



Northern Manitoba's Finest Fly-in Fishing 2025 Winter Newsletter

Greetings fishermen and sportsmen from across North America and, indeed, around the world. Here is your 2025 edition of Laurie River Lodge's Winter Newsletter. Inside you will find pictures from the 2024 season along with some special stories that we hope you find interesting. You can also find our 2025 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 2025*

There is No Mistaking The Feeling You Get When The Big Ones Hit!

Sometimes it is dramatic, with a big splash followed by the huge swirl as the fastest fresh water fish in the world inhales your lure. Other times the strike is less dramatic and, you are taken by surprise by the sound of your screaming reel as 25 pounds of pure predator fish decides he really doesn't like you very much.

In either case, there is no mistaking the fact that you have a really good pike on the line. As he makes his first run there is no head shaking, just a steady pull that is putting your gear, and your arms to the test. The questions start to run through your mind. Do I have my drag set properly? Did I remember to put new line on this rod? Gee, I sure hope I used the right knot to tie that leader on this morning! Speaking of leaders, is this one going to hold up to those razor sharp teeth?

It is now that the calm voice of your guide in the back of the boat is most reassuring. That's a good one he says, keep your tip up and let the rod fight the fish. Your drag is set perfectly, just let him run. I am going to keep the boat sideways to him and try to move us a little further from that weed-bed, he says in a tone that lets you know that he has been there before. Three or four good runs later you are starting to feel like you may win this battle. The guide reminds you that they love to run under the boat, be ready! You dip that rod tip in the water just quickly enough to keep the line from getting cut by gunnel as you see his tail disappear under your side of the boat. Good job says the guide as he positions the boat so you can fight him on the other side. Finally the cradle is in position. Just bring him along side the boat and I will scoop him for you. PICTURE TIME!!

There is just something about fighting the big Pike that really gets the blood flowing and brings a whole new level of excitement to a great day of fishing. I hope the last few paragraphs have triggered some fond memories for you and makes you want to do it all again.



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Northern Manitoba Fly-in Fishing Adventures

With it's headwaters, Laurie Lake, located right on the Saskatchewan / Manitoba border some 550 miles northwest of the city of Winnipeg, the Laurie River joins a series of incredibly productive Canadian Shield lakes as it meanders it's way to the Hudson Bay.

The Laurie River system has always been known as an incredibly productive fishery for trophy sized Northern Pike, Walleye and Lake Trout and Laurie River Lodge guests enjoy exclusive access to the first 40 miles of this amazing fishery. Laurie Lake, Tod Lake, Eager Lake, Pyta Lake and McGavock Lake, as well as a number of ultra remote lakes that are not connected to the Laurie River, are all part of our fishery. You simply cannot fish it all in one 4-day trip!

Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Westjet Airlines and Air Canada all offer direct flights to Winnipeg from various major airports across the USA so, no matter where you live in the US there is good airline access to Winnipeg. Additionally, Interstate 29 offers easy access for fishermen from the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska. Many of our fishermen from the north central states choose to just drive to Winnipeg. Either way, Winnipeg is a very easy city to get to, and it makes a great starting point for your northern Canadian fly-in fishing adventure. Our private charter flights from Winnipeg to Lynn Lake make getting to this remote fishing paradise quick and easy. Please see the 2025 Changeover Schedule on the last page of this newsletter for a list of available trips for this summer.

C-FIDF Gets New Paint

One of the big projects for the winter of 2024 / 2025 is a new paint job for our DeHavilland Beaver. Erin flew C-FIDF to Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba at the end of the season where they immediately started the winter long project.

Painting an airplane is a huge job. After removing the floats and installing the wheel gear, the entire plane must be disassembled, stripped of the old paint and primer. Next the parts are acid washed, etch primed, re-painted, clear coated, then reassembled. Any necessary cosmetic and structural repairs as well as some non-destructive ultrasonic testing on all the critical components of the airframe are completed before the aircraft is painted and reassembled. The work must be completed by a certified Airframe Engineer.



The last time we had IDF painted was back in the Fall / Winter of 2001. Twenty three years of hard work and exposure to the elements have certainly taken its toll on what once was a beautiful and unique paint job. Now, it is time to bring the old girl full circle and make her beautiful again. I can't tell you how excited we are to have a shiny new bird to fly next summer, we hope you will join us for a ride in C-FIDF to Laurie River Lodge during the 2025 season.

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

I was blessed to grow up in a household that put a very high value on outdoor activities. In the Summer months it was horse pack trips to the mountains, in the Fall hunting was on everyones priority list and there was always somebody going fishing. I guess that is why I have a soft spot in my heart for families that spend time together in the outdoors.

In an attempt to give as many young fishermen as possible the opportunity to experience a northern Canadian fly-in fishing adventure, Erin and I are proud to 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 2025 fly-in fishing adventure at Laurie River Lodge. The young men and ladies 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 2024 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. Here are just some of the good ones from the 2024 season at Laurie River Lodge:



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A Word About Our Guides

Every outfitter knows that the secret to success lies in the quality of his guides and, when it comes to guiding, there is simply no substitute for experience. Of the 16 guides that worked full time for me last summer, 5 of them have 20 or more seasons experience guiding for me at Laurie River Lodge. A further 6 of them have 20 + years guiding experience but, not all of that was working at Laurie River Lodge. The final 5 were new to the guiding game this summer, all were quick learners that were able to put their boat handling and personal fishing experience to good use. What they lacked in experience they made up for with enthusiasm and perseverance. I would be surprised if a more experienced group of guides could be found anywhere else in northern Manitoba or Saskatchewan. Many of you will recognize names like Henry Spence, Howard Colomb, Robin Dumas, Ken Dumas, Ernest Merasty, Lloyd Moose, Delbert Moose, Kevin Soulier, Joseph Soulier, Matthew Colomb and Alfred Michelle as experienced Laurie River Lodge guides. New comers Courtney Spense, Murdo Soulier, Ernie Spense, Dustin Spense and Jeremy Spense rounded out the 2024 guiding staff. We look forward to seeing all of them in the back of the boat at Laurie River Lodge in 2025.



Outfitters Note - Let's Make Some Memories

In the 30+ years that Erin and I have owned Laurie River Lodge we have continuously refined our operation in an effort to offer our guests a fly-in fishing experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. If you are looking for a world class freshwater fishing experience with just the right amount of personal touch, we invite you to come and make some good memories with us at Laurie River Lodge this summer. We have what you are looking for.



What's Available For 2025

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 2025 fly-in fishing adventure at Laurie River Lodge. The summer of 2025 will be here in no time at all.

2025 Trip Schedule

Main Lodge & Outpost Camp

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

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

Trip 17.. Fri. Aug 9th - Tue. Aug 13th
Trip 18.. Tue. Aug 13th - Mon. Aug 19th
Trip 19.. Mon. Aug 19th - Sun. Aug 25th
Trip 20.. Sun. Aug 25th - Sat. Aug 31st
Trip 21.. Sat. Aug 31st - Fri. Sept 6th

Please note that trips # 11, 14, 16, 19, 18, 20 & 21 are all 6-day adventures.

2025 Laurie River Lodge Rates

- 4-days @ Laurie River Lodge\$4875.00 US from Winnipeg
- 6-days @ Laurie River Lodge\$5700.00 US from Winnipeg
- 8-days @ Laurie River Lodge..... \$6100.00 US from Winnipeg
- Licenses, gratuities, beverages & applicable taxes are extra.

2025 Kamuchawie Outpost Camp

- 4-days @ Kamuchawie Outpost..\$3750.00 US / fisherman from Winnipeg
- 8-days @ Kamuchawie Outpost..\$4450.00 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.
- License, gratuities, Beverages & applicable taxes extra

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