



PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

HUNTING ESSENTIALS

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Travelling to and from Yellowknife

Whether you will be driving or flying, please plan to arrive in Yellowknife a day or two before flying to the lodge. This will allow extra time to deal with unforeseen vehicle problems and the possibility of lost luggage and flight delays. Getting to Yellowknife a day before you fly to the lodge will also enable us to show you the many interesting sights of our city. **Be sure to book your trip as soon as possible. Airline seating may be limited due to summer/fall travelers as well as other hunters.**

New United States Travel Requirements

As of January, 2007 a passport or other accepted travel document will be required by US citizens returning by air to the United States. Check out the US department of state website at: <http://travel.state.gov> for details. Please ensure that you have all the necessary identification with you. This is of utmost importance to avoid the possibility of problems at departing airlines or Customs. A driver's license alone is not sufficient proof. If you do not have proper identification, travel may be refused! *Please carry a copy of your hunt statement, which is evidence that you will be hunting with us.*

Visiting Canada Guidelines

Most people assume without question that almost anyone can enter Canada. This is not true. Please take a moment to check out the Visiting Canada Guidelines at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.html> so you do not encounter any difficulties at the border.

Flying? Airlines – Who to fly with

There are a number of daily flights to Yellowknife. All flights connect from Edmonton, Alberta's International Airport. Many airlines fly to Edmonton from major cities in southern Canada and the United States. **First Air**, Canadian North and Air Canada (Jazz) offer daily jet service from Edmonton, Alberta to Yellowknife. **First Air is our preferred airline!** There are many benefits in booking with First Air, please see the details outlined on page 2. We had had difficulty with Air Canada Jazz bumping baggage due to their smaller sized aircraft hence we **do not recommend booking with them especially from Edmonton to Yellowknife.**

Using Peterson's Point Lake Lodge to book travel from Edmonton to Yellowknife

We can make flight reservations for you with **First Air** (our discounted price from Edmonton to Yellowknife is \$583.36 + \$30.00 ticketing fee per person). Continental Travel also has access to these fares (refer to their details on page 2). If you are making your own reservations to Edmonton and would like help with the Edmonton to Yellowknife leg of your trip do not hesitate to contact Amanda by phone at (867) 920-4654 or via Email: pointlakelodge@ssimicro.com for First Air's schedule or you can check out their schedule on line at www.firstair.ca



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Travel agencies – Continental Travel Group

For airline reservations and travel information we recommend: **Continental Travel Group**. Contact Silvana Gosgnach E-mail: silvana@continentaltrav.com or speak with one of their Fish & Hunt Specialists at: 1-866-276-8376 and tell them that you are heading to Peterson's Point Lake Lodge. They are highly experienced and knowledgeable agents who will search for the best airfares available including access to unpublished 'fish fares.' **As mentioned they also are familiar with and can access our discounted airfares with First Air.** Their website address is: www.continentaltravel.ca



Baggage

Travel baggage policies vary from airline to airline, each seem to have different weight allowances, excess baggage, maximum bag sizes and associated charges. Please check with your travel agent and/or airlines regarding their specifications. As previously mentioned we work closely with First Air – your Edmonton to Yellowknife connection. They not only have special rates but also allow hunting & fishing guests to check an extra piece of baggage, details are provided below for your reference.

First Air: First Air allows each ticketed passenger **four** pieces of baggage free of charge; one carry-on, and two pieces of checked baggage, plus one accessory (rod or rifle case). Maximum carry-on weight is 20 lbs. Maximum weight for checked baggage is 70 lbs. There may be the following additional charges:



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| • EXTRA LUGGAGE | \$ 50.00/piece |
| • OVERWEIGHT LUGGAGE (71- 99 lbs) | \$ 70.00/piece |
| • OVERSIZED LUGGAGE - | \$70.00/peice |
| • SPLIT ANTLERS | \$ 50.00 |
| • UNSPLIT ANTLERS | \$100.00 |

Please note: luggage weighing 100lbs and over will not be accepted. For further information: www.firstair.ca

Antlers

Many airlines no longer accept antlers as baggage. Please check with your travel agent to confirm your airline's policies on antlers as baggage. If you are planning to fly home with your antlers, it is of the utmost importance that they are package properly. This means that all the tips must be covered with cardboard, that there be absolutely no blood leaking from the packaging. We will provide packaging material at the lodge to protect your antlers for shipping. However, you are responsible for wrapping them. You must bring two rolls of duck tape for this purpose.



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Driving

If you are driving to Yellowknife, please allow extra time for mechanical problems that may arise. The Mackenzie Highway (HWY #3) from Edmonton to Yellowknife is paved all the way to Yellowknife. Call NWT Tourism for road touring information (1-800-661-0788) or check online at: www.explorenwt.ca. Please contact us upon your arrival in Yellowknife at: 867-920-4654 (o) 867-920-4102 (h) 867-445-8797 (c). **Please note:** You can leave your vehicle at Jim & Margaret's home while on your hunt. If you brought a freezer for transporting your caribou meat home we would be happy to plug it in for you while you are on your trip.

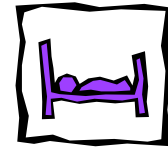
Hotels

In order to ensure you our preferred outfitters rate, we will make your hotel reservation for you in Edmonton & Yellowknife, please complete the enclosed flight itinerary & hotel reservation form included in this package.

Edmonton - Holiday Inn Express

The Holiday Inn Express in Edmonton is our preferred hotel of choice for a number of reasons. Built in 1999, the Holiday Inn Express:

- Is only 2 minutes away from the Edmonton International Airport.
- Has free airport shuttle service while on your hunt
- Has a walk-in freezer
- Offers free Continental Breakfast
- Outfitters rate: \$109.00 (+ taxes) for standard room (room with two queen size beds)



Yellowknife - The Red Coach Inn

The Red Coach Inn is a comfortable two - story motel with 43 newly renovated rooms. All rooms have a 27" flat screen TV, microwave, refrigerator, phones, full baths and free wireless internet. Located between the old town and downtown Yellowknife you can easily and walk to the historic Yellowknife district or enjoy the many restaurants and shops in the city. There is a quaint restaurant located in the motel, serving home-style meals open seven days a week. It has the best price point in the city for a standard room at just \$109.00 per night. Check out <http://www.redcoachinn.ca>

Flight from Yellowknife to Peterson's Point Lake Lodge

Your trip from Yellowknife to the lodge will be on a Twin Otter on floats. The estimated flight time is one hour and thirty minutes. Because of weight restrictions on our charter aircraft you are allowed one weapon; i.e. one bow OR one rifle. Maximum baggage weight for personal items is 60 lbs.





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Rifle/bow cases

Whether you are hunting with a rifle or bow, please ensure that you bring a soft case. Before you leave Yellowknife for the lodge, you must transfer your weapon from your hard case to a soft case. This is important because of weight and space restrictions on our charter aircraft. Your hard cases will be safely stored during your hunt. When you get back to Yellowknife from the lodge your hard cases will be available for pick up. **Note:** *If possible we recommend that you share a hard case with your hunting partner to help minimize baggage as well as give you an additional piece of free allowable baggage which you can use for your caribou meat on your return trip.*

Sample Hunting Itinerary

Day 0 - This is the day before your scheduled hunt date. You will have arrived in Yellowknife and will be met at the airport by our friendly staff. After claiming your baggage, you will be driven to the hotel and if time permits, we will be happy to provide you a tour and show you the many interesting features of our city.

Day 1 - At approximately 8:30 AM you will be picked up at the hotel in Yellowknife and driven to the float base for your 9:30 AM departure to the lodge. This one hour and thirty minute flight north will take you over the treeline into the barrens. Jim Peterson, owner & lodge operator will be there to welcome you, assign cabins and introduce the Point Lake staff. The laws of the Northwest Territories prohibit hunting for a minimum of 12-hours after flying. As a result on the first day of your trip you will have the opportunity to spot caribou, sight in your rifle at the range and become familiar with our operation and meet fellow hunters in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Day 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Your hunting day begins with the smell of freshly brewed coffee and a hearty breakfast at the lodge. The excitement builds as each group of hunters heads out with their guide at approximately 7:00 a.m. for a full day on the land. Each day you will travel by boat to various locations on Point Lake and then hike inland to spot caribou. Lunch is on the land. By early evening, you return to the lodge, where you will be welcomed, to share your stories of the days hunt and enjoy appetizers and a sumptuous dinner. As part of our northern hospitality, you will be treated to a memorable wild game dinner on your last evening at the lodge. A sample menu such as braised caribou back strap, roast caribou heart & tongue, barbecue whiskey trout, garlic parmesan baked trout accompanied with potato au gratin and fresh salad are some of the dishes you can look forward to eating.

Day 7 - On the final day of your trip, you will depart the lodge at 11:00 AM, arriving in Yellowknife approximately 12:30 PM. Our friendly staff will be there to greet you at the float base and help load your baggage, antlers and meat for the short drive to the Department of Resources. This is where you will pay your trophy fee and obtain the proper documentation (export permit) to transport your meat home. It can take an hour to process the proper documentation for all ten hunters so while you are waiting we provide water, coffee, hot chocolate & snacks for your enjoyment. Afterward we will drive you to the airport or to the hotel to check-in. If time permits, we can stop for a quick lunch and/or souvenir shopping.

Please note: We do our utmost to stay within these time frames however there is the possibility of delays due to uncontrollable factors such as bad weather.



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Booking your flight home

We recommend that you take the evening flight to Edmonton, Alberta, stay overnight (For example, if your scheduled hunt date is August 20-26; you can book a flight to Edmonton on the evening of August 26th - approx. 5:00 PM and then take a morning flight home. Arriving home earlier the next day (August 26th) will enable you to butcher your meat sooner.

Rifle Type

We recommend that you use one of the following calibers: .270;.300;.30-06;.308; 7 mm Mag.

Other hunting opportunities – during & after the hunt

If you harvest your caribou early we do have a number of great options for you. As you know, we offer hunting for wolf & wolverine while on your caribou hunt or after you harvest your caribou as part of your package (those who booked prior to Feb. 1st, 2007 and decided to harvest 2 caribou they will have to purchase their wolf/wolverine and/or small game licenses \$60.00 US each for tags). Small game season begins September 1st 2007 - species include: ptarmigan & grouse etc). Please indicate which species you would like by placing a check mark beside the name. And of course you have the option of fishing for trophy lake trout after your hunt. We are also looking into the possibility of obtaining migratory game bird hunting permits for you this season as well.

Fishing

After your hunt is completed, you may have the opportunity to fish the pristine waters of Point Lake as part of your hunting package. You can fish for trophy lake trout by trolling, fly-fishing or casting. To ensure rich resources of fish for years to come, we have implemented a barbless hooks and catch and release program. There will however, be opportunities to sample the fresh lake trout of Point Lake while at the lodge. We will supply adequately sized spinning rods & reels. *You are responsible for purchasing your fishing license \$42.40 CDN and supplying your own lures and leaders which can be purchased at our lodge tackle shop.*

Caribou Meat

Weight restrictions and high costs are making it extremely difficult to take all of your caribou meat home if travelling by plane. In light of this, we recommend that you only take a portion of your caribou meat home (approximately 60 - 70lb container - 2 hind quarters and back strap which are the finest cuts). The remainder of the meat will be donated to the lodge; we will see that it is given to people who would be grateful for the meat. You may wish to check the airline baggage policy with whom you are travelling.

Your quartered caribou will be hung in the meat shed until the final day of your hunt; it then will be placed in a container for the flight back to Yellowknife and your journey home. **The meat is not deboned because this increases risk of spoilage.** We recommend that you butcher your meat as soon as you arrive home.



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Taxidermy

We make arrangements with a Canadian Taxidermist to provide on-site preparations of your capes and antlers for mounting. The company that we work with provides this 'in-kind' service in anticipation that you will leave your rack and/or capes with them. Of course, you are under no obligation to have your trophy mounted by the on site taxidermist. But you should seriously consider this option because they provide a professional product as well as eliminate the hassle and expense of transporting your antlers home yourself. If you choose not to use their services a small donation for the work provided is appreciated. We require that the taxidermist company send their brochure and prices to you prior to your hunt and have a portfolio of their work available at the lodge. Check out www.teamtundra.ca

Weather

In August the weather is generally warm 50°- 60°F for the early hunts. During September the weather is cooler 40°- 50°F with the possibility of rain, occasional snow flurries and freezing temperatures. Overall the weather is very good for hunting. Be prepared by bringing warm, water repellent clothes and footwear as the weather can suddenly change in the barrenlands. Please check out our recommended list on pg. 9.

Bugs

Yes they do exist! Weather, wind conditions and amount of snowfall affect the concentrations of biting insects in the barrens. Black flies, mosquitoes and horseflies are common. Black flies are one of the most annoying and serious pests affecting the NWT. You may not be aware of a black fly bite until you notice a small reddish bump on your skin. Bites are commonly found behind your ears, on your neck, along your belt line and on you're the lower part of your legs and arms. Scratching should be avoided because this can cause skin infections. Mosquito bites can cause irritation. This can be minimized if you avoid scratching or rubbing the site; it will subside quicker if left alone.



Bug Protection: *You may need to take precautions while on the barrens by wearing light coloured clothing, using insect repellents and by avoiding perfumes/aftershave products. You may want to wear a bug jacket and/or head net, which are available at the lodge for your use. The itching from bug bites may be alleviated with Calamine or After-bite lotion.*

Trophy Fee

When you arrive in Yellowknife after your hunt we will take you to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to pay a 'trophy fee' and obtain an export permit which allows you to transport meat, antlers and capes out of the Northwest Territories. A trophy fee must be paid if any portion of the caribou is transported out of the Northwest Territories.

Fees are per animal, caribou, wolf and wolverine are \$150.00 each + \$9.00 (6% GST), total \$159.00. All major credit cards, Visa, MasterCard, American Express are accepted. Export permits are free of charge.



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Point Lake Tackle & Gift Shop

For your convenience, our tackle shop has a small assortment of lures that have proven to be outstanding for attracting trophy lake trout. Our gift shop has an assortment of shirts, caps and gifts. Fishing licenses are also available for sale. We do not accept credit cards. Please, cash or cheques only!

Tips

In the past, many of our guests have been unsure of the tipping procedure for your guides and the cook. We strongly believe that the amount of tip should reflect the top-quality service you receive. For guides, \$200 US per person and for the cook \$50 US per person are AVERAGE tips (Check out our guides profiles on our website at: <http://www.petersonspointlake.com/guideprofiles.html>).

Health & Fitness

Please ensure that you are in reasonable shape for the hunt. You should come prepared to walk 8 miles each day. Although hiking on the barrens is not difficult there are large rolling hills surrounding the Point Lake area that make your physical fitness important. As well, the caribou migration varies from year to year and longer hikes maybe necessary to bag your trophy bull. The better shape you are in the greater chance of having a successful hunt. Please indicate if you have any dietary or health problems on your hunting registration form.

No Smoking

For the consideration of all of our guests, all our dining and living facilities are designated as non-smoking.



Alcohol

We do not sell alcohol at the lodge. However, you may bring a personal supply for a sociable drink at the end of the day. To ensure the comfort and safety of all guests' intoxication is not permitted while at the lodge. If you are traveling from the United States or southern Canada, we suggest that you purchase your alcoholic beverages at duty free or another retailer.

Your Account

Must be paid in full on June 1st. If there are any discrepancies on your statement please let us know immediately. Statements will be mailed out each time you send a payment. Accounts may be paid by personal or certified cheque.



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Required Forms

1. **FLIGHT ITINERARY & HOTEL RESERVATION FORM** Please complete and fax or mail the enclosed travel form as soon as your travel plans are confirmed. This allows us to arrange your hotel and ground transportation.
2. **HUNTING LICENSE APPLICATION FORM** – This form has a title of DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES NORTH SLAVE REGION. If you would like a wolf, and/or wolverine tag, place a check mark beside the species send appropriate funds for the tag (s). Wolf & wolverine tags are available for \$60.00 US each. Please leave the fee area blank.

Application Deadline - May 1st: We must receive your hunting license application (and payment for any additional tags) by this date. We use your completed application to purchase a hunting license and tags on your behalf. Your license and tags will be given to you when you arrive at the lodge.

3. **HUNTING REGISTRATION FORM** Please complete and return. We require this form for your contact, health, safety and emergency information.
4. **WAIVER** Please complete and return.
5. **NON-RESIDENT FIREARM DECLARATION FORM** Please retain this form as it is required for all persons taking a firearm into Canada. All firearms must be declared at the Canadian border using this form. You can fill out the appropriate areas but **DO NOT SIGN IT until you are in the presence of a Canadian customs officer.** There is a fee of \$50.00 CDN per firearm upon entry into Canada. You can also obtain a non-resident firearm declaration form from our website: <http://www.petersonspointlake.com/tripplanning.html#forms> under the trip planning section.

Volunteer Survey

1. **GUEST INFORMATION REQUEST** We would like to learn a bit about you. Our staff is very interested in meeting as many of your needs as possible and it help us tremendously to know a bit about you, your hunting experience and interests. Please fill in and return this survey only if you want to!



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Check List

To Do List

- Check passport expiry date
- Reserve international flights
- Double check flight itinerary
- Complete & send hunting license application (**deadline May 1st**)
- Complete & send hunting registration form (**deadline March 31st**)
- Complete & send waiver (**deadline March 31st**)
- Fax or mail flight itinerary & hotel reservation form
- Complete & send guest information request
- Send final payment to PPLL office (**deadline June 1st**)

Personal Equipment List:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Down vest or warm sweater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Tickets/locator number | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries (towel etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal spending and emergency funds | <input type="checkbox"/> Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 extra set of clothes for flight home | <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 Rounds of Ammunition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wool hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft gun or bow case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof hiking boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera, film, extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded sweatshirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing lures/leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wool socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholic beverage and mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain jacket and pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle (Nalgene) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running Shoes and/or slippers (optional) | |

OUR HUNTING PHILOSOPHY

Purchasing a big game hunt is a time and financial investment, so ensuring you have a successful hunt is of utmost importance to us. Having a successful hunt means different things to different people. The prospect of returning home with a 'book' animal is very exciting to some people whereas others are thrilled by the pursuit and as a result harvest a representative bull. Experiencing a new and unique area, seeing indigenous wildlife and developing camaraderie with fellow hunters are also aspects of a hunt that contribute to its overall success.

As a responsible outfitter, we don't promise you what we can't deliver. We make no guarantees about getting a 'book' animal; this is the sport of hunting, we have no control over the weather or the caribou migration. What you can expect is that we will give 110% effort to make your entire trip a success. We stress the importance of fair chase and responsible hunting. We guarantee that we will provide you with a well run operation offering you excellent lodging, top-notch equipment, great meals and expert guides. We have been in business over 20 years and the number of guests that return to hunt with us is a testimony to our service.

What does responsible hunting mean to us? On a very elementary level it means following the law, this is the foundation of fair chase, but really it goes well beyond legislation, emphasizing respect for wildlife and behaving in a way that does not dishonour the hunter, the hunted or the environment. Following safe firearm handling procedures, observing local customs and being thoughtful are also personal codes of conduct that we feel are necessary to be a responsible hunter. It also means making appropriate preparations for your hunt, which include but are not limited to your physical fitness, shooting skills, as well as learning about the animal being pursued. Your ability to hike the hills and walk without difficulty, attaining and maintaining your rifle or bow skills to make a clean, quick kill, your comfort level with using your equipment at varying distances as well as your stalking ability are all components being a responsible hunter that fundamentally aid in the overall success of your hunt.

The Peterson Family & Staff

“The true hunter counts his achievement in proportion to the effort involved and the fairness of the sport”

Saxton Pope