

Tutko Lodge's Visitor FAQ

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Customs Questions

What documents/identification do I need to cross the border into Canada?

U.S. visitors- Citizens of the United States are required to provide proof of citizenship upon entry into Canada:

- You'll need a valid Passport or Picture ID (usually a Driver's License), along with proof of citizenship, such as a Birth Certificate.
- Visitors from the U.S. who were not born in the United States should carry their Certificate of Naturalization; permanent residents of the U.S. must also bring their "Green Card".
- Temporary residents must carry a passport and may require a visa depending on their country of citizenship.

These must be original documents. Canada Customs is under no obligation to accept photocopies, or any other pieces of documentation not specifically mentioned.

What sort of identification do my kids need?

U.S. visitors - Identification for each child establishing citizenship is required such as an original birth certificate or a certified copy of proof of birth location from a town hall plus one photo ID card. A passport is not required but is ideal identification. A letter of permission is required from the parents of any children accompanying travelers who do not have legal custody of the children.

Others - Please contact your nearest Canadian consulate or embassy to learn what documents are required. Contact information for Canadian embassies around the world can be found at the [Citizen and Immigration Canada](#) website.

How long is it going to take me to get across the border?

Wait times vary, but you can check [this link](#) that is updated every ten minutes that shows the estimated waiting time for border crossings across Canada.

What amount of alcohol and cigarettes can I bring with me into Canada?

U.S. visitors - Alcohol - Those meeting the age requirements of the province or territory of entry (19 in most provinces; 18 in Alberta, Manitoba and Québec) may bring either 40 oz. of liquor or wine or 24, 12 oz. containers of beer or ale.

U.S. visitors - Tobacco - Visitors meeting the age requirements of the province or territory of entry may bring in 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 7 oz. loose tobacco and 200 tobacco sticks. More information is listed on the [Canada Border Services Agency](#) web site

I'm taking prescription drugs, is this a problem at the border?

If you are importing prescription drugs, make sure they are clearly identified. The drugs should be in the original packaging, with a label that specifies what they are and that they are being used under prescription. If this is not possible, carry a copy of the prescription or a letter from your doctor.

Can I bring my dog/cat with me?

U.S. visitors- Pets - All pets must be accompanied by their owners when entering Canada. Dogs and cats may enter Canada if accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian, which clearly identifies the dogs and shows that they are currently vaccinated against rabies. This certificate should identify the animal, as in breed, color, weight, etc., plus indicate the name of the licensed rabies vaccine used (trade name), serial number and duration of validity (up to 3 years). Please note that if a validity date does not appear on the certificate, then it will be considered a one-year vaccine.

Can I bring my own fruit and vegetables with me?

Fruits and vegetables either are prohibited or require an import permit to bring into Canada. Please contact one of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Import Service Centers to determine the requirements:

Eastern ISC (Montreal) 1 800-246-3889
Central ISC (Toronto) 1 800-835-4486
Western ISC (Vancouver) 1 888-732-6222

Arctic FAQ

Just how cold is it in the Arctic during the summer?

The summers at Tukto Lodge are cool to moderate. Here is a chart of the average weekly temperatures:

Week	Temperature Range - Fahrenheit
June 18 - June 25	46 - 65
June 25 - July 2	50 - 69
July 2 - July 9	53 - 74
July 9 - July 16	55 - 71
July 16 - August 6	53 - 69
August 6 - August 13	50 - 69
August 13 - August 20	50 - 66
August 20 - August 27	48 - 60

Is the sun up for 24 hours a day in the Land of the Midnight Sun?

Not quite, but close! By its peak on the summer solstice, June 21, the sun is up for 21.8 hours. However, three short months later on September 21, there are only 12.3 hours of sunlight. That's why we recommend mid to late August for anyone interested in seeing the Aurora Borealis.

Here is a chart of some of the daily average sunlight hours:

Date	Hours
January 21	4.5
March 21	12.3
June 21	21.8
September 21	12.3

What sort of animals will I see?

While we cannot guarantee you are going to see all of them there is a good chance that you will spot caribou, muskox, Arctic hares, the Richardson ground squirrel, flocks of geese, peregrine falcons, bald and golden eagles, Arctic loons, ptarmigan, Arctic wolves, Barren land grizzly bears and sandhill cranes.

Are there flowers in the Arctic?

There are tons of wildflowers! In fact, the whole tundra seems to blossom overnight! You'll see a wide variety of flowers such as Mountain Avens, Moss Campion, Purple Saxifrage, Arctic Bell Heather and many, many more. There are also a variety of lichen, small shrubs, grasses and heaths.

Are the mosquitoes -and any other bugs for that matter - bad on Mosquito Lake?

They are no worse than any other lake in the Arctic; however, we do advise that you bring some sort of insect repellent. Muskol and Repel are good choices. Mosquito/black fly populations vary from year to year, and factors such as rainfall, wind and time of year all play a role. By August 1, the bug season is over.

Tukto Lodge FAQ

What's included in my package to Mosquito Lake?

Both our four and eight-day packages include return airfare (Winnipeg to Kasba Lake) via charter jet, as well as the floatplane flight 160 miles north to Tukto Lodge and a return flight back to Kasba via DHC-2 Beaver or DHC-3 Otter. You also get use of our 16 and 18-foot Alumarine boats with 25 hp Honda motors, while you are here. All of our packages to Mosquito Lake include fishing licenses and taxes. And to make everything extremely convenient all of our Mosquito Lake packages are on the Full American Plan, meaning that you'll get three delicious home-cooked meals a day, by our chef extraordinaire, Wally Desbiens.

What's included in my package to DuBawnt Lake?

Whether you've chosen the four or eight-day package, you will get return airfare (Winnipeg to Kasba Lake) via charter jet, as well as the floatplane flight 200 to 260 miles north to Dubawnt Lake (depending on which outpost you have chosen) and a return flight back to Kasba via DHC-2 Beaver or DHC-3 Otter. You also get use of our 16 and 18-foot Alumarine boats with 25 to 40 hp, Honda four-stroke motors, while you are here. All of our packages to Dubawnt Lake include a camp manager, cook, guides, fishing licenses and taxes.

What should I bring with me?

We've put together a complete FAQ of what to bring that follows this section.

When is your fishing season?

Tukto Lodge opens for two months only - July and August. There is extremely low fishing pressure, meaning abundant trophy fishing. Ice is out on Mosquito Lake by the second week of July.

Can I really expect to catch a trophy fish?

Both lakes, Mosquito Lake and Dubawnt Lake have been designated as trophy fishing only by the fishing supervisors of the Northwest Territories, so you'll have to use barbless hooks, so that future guests can enjoy the great fishing that you do! Mighty lake trout range from 10 to 50 pounds or more, with most of our guests reporting in the 30 to 40 pound range. Expect to catch and release an average of 40 fish a day, per person. Our grayling run in the two to four pound range.

Other than the trophy fishing, what else can we do at Tukto Lodge?

While trophy fishing is the main draw, there are a lot of other activities. Many of our guests really enjoy taking hikes through the tundra to admire all the amazing wildlife as well as the exquisite wildflowers and intricate lichen.

As our lodge is in the middle of hundreds of miles of tundra, there are no cars or other noise to distract you. Many people love to simply get away from civilization and relax in this quiet beauty of Canada's Arctic. Our main dining hall at Mosquito Lake features some very comfortable chairs and sofas for those that just want to curl up with a good book. Or, you might find yourself mesmerized by the spectacular lake view.

We can also arrange a three or four day, 100-mile trip along the Dubawnt River chain for those that want a little adventure and the opportunity to camp under the midnight sun.

Can I do some hunting while I am there?

No, Tukto Lodge is not a hunting destination. We offer fishing only.

I know that Tukto Lodge takes care of my return airfare from Winnipeg, but how do I get to Winnipeg?

Depending on your location, driving might be an option. But for those coming from further away can arrange their trip to Winnipeg through Gwen at Canada One Travel. She can help you with hotel arrangements while in Winnipeg, if needed, as well as all your travel needs. You can call her at 1-866-401-9900 ext. 789 or e-mail her at gstone@canada-one.com

What To Bring

What kind of clothing do I need to bring to Tukto Lodge?

While insulated clothing and regular fishing clothing is adequate, it is a good idea to bring along a Gortex jacket and pants, as well as Gortex boots or rubber boots. We also recommend lots of warm socks, gloves and a hat. Hip boots are optional, as we have some at the lodge for you to use (sizes 8 - 12).

What sort of personal items will I need?

With the beautiful tundra scenery and all the trophy fish, you are going to want to make sure you've got your camera and lots of film. It's a good idea to bring insect repellent as well, Muskol or Repel are good choices. Of course, bring any medicines or other personal needs. You will need to bring your own bath towel, but we supply bed linens. If you want to bring cigarettes and alcohol, you are allowed up to one carton of cigarettes and one 40-ounce bottle of liquor. We also sell cigarettes, beer and liquor at the lodge. It is recommended that you pre-order your beer/liquor to ensure we have what you want.

What about tackle and lures? What do I need?

Bring your favourite medium to heavyweight rod and reel with 20-30 lb. test line for trout and an ultra-light rod and reel for grayling. You should also pack:

- 4 1/2 inch spoons - Daredevils and Len Thompsons (yellow with red diamonds, blue and silver, red and white, etc.)
- 30-50 lb. test wire leaders 12 " or 24" long with good swivel lock
- assorted spinner baits, #0 and #1 Mepps spinners (Black Fury)
- 1/4 - 1/2 ounce Little Cleo spoons (orange and blue with silver)
- small swivels
- spare fishing line (6 & 20 # test line)
- needle nose pliers/fillet knife (optional)
- one small tackle box per person with all the tackle you will need

Note: All hooks are to be single barbless. We have single barbless hooks at no charge. We also have some spare rods and reels at the camp for rent, and as well, we have a very good selection of fishing lures, leaders and line for sale.

Is there a limit to what I can bring with me?

Yes, our plane limits each guest to no more than 50 pounds of personal gear. Please keep that in mind when packing. Try to keep your rod length under six feet and group your rods into 1 or 2 rod tubes.

Do I need to buy a fishing license?

No, we arrange everything for you and it is included in the price of your four or eight day package.