



ADVENTURE GUIDE 2026

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 Edmonton early. Call the Lodge office if you need advice or assistance.
- A passport is required to enter Canada. There no longer is a requirement for any Covid vaccinations or for registering with Arrive Can. Just show up with your passport. Check now while there is still time to renew.
- Bring a quality raincoat and rain pants. Gore-Tex or equivalent products from Orvis, Simms, Cabelas, Patagonia, or Helly Hansen are all great options.
- Keep your personal tackle simple. The Lodge has everything you will need and will provide complimentary all the right rods and reels to make your trip as perfect as possible.
- Don't bring any firearms, knives or self-defense sprays, including pepper sprays. And of course, don't make jokes about anything with border personnel.
- If you have a criminal record, including DUIs or DWIs, contact the Canadian authorities well in advance or you may be denied entry into Canada. Find more details under BE ADVISED below.
- For information on flyouts and fishing please check out the [Flyout Destinations](#) section of our website or give our Sales Manager, Jon Wimpney, a call or text at 306/209-7150. He can talk fishing for hours. Two weeks before your trip you will receive more details on flyout options including 2025 pricing.

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. Most guests find that 30 pounds gives them everything they need. The lodge has waders and boots, lots of clothing for purchase and our staff will set you up with anything you forget.

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HELPFUL HINTS



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 synthetic shirts and trousers.



BE RAIN READY

It will likely rain at least once. Be prepared with a quality rain suit (jacket and bibs.)



DON'T FORGET YOUR FEET

You need some type of waterproof footwear. Inexpensive knee-high rubber boots are great or a pair of short Xtra Tuff type. Tennis shoes don't cut it in the rain.



POLARIZED SUNGLASSES

Invest in some quality polarized sunglasses. You want to be sure to fully experience the thrill of sight fishing.

Clothing

The temperature at Scott on any given day 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 & maybe even 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:

Layers: full length underwear, top and bottom (lightweight merino or similar).

Shirts (3): 1 short sleeve & 2 long sleeve, quick-dry fabrics are best. A light sunshirt will help keep you covered and cool on hot days.

Pants (2): (again quick-dry fabrics work best) Pants with zip off legs double duty as shorts. Leave your cherished blue jeans at the lodge; they take way too long to dry.

Insulating Layer (1): fleece/wool or light "puffy".

Rain jacket: Gore-Tex or equivalent mid-weight. Any quality "breathable" jacket you use for outdoor activities will do fine, but rain jackets with hoods are an absolute necessity to keep dry in a downpour.

Rain pants: We suggest bibs. Fully waterproof (not water-resistant). Get a quality Gore-Tex or equivalent rain suit.

Hat: A good brim with a dark underside helps for sight fishing.

Polarized sunglasses: an absolute must for our unique sight fishing opportunities. A spare isn't a bad idea, but our shop does carry them. These are critical safety items for time in the boat.

Footwear: comfortable walking shoes for the island and a pair of ankle-high (usually adequate) or knee-high waterproof boots are perfect for the boat. No dress shoes required at our fishing resort! We provide waders for fishing grayling or use as a rain pants substitute.

Jacket: a down or insulated vest or jacket just in case we get a cold front. We do stock insulated jackets in our store.

Gloves: both a light pair for fishing and a heavier waterproof pair to use when the boat is moving. We stock several types of gloves, including neoprene.

Crossing the Border

A valid Passport is all you need. If anything changes with border crossing regulations, we will contact you by email and phone. *If you are travelling with a minor, see below.*

For general information on international travel requirements:

US State Department: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-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 are alert 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 travelling 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 guardian's full name, address and telephone number. Some travelers choose to have the consent letter notarized, to further support its authenticity.

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 have a very well stocked bar including a very nice wine list. Cigars are also available for purchase at the Lodge. House wine during dinner is complimentary. To order any special wines or spirits please contact our customer service office. We frequently purchase fine wines for customers and have it shipped to the Lodge.

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 to apply for Rehabilitation. This document provides permanent approval and allows hassle free border crossing into Canada.

Your odds of being screened at the border for a record check are very low, but it can happen. Many of our guests successfully take that chance. We don't recommend that course of action.

For more information or assistance call a private company in Winnipeg, Canada Border Crossing Services. They have helped many of our guests. Call them at 800/438-7020 or 204/488-6350. Visit them on the web at: <http://bordercrossing.ca/>

GETTING TO AND FROM THE LODGE



Arrival in Edmonton

Edmonton is a great hub city for us. There are daily direct flights from the US including flights from Denver, Seattle, Atlanta and Minneapolis. Your other option is simply to fly to Calgary which has non-stop flights from most major US cities. There are a couple dozen daily flights from Calgary to Edmonton. In short, Edmonton is a relatively easy city to get to. While you will probably find a flight arriving on the same day as your 3:30 PM charter flight into the Lodge, we strongly suggest that you arrive in Edmonton the day or evening prior to your Lodge arrival date. Travel delays appear to be part of the travel experience these days. It's just cheap insurance against missing a connection to Edmonton and subsequently missing our charter flight to Stony Rapids, Saskatchewan. If you miss our charter your options are limited and probably expensive. If you do not show up for the charter flight, we will be calling you to help in any way we can.

You must be at the Executive Flight Centre Terminal 1 charter facility no later than 2:30 PM on your Lodge arrival date. There will be snacks and beverages available at the facility along with Wi-Fi. There is a free shuttle service from the Edmonton main terminal that operates on-demand. You pick up the free airport shuttle (a fleet of white mini-buses) at Door #8 at the lower Arrival level. Any of these shuttles will take you to the Executive Flight Centre terminal. Just don't try to grab the white hotel shuttles (they have hotel logos on the side). An easy option is a short cab ride. Your call. Most guests have found the shuttles convenient and dependable. And easy to find.

If you are staying at our recommended hotel, the [Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel](#), go to the Security Entrance where you can take the escalator down to the lower level. Then walk to your right to Door #9. It's a short 3–4-minute walk from the hotel lobby. There will be buses there and you will not need to call to order a pick-up. But just in case, that number is 780-890-8983. You will want that number if you do a shopping or casino tour in the airport area. The same shuttle gives you free rides to the casino, Costco or the very attractive Premium Outlet Collection mall. That facility has several discount outdoor clothing stores including Columbia and Under Armor. After shopping just call the shuttle service for a ride back to the hotel or to the charter terminal. It will show up in a few minutes. Yes, it's free!

[Executive Flight Centre Terminal 1](#) is located at 3684, 53 Avenue East (phone 780-890-8640).

For your Edmonton accommodations, we strongly recommend staying the Renaissance Marriott located right inside the airport terminal. It's a beautiful facility and we have a negotiated corporate rate. Go to their [website](#), punch in your date of arrival, click the Special Rates dropdown, select Corp/Promo Code and enter the **code 608**, then click View Rates. Should you desire to explore other options, there are also many other (literally dozens) of hotels in the area.

Next Stop: Stony Rapids

Your flight from Edmonton will be two hours in a very comfortable Dash 8-300 with plenty of seating space and a restroom. When the charter arrives in Stony Rapids, you will be met at the terminal by a Lodge representative and driven in vans about a half mile down to the floatplane base. We will do everything possible to get luggage transferred to the floatplanes quickly and efficiently. Personnel from our float charter service will keep you informed if weather or other factors create any delay. The flight to

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Renaissance Hotel

Edmonton Airport:

(780) 488-7159

Executive Flight Centre Terminal 1

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Edmonton International Airport
(888) 299-2825
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<https://www.efcaviation.ca/edmonton-fbo-terminal-1/>

the Lodge is a breathtaking 25-30 minutes using Otters, Caravans or Beavers. Your luggage may not be on the same plane. **Keep your carry on with you.** Once you get off the Dash 8-300, just RELAX. You are in good hands. We will take care of everything from there. You will find your luggage in your room after dinner.

Final Destination: The Dock at Scott

You will land close to our docks and be greeted by our staff, introduced to your guide, and directed to Laker Lodge (on top of the hill on this 12-acre island) where you can relax with a drink while you sign your fishing licenses and legal release form. After a hearty dinner we conduct a short orientation program. Fishing starts at 8:30 AM the next morning unless you work out a different time with your guide. We encourage having dinner with your guide that evening. There are no separate (and usually unequal) dining facilities for staff. Everyone dines on the same excellent cuisine.

Heading Home

On your last day you will fish until approximately 3:30 PM, returning to the Lodge in time to do your final packing and settle-up your on-island invoice. The floatplanes will leave Scott at approximately 6:00 PM. A light buffet and complimentary drinks will be available in the Last Cast Bar before your departure. You will arrive back to the North Cariboo facility in Edmonton around 9:30 PM where a motor coach will be waiting to take you directly

to the Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel (right in the terminal) where a room has been reserved for you (part of your package). You will be able to walk to your ticket counter in minutes—no morning shuttle needed.

ENJOYING YOUR STAY

-COMMUNICATION FROM THE LODGE

The island is equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi, provided via satellite (six Starlink dishes no less) internet system. We keep upgrading our service but it's tough in this remote location. We limit Wi-Fi use to phone calling, email and web surfing—no streaming allowed. The Lodge office does have a satellite phone as well. Please keep in mind that staff are not always in the office. Emailing our General Manager (jason@scottlakelodge.com) is the best way for people to get a message to the island. You will be able to receive texts and emails via our WiFi system. If you want to use WiFi calling on the island, turn this on before you leave home as it sometimes requires cell service to complete.

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 choice.

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 superb dinner has become a Scott tradition, served at 7:00 PM. The exciting daily “fish du jour” photo presentation (otherwise known as fish porn) and trophy and flyout announcements begin at 8:30 PM.

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 highly unlikely, Provincial officials can fly in to check licenses and “back at camp” is not good enough. Cost for licenses will be added to your on-island store account.

FLYOUTS

Our flyout options are just that—options. While the fishing on Scott is excellent, many anglers just love to get in that floatplane and see some new country. A complete list of flyout lakes with pricing and details will be emailed two weeks prior to your arrival. Please take the time to review the flyout lakes. Costs are driven by the distance from the Lodge. But simply put, airplanes, especially floatplanes, are expensive. Given the recent fuel tax increases in Canada (a new 23% carbon tax went into effect last year), our flyout prices will be going in the same direction as your floatplanes—up. There is a wide price range for our flyout destinations. There are no “bad” flyouts. They were selected after years of test fishing many dozens of area lakes.

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.

BUGS

Bug numbers depend on water levels and humidity. Here’s a little background on the bugs of Scott:

Black flies and mosquitoes have been called the guardians of the north: they do keep some people in the south. Scott Lake guests are fortunate. The Lodge is located in an area of very sandy, well-drained soils. Less shallow standing water simply means fewer bugs (not no bugs). For the north, Scott is blessed in this regard. There are bugs, both black flies and mosquitoes, but they are rarely heavy in

DON'T FORGET

- Your Scott Lake luggage tags (mailed to you)
- Checkbook (checks are the preferred method of payment). We do accept MC/Visa, Discover and AMEX. **Cash/checks are now required for any staff gratuity.**
- 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)
- Dress clothes (casual rules)
- Waders (we have plenty)
- Sinkers (we have even more)
- Knives/pepper sprays (not needed)
- WORK!

numbers. They will never be a problem in the boat but on quiet, muggy days (all bugs love high humidity) the shore lunch sites or grayling fishing rivers could have bad bugs. We carry insect repellents in the store and also offer the loan of bug jackets.

GRATUITIES

Tips are an entirely personal matter. Most of our guests do tip, usually an amount similar to what one would tip at a fine restaurant (15 to 20% of package value). Typically, gratuities are split 70/30 guide/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 group. While our staff work incredibly hard to make each trip memorable, tips should reflect the service you receive.

Due to recent changes in the Canadian tax laws all tips should be paid by cash or check. For guides cash or a check made out to the guide is the best method. For shore staff cash is the best way to recognize their contribution to your experience. If we process tips via your credit card payment for your store bill, it is treated as income with substantial deductions. We do not have cash on site to provide any check cashing services. We do have a safe for secure storage of any cash/valuables available for your use on the island.

QUESTIONS

Don't hesitate to call the Wisconsin office (888-830-9525) or email us at info@scottlakeslodge.com. We look forward to greeting you on the dock!