

AIKENS LAKE  
WILDERNESS

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WELCOME TO YOUR NEW

**MORNING  
COMMUTE.**

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## **THE AIKENS LAKE WILDERNESS LODGE**

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*Welcome to a spectacular wilderness setting that has not changed for 10,000 years.*

Aikens Lake Wilderness Lodge sits amongst a beautiful birch stand along a sandy beach on the northeast shore of Aikens Lake, where it has been since 1948. Located in the Atikaki Wilderness Provincial Park in Manitoba, Canada. World-class trophy fishing is only a cast away!

The "Aikens experience" is well known and quite unique in the industry. While we can't control the fishing and the weather, our guests know that everything that is within our control will be done with the utmost professionalism. Any fly-in fishing trip should be about more than just catching fish... we have trained all our staff to go the extra mile to ensure your overall experience is something memorable you will share and cherish with friends and family for years. That is the "Aikens experience."

**Once you've been here, you'll know what we mean.**

# THE AIKENS EXPERIENCE

**1** **WORLD-CLASS FISHING**  
Catch walleye, pike and lake trout in Manitoba's second deepest lake (295 ft).

**2** **PRISTINE LOCATION**  
Only two hours from Winnipeg, Aikens is located in the pristine boreal forest on the east side of Lake Winnipeg (Atikaki Provincial Park – proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site).

**3** **DELUXE AMENITIES AND EQUIPMENT**  
Relax in deluxe modern chalets with unlimited ecological hot water. Ride in extraordinary 16 and 18 ft Lund Alaskans guide boats, 50 and 60 hp Yamaha.

**4** **PROFESSIONAL, FRIENDLY STAFF**  
Our young and vibrant staff helps to provide a first class experience. Our professional attention to detail creates a total customer experience.

**5** **SPECTACULAR DINING**  
Enjoy gourmet meals served in our dining room and amazing shore lunches on the lake.

**+** **SOME (BUT NOT ALL) OF THOSE LITTLE EXTRAS...**

- Free use of phones and wireless internet access
- Fishing licenses and happy hour drinks included
- Alumarine boats included for evening fishing at your leisure
- Digital camera in every guide boat to capture your "Aikens experience"
- Picture CD for everyone in your group at the end of your trip
- Picnic tables at every shore lunch site
- Memorable evenings in our fully stocked Big Molly's Bar
- Deluxe transportation from Winnipeg International Airport to float base included

## WORLD-CLASS FISHING

*We are often asked what is the best time to come to Aikens.*

We open for guests in late May and stay open until mid-September. Essentially, you can break down our season into two halves. Aikens Lake is definitely known as one of the premier walleye lakes in the province, and in Canada for that matter! We have a deep oligotrophic lake in which the main forage is the fat and oily cisco. The walleye fishing is fantastic all year round. That said, let's not forget about our other species... we also boast great opportunities for toothy pike and mammoth lake trout as well! Early season trips can focus on all three species, while mid- to late-summer trips will have you dialed in to our great walleye fishery!

**SPRING**  
Our spring fishing is extremely exciting because all three of our big species are biting! Not only are the walleye getting their feedbag on after a long winter of lethargy, but pike and lake trout are also voracious early in the season. Walleye and pike are often found together in the warmer waters of shallow bays, rivers and currents. Lake trout can be up into flats as shallow as six feet. Your best chance to

hit the "triple crown" with all three species is to do a trip between late May and the end of June. Fly-fishing for pike will be best in early to mid-June when they will be hitting top-water flies.

**MID-SUMMER**  
Our mid-summer fishing for walleye is epic. Beginning in early July, the water will have sufficiently warmed for the walleye to congregate on main lake reefs and humps. With our excellent guides dialing right into the schools using the high-end electronics we provide them, walleye big and small will be biting on your jigs, spinners and cranks all day long! In the summertime, pike fishing does slow down for big ones as those large mamas leave the shallows and head out to the cooler waters of the main lake (small pike can be caught in the shallows throughout our season). Although still accessible, the trade-off from spring fishing is that you have to put more time on the water to land those big pike than in the spring. Lake trout fishing does trail off in the summer months as they have gone to the depths of our pristine water. They are only accessible with big gear and effort. All that said, the largest walleye of the year are often taken later in the summer!



Walleye



Northern Pike



Lake Trout



# STAFF *at Aikens Lake*

*Our young and vibrant staff provides a first class service, but what distinguishes our staff from other fly-in fishing experiences is the personal service we provide. In this small community, everybody from the dockhand to the chef knows your name and is ready to cater to all of your needs!*

## PRO-STAFF GUIDES

We have 10 full time guides on hand at all times, as well as a large stable of “contract guides” (i.e., ex-guides who have moved on to careers and families but who love to come help out when we are busy).

The knowledge built and passed down through the generations in all our pro-staff guides enables them to share and demonstrate high percentage sport angling techniques, specifically adapted to the incredible bounties of Aikens Lake. Their conversational and angling skills will keep you informed and entertained every moment of the day. To ensure the best odds of success on the lake, we equip them all with top-of-the-line electronics in our awesome Lund Alaskan fleet.



## LUND ALASKAN GUIDE BOATS



*Enjoy your fishing experience in luxury, comfort and safety.*

- Ten 16 ft boats (50hp) to suit two passengers
- PLUS: four 18 ft boats (60 hp) to suit three passengers upon request (good for odd-sized groups – no surcharges!)
- These boats are large, wide, and feature an open-floor concept
- Yamaha four-stroke engines are quiet and dependable
- Humminbird 788CI Depth Finders (with GPS) to find all the fish!
- MinnKota electric motors to sneak into bays!
- Marine radios for your safety



# ACCOMMODATIONS

**2**  
PEOPLE

## MASTER ANGLER

Four bright, warm and inviting suites that offer a well-balanced blend of space and comfort.

### FEATURES

- Option of two single beds or a king-sized bed
- Large tiled shower
- Unlimited hot water
- Hand-crafted log furniture
- Large common deck overlooking the lake
- Air conditioning

**2-4**  
PEOPLE

## PARK PLACE

Two modern hand-crafted log cabins with the best view of the lake.

### FEATURES

- Modern, hand-crafted log cabins
- Modern bathroom and shower
- Unlimited hot water
- Hand-crafted log furniture
- Living area with shared screened-in deck overlooking the lake
- Air conditioning

**3-4**  
PEOPLE

## THE SUNSET

Two luxurious chalets overlooking the lake.

### FEATURES

- 800 sq ft
- Two bedrooms with the option of single or king-sized beds
- Separate washroom and shower rooms
- Spacious living room
- Screened-in deck
- Air conditioning

**4-6**  
PEOPLE

## THE BOARDWALK

Two beautifully hand-crafted log chalets overlooking the lake.

### FEATURES

- 1,000 sq ft
- Two bedrooms with the option of single or king-sized beds
- Separate washroom and shower rooms
- Spacious living room
- Screened-in deck
- Air conditioning





# DINING

AT AIKENS

## SPACIOUS, LICENSED DINING ROOM AND LODGE

At Aikens, we understand that the dining experience on any vacation is an essential part of the overall experience.

Professionally prepared à-la-carte breakfasts and creative upscale three-course dinners prepared by our chef will satisfy the hungriest of the hungry.

Happy-hour drinks are included at no charge.

## BIG MOLLY'S BAR

Big Molly's Bar is a unique room in this industry.

This wilderness bar offers a lively and social atmosphere every night.

Guests and staff alike are encouraged to come in and play pool, shuffleboard, poker, or maybe just spin fishing yarn with friends over a few drinks (or even cigars on the porch). It's the perfect social gathering place for everyone!

**Big Molly's is open daily for happy-hour drinks before dinner and then again as soon as the sun goes down.**



OUR FAMOUS

# SHORE LUNCH

*Experience*

**A daily favourite and a highlight of every trip!** Sit back and enjoy as your guide(s) whip up a fantastic shore lunch for you with a variety of perfected recipes, both fried and baked, in this truly pristine environment.

We have eight shore lunch sites around the lake that all feature hand-crafted fire pits, picnic tables, filleting tables and burners. A few select sites have shelters to protect you in case of rain or extreme sun. All groups can have privacy at their own shore lunch site, and no one will need to "find a rock" to sit down and have lunch. Instead, you will be served an unbelievable and unique meal in comfort and luxury!



# CORPORATE RETREATS

*Is your company looking for a unique team-building experience?*

**Are you looking to reward and thank your "star customers" with an unforgettable trip?**

Are you looking to motivate your "star executives and sales staff" to reach aggressive objectives or for sales contests? Are you looking to further cement your relationships by inviting your "star business partners"? Aikens Lake Wilderness Lodge is the ideal setting to answer these needs!

- Your "stars" will relate the quality of the "Aikens experience" to the quality of your operation.
- Incredible face-time, maximized in the fishing boat or in Big Molly's Bar at night and without phone interruption, will allow you to cement relationships with your biggest "stars."
- We have a world-class lodge on a world-class fishing lake.
- Our packages offer very flexible scheduling, ranging from three to seven nights, starting any day of the week.
- Short travel times: We are so close to Winnipeg that anyone in North America can be on our dock by 5 p.m.
- Free phone and wireless internet access, including conference call capabilities, means that those who need to stay in touch are very much able to do so.
- On-site meeting facilities allow you to strategize and plan with your group.
- We have one of the few "wilderness bars" in the North – Big Molly's Bar, where everyone in camp (including our incredible staff) gets to mix and mingle in the evenings, while allowing those who want to rest to stay back in their quiet cabins.
- We have deluxe log-construction cabins and amenities.
- Ability to host anywhere from two to 44 of your "stars"... get exclusivity of the camp with a group of 24 or more!
- Our "no frills Platinum Plan" allows for easy budgeting and logistics.
- Your "stars" are sure to get the high-level professional service that they deserve! It's all part of the "Aikens experience"!
- We have hosted countless corporate trips over the past 20 years. These have included some very important people in politics, sports and the arts as well as high-level executives and business owners.



# GREAT GRAY OWL OUTPOST

*Pristine isolation! Situated across the lake from our main camp and nestled in the tall pines, high above its own secluded beach, shore lunch site and dock area, you will find this magnificent two-storey, solar-powered, totally ecological and fully modern log structure cabin.*

Our extremely loyal repeat groups love the combination of serenity and isolation, all the while being fully catered, guided and downright pampered with American Plan Packages or our popular and all-inclusive Platinum Package.

## Perfect for groups of families, friends or close-knit corporate groups

- Unique in the industry... A fully serviced "outpost"
- Located across the lake – five kilometres from main camp
- Private dock, beach and shore lunch area
- 2,400 sq ft, two-storey beautiful log construction
- Four bedrooms (12 beds total)
- Two separate washrooms and shower rooms
- Screened-in deck
- Open cathedral-ceiling living room with fireplace
- Second storey reading lounge, game room and poker den with a picturesque view of the lake
- Accommodates groups of eight to 12 people



COMING SOON...



## LOST LAKE OUTPOST CAMP

- Will accommodate groups of four to eight
- 1,320 sq ft Outpost Cabin located on Lost Lake
- Four bedrooms with two single beds each
- Two separate washrooms and shower rooms
- Spacious living room and dining area
- Full kitchen
- Screened-in deck
- Grocery package available

## PLATINUM PLAN AND PLATINUM LITE

*At Aikens, we recognized the need to offer an all-inclusive package a long time ago.*

Our corporate group leaders were asking for an "all-in price." They wanted easy logistics so they could get a bottom-line price for their budgeting, and just as importantly they wanted easy logistics for their invited guests... essentially they didn't want them to have to bring anything. Today, it's not just the corporate planner that likes our Platinum Plan...

over two-thirds of our guests opt for this package. Just a change of clothes and a smile is all you'll need to bring with you if you select the "Platinum Plan!" With the airlines creating more restrictions on luggage such as rod tubes and tackle boxes, and even general weight restrictions, we recognized that we needed to carry a full line of top-quality rods and reels to have at our guests' disposal. We boast a full line of rods and also have a fully-stocked Bait & Tackle shop that will ensure that you will have whatever the "hot bait" of the week is at the time. Even some of our more avid anglers prefer leaving their personal gear at home and using ours instead.

### OUR PLATINUM PLAN INCLUDES EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED BOTH ON AND OFF THE WATER:

- Rod and reel rentals
- Use of our "platinum" tackle boxes
- All bait including frozen minnows, crawlers and leeches
- Use of upgrade boats (30 hp) for evening fishing at your leisure
- All snacks (chips, chocolate bars, etc.)
- All pop and water for your boats and in the evenings
- All alcoholic beverages (shore lunch beers as well as liquor and mixed drinks in Big Molly's Bar at night)

**PLATINUM LITE** (for fisherkids and/or non-drinkers)  
Includes all of the above except beer and alcoholic beverages.



## GETTING TO AIKENS LAKE...

Winnipeg International Airport is a direct flight from many major centres including Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver, Toronto and Calgary. Catch a late-morning connection in any of those cities in order to land in Winnipeg by 2 p.m. and we'll have you on our dock by 5 p.m. that afternoon!

*Driving to our float base in Silver Falls, Manitoba...*

Note: No roads lead all the way to Aikens Lake.

CHICAGO	<b>880 Mi</b>	INDIANAPOLIS	<b>1,060 Mi</b>	OMAHA	<b>733 Mi</b>
DENVER	<b>1,265 Mi</b>	KANSAS CITY	<b>910 Mi</b>	SIOUX CITY	<b>637 Mi</b>
DES MOINES	<b>703 Mi</b>	MADISON	<b>745 Mi</b>	SIOUX FALLS	<b>551 Mi</b>
DETROIT	<b>1,215 Mi</b>	MILWAUKEE	<b>810 Mi</b>	WINNIPEG	<b>80 Mi</b>
FARGO	<b>300 Mi</b>	MINNEAPOLIS	<b>545 Mi</b>		

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