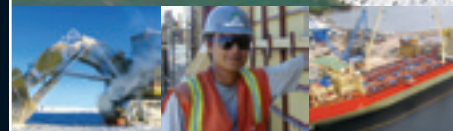


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In the early summer fishing season, anglers can stay on the water all day and all night if they wish. This is the land of the midnight sun, where the sky is light all night. When anglers in other parts of the world are rising, some here are ready to retire after a long day on the water. And what a

long, busy and active day it can be. There is little competition from other anglers, and the fish are definitely up for almost any challenge.

The Northwest Territories landscape has a variety of textures. Lush river deltas edge the continent along the Arctic coast. In the west, fast rivers course from the Mackenzie Mountains. Precambrian granite rims the shores of two of the world's largest lakes. Tundra unfurls carpets of colourful vegetation across the Barrenlands in the northeast. These are just a few of the vistas the Northwest Territories offers for a fishing vacation. Connect with a feeling for the land amid the vibrant late summer colours of the tundra, or on the dramatic, glacier-carved face of the Canadian Shield. The tale of the one that got away

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Local guides also are available in most communities in the Northwest Territories. They can escort visitors to fishing hot spots for a day or longer. They often possess generations of knowledge passed down from the Elders. They can share their experiences of the land and water as well as some of the lore of this spectacular country. Guests can learn the habits of the fish and can rely on their guides for safety in the wilderness.

Visitors can also fish on their own. Canoe, kayak or boat rentals are available in many communities. There are boat launches along the highways and in Northwest Territories parks. No matter where our travellers go, a fishing experience is always nearby.

Anglers have a choice of fishing techniques in the Northwest Territories. They can troll the depths of the big lakes in hopes of landing a record breaking Lake Trout. They can cast in the shallows to lure a Northern Pike or Grayling to strike. Or they can wade in fast flowing rivers to lure Pickerel or Arctic Char with a flyrod. Anglers are more than likely to catch a fish. As locals like to say, stick your finger in the water and a fish will nibble at it.

### MORE ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

The North's lodges and guides often provide more than a simple fishing excursion. They can offer an introduction to other activities in this amazing country. Some lodges feature hiking, wildlife photography, wildlife and bird watching, cultural and historical tours. Others provide trap shooting and hunting opportunities. There are lake and river tours. Local airlines offer flightseeing tours.

The wildlife here is extraordinary. Visitors can choose to look for great herds of migrating caribou or prehistoric muskox, grazing beyond the treeline. Dall's sheep and mountain goats roam the mountains. Wood bison, black bear and moose are often spotted near our lakes and some communities.



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### A TRUE NORTHERN FEAST

Nothing beats the fresh taste of fish caught in the North's waters. There is a touch of decadence in eating fish fresh from the lake in the northern wilderness. No five star restaurant can ever match such spectacular flavours. The fish of the North make for fantastic eating. Trout are delicious, of course, but Northern pike have a firm white flesh that cooks perfectly wrapped in foil over a small fire on a deserted beach. Arctic Char is an exotic luxury in many

parts of the northern world. Northern residents tend to favour whitefish and pickerel. These are the fish that sell out first at northern hotels and restaurants.

Our guests also can sample more exotic fare. A special northern meal might include moose, muskox, ptarmigan, wild tundra berries, bison, or caribou. Whether it's a snack on a boat or a full spread in a lodge dining room, the meals of the North certainly tempt the appetite.

### WELL WORTH THE TRAVEL

Although the Northwest Territories offers the exotic and the remote, getting here is easy. Three airlines, Canadian North, First Air and Air Canada provide several jet flights a day from Edmonton or Calgary, Canada to Yellowknife, the capital.

From Yellowknife, or other large communities, local airlines with float-equipped aircraft carry travellers to terrific fishing locales, deep in the untouched wilderness. The over-populated fishing holes of the south are a far away memory. Here, the land is filled with stillness, water and fish. The Northwest Territories is pure fishing poetry.

For a copy of the Northwest Territories Fishing Guide contact:

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