



ADVENTURE KIT 2020

SCOTT LAKE LODGE

Your adventure to the far north awaits. We've put together this guide to help you plan and prepare for your trip, including tips on what to pack (and not pack), how to breeze through the border, how to communicate while on the island and basically everything you need to know to have a fantastic trip.

PREPARE TO ENJOY

QUICK SUMMARY

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER:

- *Book your plane ticket to Saskatoon early. Call the Lodge office if you need advice or assistance.*
- *A passport is required to enter Canada.*
- *Bring a quality raincoat and rain pants.*
- *Keep your personal tackle simple; the Lodge has everything you will need.*
- *Don't bring any firearms, knives or self-defense sprays, including pepper sprays.*
- *If you have a criminal record, including DUIs or DWIs, contact the Canadian authorities well in advance or you may be denied entry in to Canada.*
- *For information on fly outs and fishing please go to the Lodge website at www.scottlakeridge.com or give our Sales Manager, Jon Wimpney, a call at 306/209-7150. He can talk fishing for hours.*

PACKING

Nearly everyone brings way too much on any vacation. Far northern expeditions tend to amplify this tendency. "I didn't wear half the clothes I brought" is a common comment leaving Scott Lake. Just remember that while Scott Lake is in the middle of a vast wilderness, the Lodge is an oasis of comfort, convenience and equipment. We probably have whatever you think you'll need right on the island. ***When in doubt, leave it at home.***

We must limit luggage to a maximum of 50 pounds. The flights from Saskatoon are carrying all the fresh foods for your epicurean meals. We don't want to bump the prime rib or pheasant because someone brought their entire collection of outdoor gear. Keep your gear under 50 pounds and trust the camp to provide (for free) whatever you had to leave behind.

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THINK LAYERS

You don't need two or three coats. A quality Gore-Tex (or equivalent) jacket will do the job in any weather if you have a lightweight layer plus wool or polar fleece underneath.



QUICK DRY FABRICS

Pick up some fast-drying cotton/poly blend shirts and trousers. Synthetics and cotton/poly blends are the fabrics of choice.



BE RAIN READY

It will probably rain at least once. Be prepared with a quality rain suit (jacket and pants.) The jacket should be a breathable fabric to prevent that clammy feeling. And of course, a good waterproof hat.



DON'T FORGET YOUR FEET

You need some type of waterproof footwear. Inexpensive knee-high rubber boots are great or a pair of short L.L. Bean-type boots. If you're coming in early June or late August bring a pair of warmer, lined boots just in case.



POLARIZED SUNGLASSES

Invest in some quality polarized sunglasses. Our guides recommend Costa Del Mar, Maui Jim or Oakley brands. You want to be sure to fully experience the thrill of sight fishing. The lodge store does stock lower priced versions if you forget yours.

Clothing

The temperature at Scott is totally dependent upon wind direction. If it's from the south or southwest count on warm, even hot weather from June through August. If it's from the north or east dig out your long johns & gloves. It can drop from 80° to 40° in a few hours with a wind change.



Since no one can predict the wind or weather, regardless of when you are coming, better to be prepared for a wide range of temperatures.

SUGGESTED CLOTHES LIST:

- Long under wear (lightweight polypropylene or equivalent)
- Shirts (3): 1 short sleeve & 2 long sleeve, quick-dry fabrics are best
- Pants (2): (quick-dry fabrics work best) One with zip off legs to make shorts
- Pull over (1): heavy fleece or wool
- Rain jacket: Gore-Tex or equivalent mid-weight. Any quality "breathable" jacket you use for hunting or fishing will do fine. Rain jackets with hoods are an absolute necessity to keep dry in a downpour. In our neighborhood you need a hood.
- Rain pants: Waterproof is a must. Ski pants may look waterproof, but they don't cut it in heavy rain. Get a quality rain suit—jacket and pants.
- Hat (waterproof): Find one with a strap to keep it from flying off your head. A good brim is helpful, too.
- Polarized sunglasses
- Comfortable walking or hiking shoes
- Waterproof boots
- Down Vest & Neoprene Gloves: for early June/late August trips. We have these in stock at our store.

CROSSING THE BORDER

These days international travel requirements change rapidly. Keep in mind that Canada is a foreign country and you do have to play by their rules. For the easiest possible Customs clearance on your entry and exit to the Lodge, we recommend securing a valid US Passport for everyone in your group. Another identification option for those traveling via land (driving) into Canada is a Passport Card.

For more information on international travel requirements:

US State Department: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

Canada Border Services Agency: <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>

Traveling with Minors

(Excerpted from: <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/travel-voyage/td-dv-eng.html>)

Border services officers watch for [missing children](#), and may ask detailed questions about any minors travelling with you.

We recommend that parents who share custody of their children carry copies of their legal custody documents, such as custody rights. If your spouse is not traveling with you, we recommend you carry a [consent letter](#) to provide authorization for you to take a minor into Canada. The odds are low that these documents will be demanded, but they could be.

A consent letter must include the custodial parents' or legal guardians' full name, address and telephone number. Some travelers choose to have the consent letter notarized, to further support its authenticity, especially if they are undertaking a significant trip and want to avoid any delay. When travelling with a group of vehicles, parents or guardians should arrive at the border in the same vehicle as their children or any minors they are accompanying.

[Travel.gc.ca](#) provides information about [travelling with children](#).

Alcohol and Tobacco

You are allowed duty-free up to 1.5 liters of wine or a total of 1.14 liters (40 oz) of alcoholic beverages and 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars. We will be offering a cash bar for liquor and beer. Fine cigars are also available for purchase at the Lodge. House wine during dinner is complimentary.

BE ADVISED:

Any person living in the United States who possesses a criminal record (including DUI/DWI) and wishes to travel to Canada will need a **Temporary Resident Permit**. This is valid up to two years but *can take up to 12 months to process*. One may also apply for a **Rehabilitation**. This document is a permanent approval and allows hassle free border crossing into Canada.

For more information visit Canada Border Crossing Services: <http://bordercrossing.ca/>

GETTING TO AND FROM THE LODGE

Arrival in Saskatoon

Your travel schedule to Saskatoon **must be communicated** to the Scott Lake office.

If you are arriving on the same day as our charter, we will have a representative (Donna Hill) meet your flight and transport you to our charter terminal (Hanger 9 at the end of Thayer Ave), adjacent to the commercial field.



If you are arriving the day prior to our charter flight, Donna will meet your flight IF your flight is scheduled to arrive before 9:30 p.m. and arrange transport to your hotel. If you are arriving after 9:30 p.m., you will need to utilize your hotel shuttle or a cab service. Donna will contact you by phone on the day of the charter departure to make arrangements for you to get to Hanger 9 in time for our approximate 3:30 p.m. departure for Stony Rapids.

Should you have a delayed connection and miss your connection to Saskatoon and are unable to make our 3:30 p.m. charter flight to Stony Rapids, call Donna Hill (306/229-3401) and the lodge office (306/500-4976). Donna will assist you in arranging a flight (at your cost) on the next scheduled service from Saskatoon to Stony Rapids. We will then schedule a private float flight from Stony Rapids (at our cost) to the Lodge. The Lodge will do whatever it can to protect your fishing time, but there are no flights to Stony on Sundays (June 14th and August 2nd trips) and only a late flight (arriving in Stony at 7:15 p.m.) on Saturdays which could affect our trips starting on July 4 and 18 and August 22. Arriving in Saskatoon the night before our charter flight, though, is cheap insurance.

Next Stop: Stony Rapids, Floatplane Base

When the charter arrives in Stony you will be met at the terminal by a Lodge representative and driven about a half mile down to the floatplane base. We will do everything possible to get luggage transferred to the floatplanes quickly and efficiently. Typical wait time in Stony is 15-20 minutes.

Personnel from our float charter service will keep you informed if weather or other factors create a delay. The flight to the Lodge is a breathtaking 20-30 minutes.

Final Destination: The Dock at Scott Lake Lodge

Relax. You'll be greeted by our staff, introduced to your guide and directed to the Laker Lodge (on top of the hill) where you will be served a complimentary cocktail while you sign your fishing license and legal release form. After a hearty dinner we begin the orientation program—no quiz will follow and it's always fun. Fishing starts at 8:30 a.m. the next morning unless you work out a different time with your guide.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Scott Lake Lodge US office:
(888) 830-9525 or (715) 362-7031

Scott Lake Lodge US office fax:
(715) 362-7069

Direct Satellite Line at Lodge:
(306) 500-4976
(June 1-Sept 15)

E-mail:
info@scottlakelodge.com
General Manager:
jason@scottlakelodge.com
lodgeoffice@scottlakelodge.com
(June 1-Sept 5)

Saskatoon Inn:
(800) 667-8789 or (306) 242-1440

Transwest Air:
(800) 667-9356

Saskatoon Expeditors:
Darren Hill (306) 227-4322
Donna Hill (306) 229-3401

Leaving Scott to head back to Saskatoon

On your last day you will fish until 4:00 p.m., returning to the Lodge in time to do your final packing. The float planes will leave Scott at about 6:00 p.m. A light buffet will be available in the Last Cast Bar prior to your departure. You will arrive back in Saskatoon around 9:30 p.m. and be transported directly to the Saskatoon Inn where a room has been reserved for you (part of your package).

ENJOYING YOUR STAY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LODGE

The island is equipped with complimentary WIFI, provided via satellite internet system. It is the best and fastest available for this remote location but don't expect what you have at your home or office.

The Lodge office does have a satellite phone: 306/500-4976. Please keep in mind that we are not in the office at all times and that the phone is only to be used by guests in cases of travel delays or an emergency issue for a guest.

MEALS

Breakfast is served in Laker Lodge from 6:30 to 8:30 am. We offer a buffet of fresh fruit, cereals and pastries along with a made-to-order hot breakfast of your choosing.

Shore lunch will be expertly prepared by your guide around noon (you decide the exact time). If you would rather have

a sandwich, let your guide know the evening before and we will have it ready in the morning. We have a handy checklist available to make sure you get a lunch you like.

A lavish served dinner has become a Scott tradition. It's available between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. The exciting "fish du jour" photos and trophy announcements begin at 8:30 p.m.

FISHING LICENSE

Your Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories fishing licenses will be issued upon your arrival. Please keep your licenses on your person when fishing. While unlikely, Provincial officials can fly in to check licenses and "back at camp" is not good enough. Cost for licenses are included in your package.

FLYOUTS

Our fly out options are just that—options. While the fishing on Scott is excellent, many anglers just love to get in that float plane and see some new country. A complete list of fly out lakes with pricing and details will be emailed two weeks prior to your arrival. Please take the time to review this list of flyout

lakes and their costs which vary widely. Costs are driven by the distance from the Lodge and airplanes are expensive. All fly outs have excellent fishing. Nearly 100 lakes have been tested to find the two-dozen gems we have now. Flyouts can be booked at any time during your stay but many guests like to plan their flying during the dinner hour on the first night.

TACKLE/GIFTS

There is a tackle and gift shop in the Lodge Office on the waterfront. All the fishing tackle you will want, or need is available on site. Your guide will review tackle with you before you hit the water. A summary of gear provided along with recommended lures is in our online Guest Portal. Look for the TACKLE TIPS.

BUGS

Bug numbers depend on water levels and humidity.

Black flies and mosquitoes have been called the guardians of the north: they do keep some people in the south. Scott Lake guests are relatively fortunate. We are between two “they-will-drive-you-nuts” concentrations. To the north, the landscape sits on permafrost where water has nowhere to drain – everywhere and anywhere is a bug factory. To the south, the country is heavily forested with thick brush and heavy, non-draining soils – perfect habitat for black flies and mosquitoes.

By contrast, Scott Lake Lodge is located in an area of very sandy, well-drained soils. Scott is blessed in this regard. There are bugs, both black flies and mosquitoes, but they are rarely heavy in numbers. They will never be a problem in the boat but on quiet, muggy days (all bugs love high humidity) the shore lunch sites and areas on our island could have bad bugs. We have a broad range of bug “defenses”. The good news: you will rarely, if ever, need head nets or the full “bug jackets” required for many other northern fishing expeditions. Commercial insect repellent usually does the trick. We stock repellents in the store.

GRATUITIES

Tips are an entirely personal matter. Most of our guests do tip, usually an amount like what one would tip at a fine restaurant (15 to 20% of package value). Typically, gratuities are split 70/30 between guides and shore staff. That can be changed at the customer’s discretion. Any level of tipping is greatly appreciated by our staff. The amount dedicated to the shore staff is shared equally by that hard-working group. Gratuities can be paid by check or put on a credit card and handled at checkout on the final day.

Any questions about anything: call our customer service office at 888/830-9525 or 715/362-7031.

DON'T FORGET

- Your Scott Lake luggage tags (mailed to you in May)
- Checkbook (checks are the preferred method of payment for any purchase, but we do accept MC/Visa and Discover however not AMEX)
- Prescription medication (*be sure to pack in carry-on luggage*)
- Quality rain gear, jacket and pants (review our detailed clothes packing list)
- Lightweight waterproof boots
- Swimsuit (for the hot tub or sauna)
- Waterproof hat for sun or rain
- Sunscreen – at least 30 SPF
- Polarized sunglasses (available at our tackle shop)
- For early June or late August trips neoprene gloves and warm boots (just in case)
- Insect repellent – but no aerosol cans

LEAVE AT HOME:

- Hairdryer (one each cabin)
- Alarm clock (in each cabin)
- Dress clothes (casual rules)
- Waders (we have plenty)
- Sinkers (we have even more)
- Knives/pepper sprays (not needed)
- WORK!