

Your Hosts – Verne and Andrea Hollett • Sioux Lookout, Ontario Canada



SLATE FALLS
Outposts

Lake St. Joseph

Minniss Lake

Maskara Lake

ENJOY OUR VERSION
OF FLY FISHING!

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WELCOME BACK!

Over 90% of our guests are repeat clients, year after year. That says something. Why look elsewhere when Slate Falls Outposts has over 20 years of proven track record that delivers every time. Great fishing, organized and reliable transportation to and from your cabin and owners that care about your holiday.

THE OWNERS

Verne and Andrea have owned Slate Falls Outposts since 1986. Verne is a local native who has been commercially flying since the late 70's, trapping and fishing and hunting as the season dictates in between. Andrea is a Culinary Institute of America graduate chef and the "behind the scenes" person at Slate Falls. Our three teenage children, Yvette, Yvonne and Clayton all help out with the business as well, though none of them are pilots (yet).

WORDS OF WISDOM

Read 'em on our website, chuckle a bit and be aware. All of those thoughtful insights have been experienced by me and could happen to you at any time. While being unprepared and unaware may not get you a Darwin award, you may only be waiting for unlucky to visit at the same time to get inducted into that dubious book.

*"Verne, your Words of Wisdom are hilarious.
You should publish that."*

- Doc Regan, Huntington, Indiana

The Hollett Family in 2008



WHAT TO EXPECT?

When you call us at **(807) 737-2903** or email me at vern@slatefallsoutposts.com, we can discuss what lakes are available and dates. Once we have found a suitable match for your expectations, we will get you booked in and send you a confirmation.

You will check in a week prior to your trip just to confirm group size and any bait order and whether you are staying in the bunkhouse or a local motel.

Verne will contact you that night to give you a start time at the office in town where we will meet 30 minutes or so prior to your flight time to get licensed and signed in and answer any questions you might have.

Down to the dock we go to weigh in and assemble your plane load. The turbine Otter takes 2,400 pounds of gear and guys and generally gets everyone in a group of six in one load.

When you arrive at your lake there will be an outbound group that you can talk to for a few minutes while you unload your gear to find out "yesterday's news" on where the fish were biting.

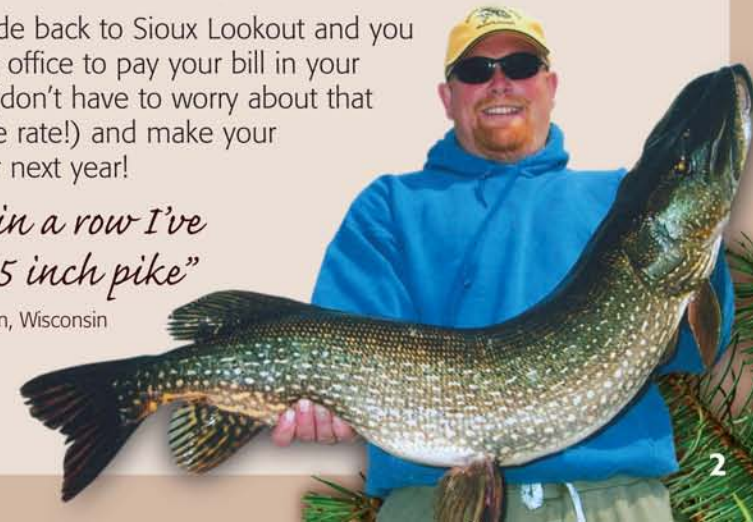
A quick gear haul up the boardwalk to your cabin and you are ready to go fishing. A marker board in the cabin is for messages for Verne if you need anything midweek, otherwise, I come and go dropping off ice, checking systems and picking up garbage.

Towards the end of your stay I will give you a time on the board to expect to be picked up. That is just another one of our strong features, I book a time and we arrive at that time (pretty much always within 30 minutes) unless the weather is bad or I forget where you are, in which case we will get there when we get there.

A 40 minute ride back to Sioux Lookout and you are back at our office to pay your bill in your own currency (don't have to worry about that pesky exchange rate!) and make your reservations for next year!

*"Two years in a row I've
caught a 45 inch pike"*

- Pete Midthan, Hudson, Wisconsin



THE LAKE SELECTION

Eagle Island and Root Bay cover the entire west end of Lake St. Joseph. Imagine a Lac Seul sized lake with hardly anyone fishing it! Huge pike and walleye of all sizes inhabit this 80 mile long lake.

“Gee Verne, you never told us that we would struggle to catch fish that we could eat! Lots of fish, but all too big for the 18 inch rule. It was a ton of fun catching 20 to 23 inch walleyes all day long just the same.”

— Jerry Seidel, Tomahawk, Wisconsin

Minniss is another large lake just south of St. Joe that has hundreds of islands, 2 river inflows and dozens of creeks feeding in to it. Deep in places, it is ideal trophy pike habitat that has abundant walleye as well. Maskara is a smaller, exclusive 3 lake system where you can enjoy beautiful sunsets, lots of walleye action, and the peace and quiet of having a lake all to yourself.

Check out our website for more information at

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THE SERVICE

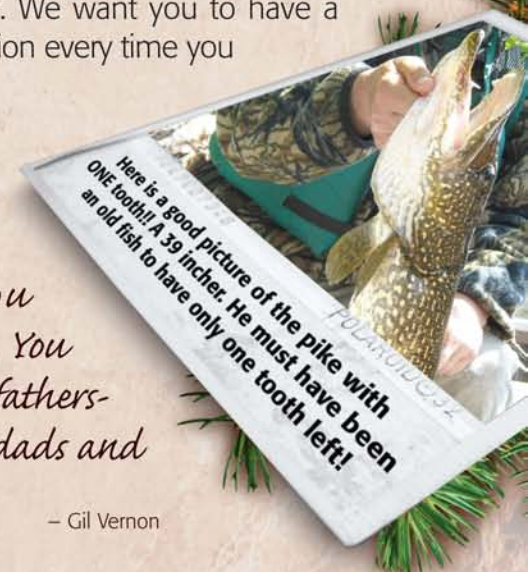
If you have ever fished at any other outpost operation you were quite likely dropped off at your camp and left for the duration of your stay. That is **not the way** we do it at Slate Falls Outposts. Verne is a seasoned bush pilot who owns his own Beaver that is dedicated to servicing the camps and keeping things in top notch condition, week after week, all summer long. Service flights every 2 or 3 days to pick up the trash, cut firewood and deliver ice or bait as required and perform routine maintenance or troubleshooting. All of this work is done by the owner, someone who cares. We want you to have a problem-free and enjoyable vacation every time you come with us.

“Thanks for a great trip. I have said it a thousand times but you do a nice job. And you know that you don’t just sell fishing trips. You bring families, fathers-sons, fathers-daughters, brothers, granddads and grandsons together.”

— Gil Vernon

FISH ATTITUDE

Release all fish with a minimum of handling. While debarbed hooks are only mandatory at St. Joe, it is a good idea at all of the remote locations should you hook an unwanted species (such as your boat buddy!). Measure in inches, not pounds. At Slate Falls Outposts, only conservation licenses are issued and all walleye over 18 inches must be released. All Northern over 27 inches are to be released as well.





THE AIRPLANES

Slate Falls Outposts uses the best airline in Northwestern Ontario (in my biased opinion). Slate Falls Airways has a fleet of 2 turbine Otters, 1 piston Beaver and 2 Cessna 206's to move all of your group in a timely and effective manner. Our service plane, piloted by Verne, is a turbo Beaver. We specialize in getting everyone in and out at the same time, no waiting around for the plane to make a "second trip". Our typical start times are between 05:30 and 08:00 every morning and pickups start about an hour later than that. Might as well get a full day on the lake when you arrive! When you arrive at our office in town, all of your gear is weighed and allotted accordingly to your plane. Every plane leaves the dock with a safe and legal load. Overloads are looked after by Verne to make sure that you get all of your stuff in a timely fashion at no extra cost to you.



"Another thing I like about your operation is that you are hands on, start to finish, all the way through."

— Pat Jewett, Hanover, Minnesota



HOW DO WE STACK UP COMPARED TO EVERYONE ELSE?

- Our base is located in a decent sized town with a modern hospital and air connections to the United States on a daily basis. In addition to our bunkhouse for night before accommodation, there are 4 hotels nearby as well as numerous restaurants including one right next door to our office that serves breakfast at 05:00 am!
- Our air fleet is the most comprehensive in the area.
- Every trip begins and ends with the owner. All mid-week check flights are also the owner stopping in on you.
- All of our cabins are solid log with large covered decks.
- Each boat has 15 hp motors with rock guards on the lower units to ensure that you will get a good propeller whether you come in May or September. If you happen to hit a "hidden rock" or one that "wasn't there last year" your motor will bounce harmlessly off of it. Nice feature!
- Each cabin has a 3 piece bathroom.
- All cabins have as standard equipment: covered decks, propane bbq's, propane deep fryers, chest freezers and full sized ovens that work as well as a 10 cu foot fridge (some solar, some propane), comfortable mattresses, solar powered lights, screened windows and comfortable furniture. Cabins are all 2 or 3 bedrooms as well.
 - Firewood is cut up for you as well and there is an axe there to split it.
 - Guide service from 2 days to your entire trip is available with advance notice.
- We offer a food plan so that you can cross one more worry off of your list if your wife won't shop for you.
- And finally, a 90% guest return rate assures you that not everyone can be wrong. (I worry about the other 10% but that could be folks I forgot in the bush and no longer like us!)



A Nice fall walleye

ROOT BAY

This is also Lake St. Joe but 20 miles to the west at the river outlet. Same conditions, but more current action and one camp that will take only one group at a time. This cabin we purchased and refurbished in 2007. It now has 4 bedrooms and will accommodate up to 12 people in comfort. Being at the extreme western end of the lake, it is always calm water and good river action starting a 1/2 mile from the cabin. It is our most popular site.



MINNISS LAKE

This is another very large lake with a unique twist: islands, and hundreds of them. Physically the lake is 8 miles by 12 miles, but there are so many islands in it that you are never faced with more than a mile or so of open water. The lake is a myriad of channels, bays and deep holding water. Dozens of weedy bays are fed by numerous creeks and streams and provide fantastic Northern holding areas. Because it is a lake that has such a variety of structure it is best suited for people that want quality fish and know how to look for them. We have 2 cabins on this lake, both have 3 bedrooms. The east cabin has a sauna and is centrally located on the north shore. The west cabin is near the river outlet where a large rapids leaves the lake. Both cabins are on sand beaches and have all of the usual Slate Falls Outposts amenities. The entire lake is part of a wilderness waterway park to preserve its natural beauty forever. It also gives the province's most southerly woodland caribou herd a piece of unaltered native habitat.



MASKARA LAKE

This small 3 lake system is unique in our operation in that it is the only cabin on the lake. While it is not renowned for large pike (there are definitely some there), walleye are abundant. This 2 bedroom cabin will hold 4 people and is right on a sandy beach facing the setting sun. Maskara is ideal for small family groups, couples and first time fly out people. We only put a maximum of 40 people a year through this cabin so you have a chance to fish a very lightly pressured lake. Each lake is interconnected by a river system that is easily navigable. There is always a good chance of seeing wildlife on the rivers from beaver and mink to eagles and moose.



SATISFACTION, START TO FINISH!

That is our goal. Period! We want every trip to meet your expectations and do our reasonable best to ensure that is what happens. Sure, things can break down on you way up in the wilderness, but Verne is handy at fixing just about everything. It is Verne that checks on you every couple of days to ensure that all is well and problems are solved. When your trip is over, it is Verne and Andrea who are there to collect your bill and see you off. Do remember though, that you have elected to go on a remote trip 100 miles away from civilization and you need to be aware of your surroundings at all times and that help is not as near as it is at your house.

CROSSING THE BORDER

It is unfortunate that we are in a different country, but we are...so you must follow our country's rules to get in. Starting in 2009, you will need a passport to re-enter the United States so you may as well use that to cross into Canada. Border restrictions vary from year to year, but essentially you are not allowed to bring in more than 1 litre of wine or liquor or 1 case of beer per person of legal drinking age without declaring it and paying duty. If you have a DUI charge on your record that is less than 5 years old, you may be inadmissible into Canada. Check with me for details on that. In addition, you are not allowed to bring in hand guns, potatoes, firewood, worms in dirt or any other live bait. To contact us:

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2nd generation teaching the 3rd generation why fishing is fun!!



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Fishing must be good if even Verne can catch a luncker!

MASKARA LAKE



ROOT BAY



Cabin

WMU 16B

MINNISS LAKE



Minness West



Minness East



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The silver lining on a gloomy day!



ON THE MAP!

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