



# Northern Manitoba's Finest Fly-in Fishing 2022 Winter Newsletter

Greetings fishermen and sportsmen from across North America and, indeed, around the world. Here is your 2022 edition of Laurie River Lodge's Winter Newsletter. Inside you will find pictures from the 2021 season along with some special stories that we hope you find interesting. You can also find our 2022 Trip Schedule and rates for both Laurie River Lodge and Kamuchawie Outpost Camp on the back page. We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we look forward to seeing you in northern Manitoba next summer.

Sincerely,  
Brent, Erin, Chase & Madison Fleck  
Laurie River Lodge



*The Fleck Family Invites You To  
Fish With Them At  
Laurie River Lodge  
In 2022*

## COVID - 19 An Outfitters Perspective

One of the last things I do each spring, just prior to the first guests arrival, is to setup my supply of rental rods and reels for the incoming guests. I re-spool each reel with the appropriate weight of line, carefully affix it to the proper rod and normally finish the deal by tying a de-barbed jig to the Walleye rods or a 30 lb test leader to the Pike rods. There is something satisfying about seeing the rod holders on the front of the Main Lodge deck filled with quality fishing equipment, the place just doesn't look right without it. I guess that is why I took the time in the spring of 2020 to setup our rental gear and put it out on the deck, knowing full well that, thanks to COVID - 19 and the resulting border closures, there was little likelihood of us having customers until mid-season at the earliest. It was a couple of weeks later that I was enjoying an early morning coffee on the deck when I noticed that some opportunistic spider (or spiders) had taken advantage of my unused rental rods to help hold up a very intricately designed web. I could not help but think to myself that I was glad someone (or something) was getting some use out of those rods.



*Rental tackle sits unused at Laurie River  
Lodge in June of 2021.  
Notice the spider webs running between the  
tips of the rods.*

It is pretty easy to draw some parallels between our situation as an outfitter and those rods. It isn't the rods fault that they were not being used last summer, and it was through no fault of our own that Erin, the kids and I were forced to watch Laurie River Lodge sit empty for the second year in a row. Justified or not, the COVID-19 closure of the Canada / USA border was a tough pill to swallow for outfitters, like me, who are accustomed to being very much in charge of their own destiny.

Rest assured, I will be setting up those rods again in May of 2022, but that spider is going to have to find another place to build his web!!

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## Something To Smile About



These days there little to smile about. our leaders paint a grim and the media is more endlessly on every negative headline that pops is a place that people still smile, big fish still bite you can rest assured that at Laurie River Lodge and creating huge smiles. The fishermen in these fishing adventure.



seems to be precious Uncertainty abounds, picture for the future then happy to expound up. Sometimes it is hard to believe that there and the good days FAR outnumber the bad, but we still specialize in making happy memories pictures already know the value of a fly-in



How much is it worth to you to see smiles like these on the faces of your family, friends, employees and customers? Maybe it is time to pay some attention to the really important things in your life. Come on up to northern Manitoba, spend some time with our family at Laurie River Lodge and see what a few days of fishing can do for you.



## Welcome Back To Our American Friends

They say that hind sight is always 20-20 but, had someone told me back in September of 2019 that it would be nearly 24 months before we would welcome our International fishermen back to Laurie River Lodge, I would have told them they were crazy! Surely after nearly 30 years at the helm of Laurie River Lodge, Erin and I had seen pretty much every possible setback that could occur. We had weathered late ice-outs, depressions, recessions, Conservative Governments, Liberal Governments, staff shortages, supply shortages even forest fires that forced us to evacuate and threatened to consume all of our hard work in a matter of minutes but, in all that time, we had never had to tell our guests that they simply could not come. It was unthinkable - but it happened and it reminded us of something that we already knew - **Without our American guests, we simply cannot survive!**

We were able to welcome our first International guests back to Laurie River Lodge on August 9th, 2021. It certainly was not what we had planned for the 2021 season, but we were thankful for those guests that were able to join us and we look forward to seeing the rest of you in 2022.

## Why Not Do Things The Easy Way?

Northern Manitoba is indeed a remote part of Canada. Poor roads and long distances make driving to our little bit of paradise a bit of an adventure BUT there is a better way. We offer private charter flights from Winnipeg to Lynn Lake during the summer months. Our flights depart Winnipeg at 06:30 am and arrive in Lynn Lake at 08:15 am making short work of the 550 miles between the two airports. This is the easy way to get to northern Manitoba's ultra remote fly-in fishing, and it is available to all Laurie River Lodge customers.



**Direct Charter Flights To Lynn Lake Make Getting to Laurie River Lodge Quick, Easy & Affordable.**

## Families That Fish Together - Well You Know The Rest...

I can't really explain it, maybe it is because, as a young man, my Grandfather often took me fishing but I have a soft spot in my heart for families that fish together. I guess that's a big part of the reason that we offer a **\$1000.00 discount** for kids under the age of 21 at Laurie River Lodge and **\$500.00** at Kamuchawie Outpost Camp. For me there is nothing that compares to hearing a young man or lady eagerly telling the tale of their first trophy Pike while the rest of the group listens and smiles, remembering their first fishing trip to Canada. If you have a young man or lady in your family that you would like to share your love of Canadian fishing with, here is your opportunity to bring them along on your 2022 fly-in fishing adventure at Laurie River Lodge. The kids in these pictures are well on their way to being hard core Canadian fishermen. There is no reason your kids or grandkids cannot join them in this newsletter next year.

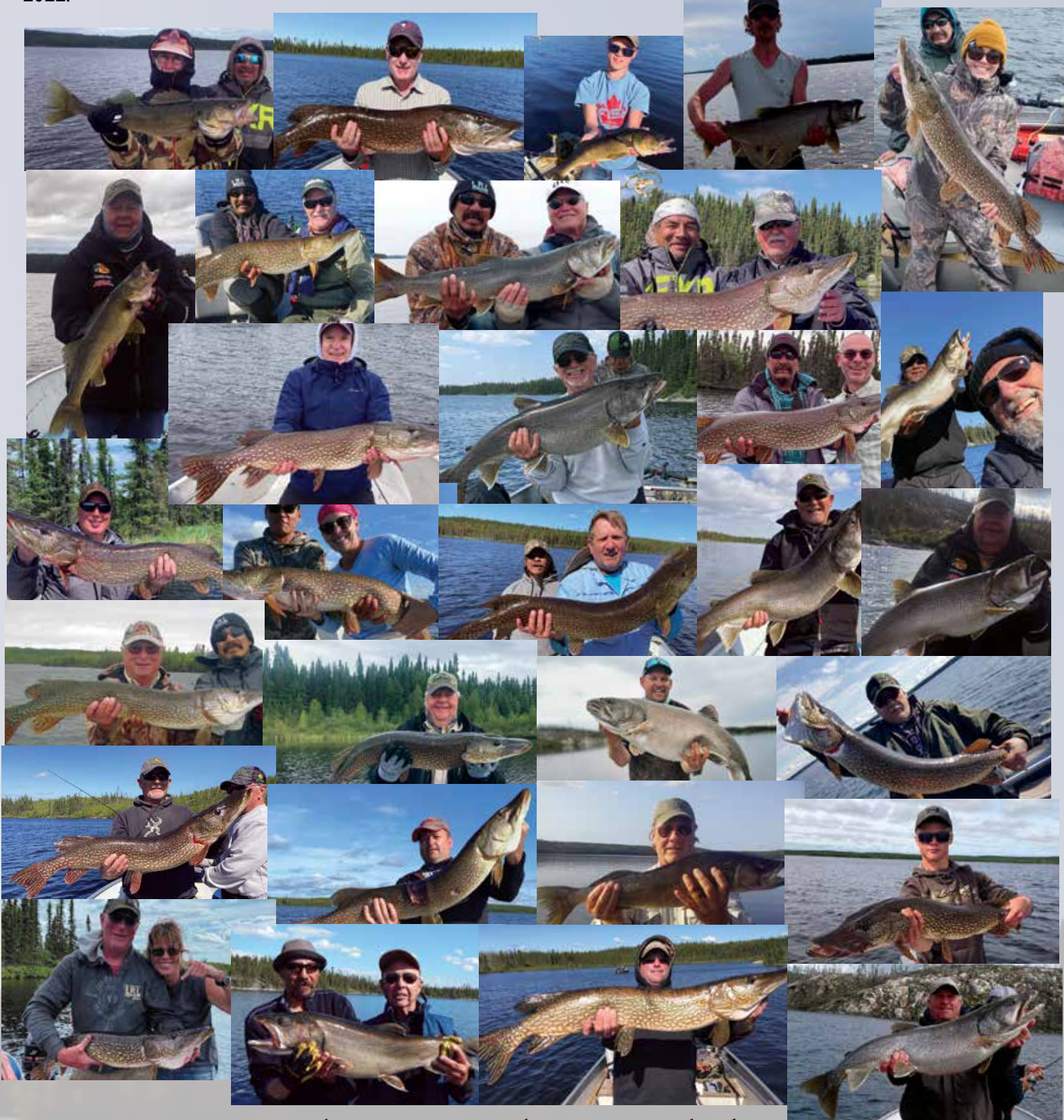


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# Some Of The Good Ones From The 2021 Season

There is more to a fishing trip than just catching fish; however, the fact remains that the quality and quantity of fish caught is always a huge factor in the overall analysis of a trip. We are, after all, a fishing lodge! The Laurie River is a true combination fishery that offers equal opportunities for Trophy Pike, Walleye and Lake Trout.

Due to a severely abbreviated season I don't have as many pictures of trophy fish to show you this year, but here are some of the good ones from the 2020 and 2021 seasons. We look forward to filling this page with your pictures in 2022.



# Outfitters Note

To say that the past two years have been difficult for the tourism industry in Canada would be a huge understatement. COVID-19, and the restrictions put on travel in an effort to thwart it's spread, have put an unparralled burden on lodge owners and outfitters alike. The sad fact is that many in the tourism industry in Canada will not survive, and for others it will be years before they fully recover to pre-covid levels. Thanks to an amazing group of customers and some old fashioned hard work, Erin and I have been fortunate. I will not say that we came through the pandemic unscathed, but I will say we are in far better shape than many. For that we are thankful.

I have always firmly beleived that there is no room for a pessimist at a fishing lodge - EVER. No matter what happens, we keep our chin up and a smile on our faces, but I have to admit that there were times over the last two summers when I sincerely wondered how we were going to survive. As it turns out not only did we survive, we were able to do some major renovations at Laurie River Lodge during our time without guests that are going to help us thrive in the years to come. I can honestly say that Laurie River lodge and Kamuchawie Outpost Camp are in better shape now then at any time in the past 30 years.

It appears that the USA / Canada Border will be open for the entire 2022 season to double vaccinated travelers that can produce a negative COVID-19 test. Erin, the kids and I are REALLY looking forward to seeing all the old familiar faces along with a number of new guests at Laurie River Lodge this summer. If you haven't already got your trip to Laurie River Lodge booked for the 2022 season, now is the time to make some plans and reserve your trip. The fish have had a couple of years off, and they are going to be HUNGRY!!

This picture is a panaramic view of the shorelunch spot we call "60 Foot". It is a picturesque setting that countless fishermen have enjoyed over the years. COVID-19 hasn't changed it one bit! It is still there, beautiful as ever, waiting for the first guests to arrive this spring. We sincerely hope that you will choose to be one of those guests.



## What's Available For 2022

The schedule below outlines our changeover days for next season. Four, six and eight day adventures are available starting May 31st and continuing through September 2nd.

Please feel free to call if you would like to discuss your 2022 fly-in fishing adventure at Laurie River Lodge. The summer of 2022 will be here in no time at all.

### 2022 Trip Schedule

#### Main Lodge & Outpost Camp

Trip 1.. Tue. May 31st - Sat. June 4th  
Trip 2.. Sat. June 4th - Wed. June 8th  
Trip 3.. Wed. June 8th - Sun. June 12th  
Trip 4.. Sun. June 12th - Thur. June 16th  
Trip 5.. Thur. June 16th - Mon. June 20th  
Trip 6.. Mon. June 20th - Fri. June 24th  
Trip 7.. Fri. June 24th - Tue. June 28th  
Trip 8.. Tue. June 28th - Sat. July 2nd

Trip 9.. Sat. July 2nd - Wed. July 6th  
Trip 10.. Wed. July 6th - Sun. July 10th  
**Trip 11.. Sun July 10th - Sat. July 16th**  
Trip 12.. Sat. July 16th - Wed. July 20th  
Trip 13.. Wed. July 20th - Sun. July 24th  
**Trip 14.. Sun. July 24th - Sat. July 30th**  
Trip 15.. Sat. July 30th - Wed. Aug. 3rd  
**Trip 16.. Wed. Aug 3rd - Tue. Aug 9th**

Trip 17.. Tue. Aug 9th - Sat. Aug 13th  
Trip 18.. Sat Aug 13th - Friday, Aug 19th  
**Trip 19.. Fri. Aug 19th - Thur. Aug 25th**  
**Trip 20.. Thur. Aug 25th - Wed. Aug 31st**  
**Trip 21.. Wed. Aug 31st - Tue. Sept 6th**

Please note that trips # 11, 14, 16, 19, 20 & 21 are all 6-day adventures.

### 2022 Laurie River Lodge Rates

- 4-days @ Laurie River Lodge .....\$4375.00 US from Winnipeg
- 6-days @ Laurie River Lodge .....\$5200.00 US from Winnipeg
- 8-days @ Laurie River Lodge..... \$5600.00 US from Winnipeg
- Licenses, gratuities, beverages & applicable taxes are extra.

### 2022 Kamuchawie Outpost Camp

- 4-days @ Kamuchawie Outpost..\$3250.00 US / fisherman from Winnipeg
- 8-days @ Kamuchawie Outpost..\$3950.00 US / fisherman from Winnipeg
- Kamuchawie rates are based on a group of 4 fishermen and include food package. Customized pricing is available for larger groups on our web site at [www.laurieriverlodge.com](http://www.laurieriverlodge.com).
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