slide & swim raft. Swim at your own risk as it is not supervised. We suggest you pack beach towels.

THE NATURE TRAIL- Starts at the back of camp, ask a staff member where to go.

CANOE & PADDLEBOAT: NO charge--first come, first serve.

THE SAUNA- Open to 10PM. Children must be with an adult.

SHORELUNCH- no charge for equipment, ask for gear at boat house. (contains no food, you stock it with beans, grease etc.)

VERMILION BAY ATTRACTIONS

Bratland's Shop and Buster's Restaurant
The Woodshed-Handcrafted shop
The Moose Creek Gift Shop, Orchid Cottage Gift shop
Bobby's Sportshop (world famous, just ask him!)
Fort Vermilion-Info Center and playground
July 1-Canada Day, Children's Festival
Blue Lake Provincial park-beach, hiking trails, picnic areas

MINNITAKI AREA

Egli's Sheep Farm and Show

DRYDEN ATTRACTIONS - 35 min. drive

Dryden Golf and Country Club 223-4218
Evergreen Golf Course 937-6887
Avenor Forest Products-Mill Tours
Dryden Museum

KENORA ATTRACTIONS - 50 min. drive

The Waterfront-Walking tour
The Blue Heron-Museum-Downtown shopping
M.S. Kenora tour boats

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- **Tobacco:**

18 years of age or over may bring 50 cigars or 200 cigarettes or 2.2 pounds of tobacco. Duty and taxes apply to additional quantities. Cuban cigars are for sale in Canada, as soon as you cross the border.

- **Identification:**

All visitors, including children, should possess identification, i.e. birth certificate, drivers licence, baptismal or voters registration. Passports are not required but are excellent ID's. Persons under 18 who are not accompanied by an adult should bring a letter from a parent or guardian giving them permission to travel in Canada.

- **Handguns:**

Don't even think of trying! They are prohibited. All weapons of all types must be declared.

- **Buckle Up:**

It's the law. Radar detection devices are illegal and must be stored in the trunk or in baggage. Don't think we're joking on this one. Many a motorist have returned with-out the radar detector that they brought in.

- **Prior DWI Convictions:**

DWI records are considered felonies in Canada whether or not it was a lesser offense in your home state. You may be denied entrance into Canada if you have ANY felony record.

- **Goods and Service Tax (GST):**

This is a tax that is paid on most of your purchases. US visitors can claim a refund from some GST. Be sure to keep the receipts showing tax paid. We'll show you how to get this money back once your up here.

- **Metric Conversion:**

You will observe metric conversions for highway speeds. distances. temperatures. weight and volume.

- **Bait:**

Canada has restrictions on the transfer of bait across it's borders. No minnows or leeches can be brought in Canada, live / dead / frozen or otherwise. There is also a restriction on worms. Actually it's the bedding. As long as a commercially made bedding is used (i.e. Buss bedding), it is allowed, but regular soil cannot be used.

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- **WALLEVE FISHING:**

Back trolling is our most effective method. Using live bait such as worms, minnows, or leeches and a Lindy Rig. Make sure you have plenty of walking sinkers (Lindy sinkers), you will use anything from 3/8 oz. in the spring to 3/4 in the late summer and fall. It is also a good idea to bring lots of barrel or snap swivels. After losing a few rigs in the rocks, you can tie your own rigs together and just use a #6-8 baitholder hook.

When fishing in the summer months, floating jig-heads are a must. Bring all different shapes and sizes and colors, you never know which one is going to be the hot bait. Also Little Joe spinners, crawler harnesses, 3/8 oz Jigs, Mr. Twisters, tube jigs, Fuzzy Grubs or similar are productive in a variety of colors including fluorescence. Include a few stinger hooks in case the fish are hitting short



All this information has been useful, but there still are a few questions that I have. Guess what, that's what we are here for. There are several ways that you can get a hold of us.

First you could call us at 1-800-461-1444, and we would be happy to answer any of you questions. You also could try our website at www.stanleys.com you might find what you are looking for there, and if not, you can E-mail us at fish@stanleys.com, and we'll get back to you with an answer as soon as possible. Our fax number is 807-227-2290, again we will reply with an answer as soon as we can. If you happen to be in the area of any of the sport shows that we will be attending, feel free to come down an speak with us. Any way that you choose, we will be more than happy to answer any of you questions.

- **NORTHERN PIKE AND MUSKIE:**

Favorites like Daredevil "five of diamonds" in yellow and red or colors like silver/blue, red/white and hammered silver do the trick. We like #4 and #5 Mepps bucktail. Generally 1/2, 3/4 and 1 oz sizes work best. Bring any of you other favorite bass lures, northern seem to like anything that flashes, spins, wiggles or just plain looks tasty. Bring a dozen or so steel leaders as well. For trophy pike and muskie use a heavy muskie baitcasting rod filled with 16-20 pound monofilament that can handle lures up to 3 ounces. Favorite muskie lures like Big Jerk and Suick are popular. For Kekekewa, (our fly-in catch & release muskie lake) muskies like the #4 and #5 Mepps Anglia in gold.

- **LAKE TROUT:**

Shallow fishing (in the early spring and late fall) calls for casting Daredevil spoons, or trolling spoons and crank baits. Deep water fishing, (late spring to mid-fall), is done by trolling or vertical jigging with "cowbells and trout trolls." You'll need heavy jigs or weights up to 4 ounces. We prefer Sutton Spoons, or light flutter spoons of the silver/blue, silver/red and any fluorescent colors range plus jigging lures like the white and silver "Swedish pimple". Deep water trolling requires a heavy rod and reel. Down riggers

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OUTPOST PLANNING

So you are going to fly-out to Papaonga Lake. We have equipped our outpost with as many of the necessities as possible to cut down on the amount of gear that you have to bring. Try to limit your baggage and food to 120 pounds per person. This will save alot of problems once were at the dock loading up the airplane. Pack your personal gear in canvas or nylon duffel bags to avoid extra weight from traditional luggage. It is also alot nicer to move around in the plane. Space is at a premium, and a bulky suitcase can take up as much room as two similarly packed duffel bags. Make sure that all your bags are done up properly. There is a black hole between the pontoon of the plane and the loading door, called the *lake*, it has swallowed up many a camera, spare reel and other important items. If you can have all you poles taken apart with no reels or lines on them, it would be appreciated. Extra long poles can be set out to the side, and will be packed separately. Pack groceries and beverages in sturdy boxes or coolers. Try to avoid the giant coolers that are available, two smaller coolers that can be placed on-top of each other will work better. (Secure with rope or twine to ease handling.) Warning...if you use the plastic or paper bags from the grocery store you may invite damage or loss! **If you plan to bring an unreal amount of beer or soda with you**, call ahead and let us know, so we can bring in some ahead of time, and avoid the weight and space problems when we are loading up the plane to depart.

FOOD

- fresh eggs, bacon, sausage
- pancake mix, syrup
- juice, butter, jelly
- cereals, fruits
- lunch-meats, cheese
- chili, soups, crackers
- peanut butter, candy
- ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
- bread, Kool-aid, soda, ice tea mix
- steak, chicken, pork chops
- hamburger, hotdogs
- spaghetti, macaroni ,snacks
- potatoes, corn, peas, beans
- onions, tomatoes
- lettuce, carrots
- desserts, jello, applesauce
- fish breading, cooking oil, Crisco

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are not used too much due to the rapidly changing bottom that you will encounter as you are trolling.

- **BASS FISHING:**

They hit on almost anything Northerns and Walleye like. Bring your favorites!

- **Final Suggestions:**

We recommend ultra-light rods with 6-8 lb test line. Use a cooler with ice to preserve the fish you are keeping. Stringer

mishaps are a waste of our precious resource. If any of our tackle is unfamiliar, you'll find them at our tackle shop or in Vermilion Bay. Most of our guests have never fished for whitefish, it would be to hard to explain it all in this letter, thus we have all the necessary items available at our tackle shop right at the Resort. We furnish fishing nets but bring your favorite if you prefer. Gaff hooks are never used.

- **Of Special Interest:**

Three of our portage lakes (Crabclaw , Buzzard & Edison) are designated as trophy fishing lakes and only single barbless hooks are allowed.

- **Fishing Licenses**

Fishing licenses are included in most packages. Stanley's does sell licenses at the dock if additional licenses or upgrade are needed.

What type of clothes should I pack? Northwestern Ontario's weather is much like the northern United States. Mid-June, July , August and early September are our true summer months. Daytime temperatures can be in the 80's with nights being somewhat cooler. Make sure you pack some shorts . In May or September you better come prepared for the worst. A north wind can bring cold weather and rain, and even a snow flake or two. Make sure you have a warm jacket, but be prepared to peel it off by afternoon. What ever time you come, make sure that you bring some good rain gear. You may be some ways from camp, and won't want to head all the way back for a 15 minute rain shower. It will also serve as a good wind breaker for when you're motoring down the lake.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Here are the numbers that you can give out if someone has to get a hold of you while we are at Stanley's. Although we do not have any phones in our cottages, we will take a message and give it to you. If the person calling knows what party you are with, it will help get the message to you quicker.

phone	1-807-227-2199
fax	1-807-227-2290
E-Mail	fish@stanleys.com

If you need to have any of your work faxed or E-mailed to Stanley's, we will gladly deliver it to you, although there will be a small charge for faxes sent or received.

Box 174
 Vermilion Bay, ON. POV 2V0
 Canada
 1-800-461-1444
 WWW.STANLEYS.COM

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- coffee, tea, cocoa, dry milk, matches, margarine
- salt, pepper, sugar,
- bread, cookies, salad dressing
- paper towels, foil, charcoal & lighter
- beer (CANS ONLY), liquor, mix

The water at Papaonga is safe to drink, it is amazing how much room can be saved by bring a powdered drink mix as apposed to packing cases of soft drink.

EQUIPMENT

- boots, tennis shoes
- cotton & wool sox
- light jacket or sweater
- good rain gear & windbreaker
- sturdy trousers, long sleeved shirts
- hat, cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, Chapstick
- additional change of clothes
- flashlight, medications
- toilet articles, insect repellent
- camera, film, personal life jacket, cooler
- bug spray, fillet knife, sharpening stone
- binoculars, Zip-Loc bags for food and fish

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- playing cards, games
- gloves and rubber boots (spring and fall)
- long underwear and wool cap (spring and fall)

TACKLE SUGGESTIONS:

Bring light or ultra-light rods and reels with 6-8 pound test line. Replace your heavy metal tackle boxes with small kits containing Mr Twisters of various colors, Shad-Raps, Mepps Spinners, #3, 4, 5 . Tube jigs 2 to 3 inches long in brown, purple, yellow, blue, on 3/8 oz.. lead headed jigheads. (These we keep in stock in our tackle shop.)

If you wish, nightcrawlers can be brought up in worm bedding. Live minnows usually die en route or become a welcome snack for a mink.)

Finally, we furnish the bedding, pillows, towels, toilet paper, soap, dish soap in your Outpost Pack. We urge you to consider our suggestions for keeping within safe weight limits. Have an enjoyable trip!

