

A young man with blonde hair, wearing a grey baseball cap with a logo and a green jacket, is smiling while holding a large, silver fish with its mouth open. He is on a boat, with a Mercury outboard motor visible behind him. The background is a vast blue lake under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Summer's **ARCTIC LURE**

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Editorial

They say you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. Who knew that a guy would miss the frenzied pace of trying to keep five Northern fishing lodges running relatively smoothly? It took a summer off (2020) and a mini-season (2021) for me to realize how much fun it is to have all of our camps running close to capacity. It turns out that the daily gong show and spinning plates routine of putting out fires, coupled with the inevitable drama that comes with employing over 100 misfits, is quite addictive.

The combination of old and new faces in 2022 was memorable. With the backlog of guests that were forced to reschedule in the past couple years, we had a full schedule and hired a record number of rookie guides. The enthusiasm level was through the roof all summer. Watching a new generation of Plummer's guides emerge was rewarding, knowing that those boys were making lifetime memories. Everyone who has worked at Plummer's remembers their first summer vividly.

The new crew did not disappoint and the feedback I received on these guides has been outstanding. The 2022 guide crew was exceptional, and all 23 rookie guides will be invited back for next summer. Now, don't get me wrong... my guide hires were all winners, but that doesn't mean I found keepers across the organizational board... That's part of the challenge of seasonal hiring, and I take the wins when I can.

Looking forward to 2023, we have another busy summer planned. There is lots of pent-up demand for fishing trips and we are anticipating a fun-filled year. First-time memories will be made by those who are finally getting to experience the Arctic, and others will continue adding to their collection. There is no question that the North "gets in your blood", and the experiences literally stay with you for the rest of your life.

Enjoy the off-season, and we'll see you on the strip.

Hug & Release,

Chuk Coulter

General Manager



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Sharing *Amazing Memories*



The trip was totally amazing! My brother, John and I had not seen each other since 2008. We both share a love of fishing and the great outdoors. My brother had been wanting to visit Great Bear Lake & Trophy Lodge for years. It only took me a few seconds of discussion with him to jump in on the adventure!

Everything about the trip was to my satisfaction. John did a tremendous amount of communicating with folks before our trip. He met people through social media who provided lots of information. Our guide was highly recommended. We were lucky to have been paired up with him! Every day he gave 110% of effort to keep us on the fish. He listened to our request while also considering weather and safety. The Trophy Board was a testament to his efforts and our angling success. We put the highest number of TROPHY FISH on the board including several 30+Lb fish and John's 43lber was the largest caught and his new PB (Personal Best) Lake Trout. I had never caught Lakers of this size and catching Grayling was a plus! Our guide was well prepared each and every day we fished with him. He utilized his electronics to our advantage and a few times trolling we saw the fish on his graph before the strike and subsequent catch & release. When it came to vertical jigging we saw many of the fish as well. I think I can speak for both myself and my brother John when I say that he would be our #1 request for our guide in the future!

The lodge itself was clean and comfortable. The meals were outstanding, that includes our shore lunches! Nice to see the guides all working together to prepare shore lunches. All the lodge staff were polite and helpful. Trudy was always very nice and often kept us laughing with her great personality and sense of humor. New friends were made during our stay.

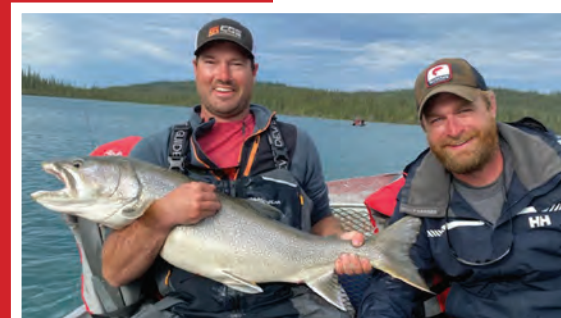
Seeing wildlife including a moose & caribou near the lodge and the musk ox along the shores was a bonus! I have so many great photos, some I have already tagged Plummers on social media. I will attach some to this email as well.

In closing, I met several people in the airports on my way home wearing hats etc from Plummers and each and every one of them I struck up a conversation with was extremely happy with the lodge they stayed at. The only suggestion I can make is to suggest that folks have bug spray with them and or head nets when hiking from the landing strip to the pickup point for boat transport to the lodge! I was not prepared for them.

Dale W.

The trip was great. We had the best weather (no bugs). The guide Dylan put us on the fish and he definitely knows how to cook. I would go with him again next year. The lodge staff was excellent. Brenda had everything set up for our flight info and hotel arrangements. I just know to bring bigger rods for next year.

Chris S.





Family Trophy

Regarding a story, my large fish is the biggest to be pulled out of the lake to-date by any member of my family. We caught him at The Cove on a flyout. My dad caught a fish first, and I (reluctantly) started to reel in my line. At about 110 feet out, I got a strike. I could tell it was a big fish, but I was too inexperienced to know how big. I was able to reel it into the boat in about 15 minutes, but he started to fight as he came up to the boat. Meanwhile, our guide Hayden, helped secure my dad's fish in the net and was trying to decide how to help me land mine. After about three attempts, he made his way into the net, and not one second later, my spoon popped out of his mouth! It was exciting to get him up to the boat. He was huge, and Hayden had a Go-Pro and was able to get some great videos of the whole experience. It was great!

Carson & Larry



Exceeded Expectations

Our guide Tristan was exceptional. The best I have encountered in my travels to many outfitters!

When I was a young teenager, I read an article about lake trout fishing in the NWT. 60 years later my childhood dream was realized at Plummers with this 35 lb trout.

Doug H.

Group Memories

Our magnificent four-day adventure began with our group experiencing perfect Plummer's guest services!!!! Every want and need during our stay were delivered by every staff member in the Lodge and on the water, ensuring our World-Class fishing experience was exceptional.

Plummer's created the perfect canvas for a "Trip of a Lifetime" for our group, but it would not have been possible without the entire crew at Plummer's Great Slave Lake Lodge.

Roxy E.



I had an awesome time at Trophy Lodge. Everything was top notch! We had Robin as our guide. He was great, knew the lake really well and found us lots of big fish. I will for sure be back.

Brad B.

Sharing *Amazing Memories*

Plummer's Arctic Lodges; more than just a Great Canadian Fishing Trip



I have always loved fishing. As such I always wanted to try a famous freshwater fishing trip in Canada at some point in my life. Once I retired and my son graduated from college it was time to finally make that Canadian fishing trip happen. When I asked my son where in Canada he wanted to take a fishing trip, he instantly said Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territory. While my son loves fishing, he also wanted to experience northern Canada and Yellowknife seemed reasonable to him. As for me, once my son said Yellowknife, I knew our Canadian fishing trip would be lifetime experience where giant lake trout would be the primary gamefish sought. After an internet search on my computer, the obvious choice was Plummer's Arctic Lodges for its decades of successful fishing guide business, lodge locations and satisfied famous customers. Of the Arctic Lodges offered, the Great Slave Lake Lodge seemed the best choice for us based on the location, creature comforts and our fishing skill level. When we went to Plummer's Arctic Lodge at Great Slave Lake, all of our hopes of a great trip were accomplished.

After arriving in Yellowknife we had a day to explore this city of approximately 20,000 residents, the governing body of the Northwest Territory. With a convenient nature trail, museum and other sights we found Yellowknife to be very friendly, interesting and literally a breath of fresh air. If possible, I suggest spending a day in Yellowknife to enhance your Northwest Territory experience before venturing on to one of Plummer's Arctic Lodges.

The Great Slave Lake Lodge is just a short charter flight away from Yellowknife nestled in a picturesque northeast corner of this grand lake. Our trip was in early August. There were no biting insects to speak of with very comfortable weather. When we meet our assigned fishing guide, I expressed our desire to catch not only lake trout but Northern Pike and Arctic Grayling and to do some sightseeing too if at all possible. Bryce, our assigned fishing guide, instantly understood our desired to not only fish but to experience some of the Northwest Territory. From my first interaction with Bryce I had a sense the trip was going to be outstanding and I was right. Our fishing guide was not only accommodating, but well skilled in all aspects at being a Canadian Arctic fishing guide.

On the first day, our guide quickly assessed our general fishing skills and put us on about 15 lake trout up to 15 pounds before preparing our first delicious shore lunch. In the afternoon, as our lake trout fishing skills improved my son and I completed the day with catching well over 50 lake trout with the largest being 24 pounds.

On the second day, our guide took us to a shallow, weedy bay for Northern Pike in the morning. While the Northern Pike fishing in this part of the lake is not exceptional by Canadian standards, it was more than adequate for my son and I that do not have Northern Pike in our waters back home. The clear waters of the bay were like looking into an aquarium with many of the Northern Pike visible to the naked eye. My son and I managed to catch four Northern Pike up to 32 inches in about 2 hours with a few misses and follow-ups too. Lake Trout were in the deeper water outside of the bay and I quickly caught a "shore lunch sized" lake trout. Before the morning was out, our guide took us to a beautiful waterfall, a snowpack and ancient fossils on shore banks before a lovely shore by spectacular cliffs. In the afternoon we caught Lake Trout and Arctic Grayling up to 20 inches before call it a day.

On the third and fourth day we focused on Lake Trout catching over 50 fish both days with a 25 pound Lake Trout on day three and a 22 pound, 27 pound and 28 pound lake trout on day four. I must admit that my right shoulder and right ribs was a little sore after fighting all those Lake Trout at the end of the third and fourth day.

In addition to fishing with your guide, catching fish from the shore along the lodge was easy. Each day I fished the shoreline right at the lodge with my own equipment and caught both Lake Trout and Arctic Graying. My largest Lake Trout caught from shore was over 10 pounds without any exaggeration. It is noted that the lodge has fishing equipment to use for shore fishing as well.

The Great Slave Lake Lodge is located in a protected area of the lake so every day is fishable. The sightseeing was spectacular. For my son and me the lake trout we caught were the biggest trout of any species my son and I ever caught. For that matter, the 27 pound Lake Trout was my biggest fish I have ever caught in my lifetime of fishing. The Northern Pike and Arctic Graying fishing was an additional bonus to the world class Lake Trout fishing to round out our fishing at the lodge.

We found the lodge staff very friendly and accommodating providing good meals, all of which fostered a strong comradery among the guest at the lodge. Each of our shore lunches prepared a lake trout differently and was all delicious. My son and I had a wonderful total Northwest Territory trip experience that is etched in our memory forever. To sum my trip up, Plummer's Arctic Lodges not only provided excellent fishing but a wonderful Northwest Territory experience.

Mark T.



As for pics, here is our Arctic cabernet sunset... life doesn't get much better than this...

Chris & Janice

Feature *Story*

Be Prepared: Basic Recommendations for a Field Safety Kit – *By Matt Dick - B.Sc. Pharm.*

Most are familiar with the Boy Scout motto of “Be Prepared” and while this is a good motto for everyday life, it becomes especially important for those of us who enjoy outdoor pursuits. As fisherman, hunters, and guides, we often purposefully find ourselves a significant distance from the comforts and support of modern-day society. While none of us hope for things to go awry, it is always a possibility and best to have a few basic items on hand to prevent small issues from becoming bigger problems or, at worst, life threatening situations. The types and amounts of items an outdoorsperson take along with them will depend on the details of the trip (vehicle vs. hiking, campground vs. backcountry), but below are some recommendations of items I personally keep in my guide kit at all times. As pharmacist in the off-season, I have put special emphasis on first aid / medical items.

Safety Equipment

Every adventurer or guide should, at minimum, carry a multitool (Leatherman) and flint with them on their persons (ie: NOT in your backpack) at all times. While a knife is a great survival tool, the benefit of a multitool is that it has a blade and more. A quality flint striker provides a fire making source that is dependable and doesn't have many of the limitations that other fire starting implements possess. It is a good idea to spend a bit of time at home practicing with a flint and steel to ensure proficiency with its use. These items could very well save your life if things go completely sideways.

For those familiar with the Red Green Show, the next item should come as no surprise: Duct tape (personally I prefer Gorilla Tape as it is more robust). It has many uses from first aid applications to temporarily fixing a leaky rivet. Next on the list is cyanoacrylate (Super / Krazy) glue. Outside of its obvious uses, in an emergency it can be decent substitute for sutures for a small wound. Extra benefit is that it is small, lightweight and compact.

One last non-medical item I would recommend is a metal canteen, water bottle, or even a coffee mug. The metal composition allows you to boil water and cook food, tea, or soup on an open fire to stave off dehydration and hunger.

First Aid

It is a good idea to always have a first aid kit accessible, be it in your house, vehicle, workplace, backpack or boat. How comprehensive the contents are will depend entirely on the limitations of the aforementioned location. For trips into the backcountry when weight and space are limited, the following are some of basic items I would have in my kit:

- A roll of 4” gauze and some 4” square gauze pads for wound treatment. The gauze pads can also be coated in antibiotic ointment as a fire starter, if necessary
- A 6” elastic compression bandage (“Tensor” bandage) for providing support to injured joints or limbs. It can be used as a tourniquet
- Two or three triangle bandages for binding or making slings
- Steri-strips for closing small to medium lacerations
- Small bottle of 2% iodine tincture for disinfecting wounds. It can also be used for water purification in a ratio of 5-10 drops for every Litre / quart of water. Boiling water to purify is preferable, as iodine does not protect against organisms such as cryptosporidium. Thankfully, Great Bear Lake has some of the cleanest fresh water on the planet!
- Complete a wilderness first aid course. Knowledge and training provide irreplaceable skills to be prepared for an emergency and what to do should one occur.

Medications

The following is NOT medical advice and is provided as general information only. Please consult your physician or pharmacist before starting any medication to ensure they are safe for you to use

Just to keep us all confused, medications often have two names: a generic and a brand name. As brand names can vary from country to country, I have used generic names of medications and put the Canadian brand name in parenthesis for the following section. Always follow label directions for use and consult your physician or pharmacist before starting any new medication. I try to keep a small supply of the following medications in my first aid:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Naproxen (Aleve) for headache, pain, or fever. Naproxen is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory that lasts for 8–12 hours duration (as opposed to Ibuprofen [Advil, Motrin] which only lasts 6 hours per dose). When possible, it should be taken with food as it can cause stomach upset. Acetaminophen is easier on the stomach and may be a safer choice for folks on heart medications or kidney issues.
- Antihistamines for allergy symptoms and allergic reactions. Cetirizine (Reactine), Loratadine (Claritin), or Desloratadine (Aerius) for are a good choice for seasonal allergies. These last 24 hours per dose and do not cause drowsiness like Diphenhydramine (Benadryl). Diphenhydramine does act faster and may be useful for more acute allergic reactions (like bug bites or hives)
- Medications for stomach troubles. I like to have some Loperamide (Imodium) for diarrhea or Bismuth Salicylate (Pepto Bismol) tablets which also have the benefit of possessing some anti-nausea and antacid properties. In addition, I usually try to carry a few packets or tabs of electrolytes (Gastrolyte, Hydralyte tabs) to replenish those lost due to diarrhea or vomiting. Dimenhydrinate (Gravol) is invaluable if you suffer from motion or sea sickness as it helps to combat nausea and vomiting. It can be sedating, which may also help if you are having trouble sleeping. If you are prone to motion sickness, it is important to take it before the symptoms start. Finally, as heartburn and indigestion can make a trip less than enjoyable, I like to have something like Famotidine (Pepcid) to help prevent and treat symptoms
- Topical creams and ointments. Hydrocortisone 1% (Hyderm) is good for bug bites, eczema or itchy skin, an antibiotic ointment (Polysporin) for minor cuts and burns, and a zinc oxide barrier cream to help protect against chaffing and sooth irritated skin.

Last, but certainly not least, is treatment for a hangover. Unfortunately, there is no magic therapy (or I would be a very wealthy, full-time guest at Plummer's) to ward off the prior night's indulgences. That being said, I have found that there is nothing better than the cool, fresh air of a morning boat ride and a good helping of Great Bear Lake water to get the day off on the right track!

For your trip to Plummer's Lodges, bringing a fully stocked first aid kit is not necessary as your guide and the lodge will have most items, should the need arise. It is still a good idea to have a few or the basics listed above as well as any prescription medications that you might require.

Hopefully all of the above items and information will be completely unnecessary through all of your outdoor pursuits but just in case things do happen to take a turn for the worse, at least you will be better prepared.



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One Day at McGill

I first read about Great Bear Lake in the little ads sprinkled throughout the back pages of *Field and Stream* and *Outdoor Life* magazines when I was a kid. To my brothers and I who grew up fishing the Lake Erie break walls in Cleveland, it seemed like a mythical place. Fishing like that couldn't possibly be real.

Flash forward a bunch of decades, and my son Eric, with the enormous help of the generosity of family members, surprised me with the news that we would be heading north to Great Bear Lake for my 60th birthday. Unfortunately, that was in 2020, so those plans were put on hold for a couple of years. It was a long, long couple of years.

Finally, at long last, Eric and I found ourselves on the airstrip at Plummer's Great Bear Lake Lodge for week 2 of the 2022 season. We met our guide, Craig Walker, and he was the perfect choice for us. It's his first year at Plummer's, but he's a small-town boy from Manitoba who grew up fishing and hunting, and he knows what he's doing. He matched us in laid back attitude and, maybe most importantly, enthusiasm. His genuine pleasure at our success was infectious.

The first few days of the week were challenging. The arctic was experiencing an unprecedented heatwave, with temperatures well into the 80s. This played havoc with the fishing, but Craig pulled out all the stops, and we caught our share of lake trout, grayling, and pike. On a flyout to the Tree River, Eric landed a gorgeous 22 pound arctic char, an early highlight of the trip.

Later in the week, cooler temperatures and rain moved in, the water cooled down, and the lake trout woke up. With one fishing day left, a father and daughter duo we had made friends with, Greg and Madison Lokken, suggested a flyout to McGill, a large circular bay southwest of the lodge. That's where the single best day of fishing I have ever had, the kind of day I had dreamed about as a kid looking at those Great Bear Lake ads, happened.

Craig had not yet been to McGill, but he worked that bay like a seasoned pro. The action was non-stop. In all, in the course of about 8 hours, we boated 56 lake trout—lots of 8 to 10 pounders, and many in the teens. Then Eric caught a 27 pounder, and I, right in a row, landed a 21, a 25, and a 33 pounder. Eric would finish the day with another in the 20s and a 30.

We had half a dozen double hook-ups (thanks to Greg Lokken for sharing the picture he took of our double that I used as reference for the illustration). By the end we were both exhausted and stupidly happy. I think Craig was as happy as we were, which says a lot about him.



A few final thoughts:

- Yes, the bugs are just as bad as you've heard, maybe worse. A head net will be your best friend.
- Yes, the food is just as good as you've heard. The lodge kitchen staff does a fabulous job. I still dream about those oatmeal chocolate chip cookies.
- Speaking of food, if you have some time in Yellowknife on your way to or from Great Bear, have a meal at Bullock's in Old Town. It looks like a greasy spoon inside a shack, but the meal we had there, grilled arctic char and buffalo ribeye, was amazing.
- Our shore lunches, in Craig's capable hands, were delicious.
- The cabins, particularly at Tree River, are not fancy, but they're comfortable. I slept great every night.
- Speaking of Tree River, it's one of the most beautiful places I've ever been.
- Finally, shout-out to Chummy. He runs a tight ship at the lodge and keeps all the gears in motion.

Dave S.



Our third trip to Plummer's (second at Great Bear) was the best yet. We looked forward to a comfortable cabin, wonderful meals, drinks around the fireplace in the evening and a staff that made you feel welcome and cared for. We were not disappointed.

I have said many times that our guide, Brad, worked hard to fill our boat with fish and laughter. Oh the battles that were fought against trout, grayling and char (even a flounder?) and the stories that were told! Our shore lunches were creative and delicious and every lunch spot was better than the one before. I would recommend Brad to anyone.

Tree continues to be absolutely magical. So few people will ever experience seeing that special part of Canada. It is hard to adequately describe it. The char caught were an amazing bonus. Ricky certainly fed us well. The plane ride with Colin was exceptional. We saw so much wildlife and breathtaking scenery.

We have inundated Facebook with probably too many photos. And Chuk, here is proof that there is a GOOD photo of Larry, Brad and the char.

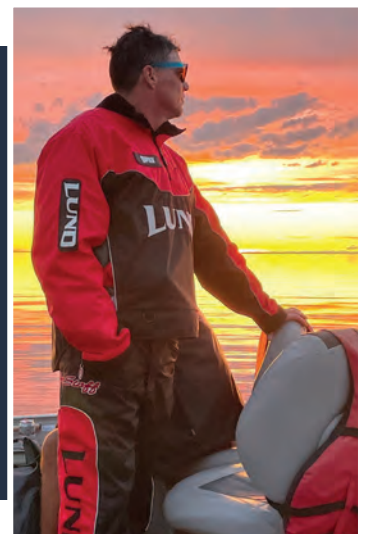
Di & Larry

Exceeded Expectations

We had another amazing trip this year and it felt so good to be back! Dan and Trudy once again made our trip special with their kindness and top notch customer service. Matthew and Beaver also went above and beyond to make it a special experience for us all. The sunset pictures were taken around 11:30pm from the X shoals and it was an incredible sky and felt like we were on the ocean.

We will definitely be back to Trophy.

Mike C.



Sharing *Amazing Memories*

From High School Graduation to 50 Years later

The photo is of my first trophy lake trout caught on August 9, 1972. I was only eighteen years old and the trip to Great Slave was my high school graduation present. We flew up to Great Slave on a DC-3 from Winnipeg and I think it was flown by Warren Plummer. This fish was weighed on the scales that use to be in front of the lodge.

It was caught at the west end of the north hump not far from the old trapper's shack which is still there. It was mounted by North American Taxidermy in Winnipeg and shipped to my father's house and now hangs in my summer home. The red & white lure in its mouth is what I caught it on. It's called a "bomber" and I don't believe it's any longer made. Our guide that week was Wayne who was from Lutselk'e. If you look closely at the fish, you will see a fishing rod directly below the fish. This is the rod I used to catch him. It's hard to believe that this was fifty (50) years ago - and between Neiland Bay and Trophy Lodge on Great Bear and now Great Slave Lake Lodge, this year will be my 21st year of fishing with Plummer's. I have been very blessed and very fortunate to have fished other parts of the world but coming back to Great Slave Lake is always the highlight of my summer.



Jim R.



Only 212 Fish in 4 days

Just a short note to thank you for the wonderful time we had at your Great Slave Lake Lodge. My son Brian and I caught 212 fish in four days of fishing! Fantastic fishing! Our guide Ray was excellent and knew what lures to use and the best spots on the lake. Ray sure knew how to make the shore lunch memorable. The meals at the lodge were delicious and all your staff were polite and very friendly. We look forward to our next trip with you, take care and stay safe.

Chris B.



I said to my friend, here at the lodge, every day is like sitting in front of the TV as a child watching a series from your childhood, like Flipper etc. Only you are part of that film.

Lothar P.



30 Pound Club

We started the "30 Pound Club" after I got a 39 pounder the first day at Great Slave Lake Lodge. My son David joined the club the next day with a 33 pounder. Then the last day my son Samuel joined getting three over 30, and David got another one. Then, in the last hours of fishing my pop got a 30 pounder and we all got in the club! It was a great time for sure.

Mike S.

Nate was great: attentive and anticipated what we would be needing, always happy to help with lines/rods/gear. Happy to let us cast at the bank for grayling in addition to looking for the big one.

Lunch was reliably amazing

Nate was very knowledgeable of the area, clearly having taken a good amount of time to learn the area and put us onto some great fishing spots.

The lodge: our room was clean every day (how do they make a fishing expedition guest room look so tidy) and lots of hot water and nice dark curtains.

Meal time: meals and snacks were great. The fish appetizers were AMAZING! We might have preferred to have been moved around more - to sit with new people and hear new stories, but our dinner group were friendly and chatty.

We loved the tackle shop being open after supper and in the morning and good stock of things we may need over the week.

The email correspondence was great and the only thing I would have added was a reminder in the email text that "It's cold up here, being warm gear, waterproof layers and waterproof boots for getting in and out of your boat at the shore"

(Fortunately Craig had read the brochure thoroughly - because I was packing for summer and we had plenty of gear and waterproof layers)

Thanks for the amazing memories!



Sarah S.

Lodge Notes:

Chummy's Thoughts

HOW IT ALL STARTED....FOR ME

So many people ask me how I got into this business.

In 1955 when I was 12 years old, I remember getting word from my Dad, Warren Plummer, to pack my bag - I was going to work.

My Mom put me on the train in Flin Flon (a small mining town in northern Manitoba) headed for Edmonton, where I got on a Pacific Western Airlines DC-3 to Fort Smith (which was the capital of the Northwest Territories at that time) and flew to Yellowknife.

A taxi driver took me down to a Yellowknife float base. I think the taxi driver's name was Bob who was the owner of YK Taxi.

I sat at the airplane dock for a whole day and night waiting for an airplane to come and pick me up and take me to Taltheilei Narrows where our Great Slave Lake Lodge is today. This was late June and of course, I didn't know that it never got dark up North.

Eventually a man came and asked me what I was doing there. I told him who I was and that I was waiting for an airplane. It turned out that this gentleman was Max Ward, an aviation pioneer who became a lifelong friend. Max took me up to the Gold Range hotel and got me a room and something to eat.

The next couple of days I spent walking down to the floatbase, waiting for the airplane. I did not know that the Norseman coming from Sioux Narrows, Ontario (with a stop at Flin Flon and then Uranium City, then the camp at Great Slave and then Yellowknife) had been delayed for weather. Nobody, including Max, knew where the airplane was, or of the delay because at that time there was no radio on that airplane.

A few days later, the Norseman arrived and took me and a load of groceries out to Taltheilei Narrows where I could finally unpack my little bag. There was only one building there, that could hold 4 fishermen plus the camp cook/guide. There was a small kitchen and of course, an outhouse out back. The motors that we used at Slave at that time were 5.5 HP Johnson's.

That afternoon, I found a fishing rod down by the dock and started casting from shore and caught my first fish on Great Slave which was approximately a 20 pounder. That was the biggest fish I had ever caught in my life.

Growing up at the cabin in Flin Flon we had a 12' Alumacraft and a 1.9 horse motor so I already knew how to run a boat and motor. My Mom said if I could start it, I was on my own. So, by the time I was 7 years old, I knew how to run a boat, clean fish and make a shore lunch.

The next day was my first day of guiding. That is when my life as a fishing lodge operator began.



Chummy Plummer
3rd Generation Host & Proprietor



Experience Fusion

Being a guide who works in the Arctic in the summer and spends winters in Mexico has led me to add a few recipes from abroad to the “shore lunch” arsenal. Here are a couple of quick recipes that I picked up down South that have been going over well with our guests up North, (the first one was adopted from Asia).



Guides' Corner

Trout Poké

by Kevin S.

Ingredients

Diced Ginger Sriracha Mayo
 Minced Garlic Fresh Lake Trout cubed to
 Soya Sauce roughly half inch pieces
 Sesame Seeds

Instructions

I have never measured ingredients, but I would suggest using your best judgement. A rough guide would be about 1/4 cup ginger and garlic together to 2 cups cubed Lake Trout. To save time, I will usually have the garlic, ginger and soya sauce mixed before heading out. Mix the cubed trout to your mixture and top with sesame seeds for crunch. Serve with your favorite crackers and some Sriracha mayo. Diced green onions could be added as well.

Tiritas

by Kevin S.

Ingredients

Red Onion
 Fresh Lake Trout ¼" thick
 by 1 ½" to 2" strips
 Lime Juice
 Course Sea Salt
 Orange Juice (optional)
 Corn Tortillas
 habaneros or jalapeños
 and hot sauce (optional)

Instructions

Second recipe is a local variant on ceviche from the Mexican state of Guerrero. It is called Tiritas [tee-REE-taz] (strips) and is quite simple: very thinly sliced red onion sliced to make the pieces long and thin. The fish pieces are cut into strips as well ideally about a ¼" thick by 1 ½" to 2" strips. Mix and soak in a bunch of lime juice, sprinkle on some coarse sea salt. Some people add a spritz of orange juice or even orange pop for flavour. It takes about 20 minutes for the lime juice to “cook” it and you will want to stir it a few times just so all fish gets soaked in the lime juice. Typically served on corn tortillas and many people will add diced habaneros or jalapeños and hot sauce to taste.



“Dreamy John”

The Plummer’s have certainly had their share of unverified firsts up in the Arctic, but this summer one of our pilots “Dreamy John” became the first person to Kite Surf on Great Bear Lake. That same wind that every angler dreads on their fishing trip, is exactly what a thrill-seeking kite surfer is waiting for! Too windy for fishing? Maybe kite surfing is the answer...

Special Packages



Family Week

Great Bear Lake Lodge: July 29 - August 5, 2023
Great Slave Lake Lodge: July 24 - 31, 2023

This is the 18th year offering Family Week where one family member gets 25% off the price of their trip. Fathers and daughters, husbands and wives and Grandpas and their Grandkids continue to make this a trip worth remembering.



31th Annual Dental Seminar

Trophy Lodge: July 2 - 9, 2023

Join hosts Dr. Terry Donovan and Dr. David Hall as they head the annual dental convention. Earn up to 22 continuing education credits while fishing for Lake Trout, Northern Pike, and Arctic Grayling at one of the best fisheries on the planet. Only 22 spots are available for the best Dental Seminar offered anywhere and they fill up quickly. \$7295 per person for the full week of guided fishing and the daily lectures.



Fly Fishing Week

Great Bear Lake Lodge: August 5 - 12 & August 12 - 19, 2023

This package includes TWO nights at the Tree River as well as a remote Arctic Grayling flyout included in the price. The trip is scheduled to coincide with the Lake Trout moving up onto the shoals and the Arctic Char displaying their glorious spawning colors.

NOTE: You do NOT have to fly fish to take part in this package. \$8495 per person.



Musk Ox Hunt

Great Bear Lake Lodge and Grey Goose Outfitters:
August 19 - 26, 2023 & August 26 - September 2, 2023

Our annual Musk Ox hunt is fast gaining a reputation as one of the premier big game hunts offered in North America. With the limited number of hunts we offer and the remarkable size of the animals in the Sahtu region, discerning hunters from across the continent are leaving thrilled every year. Nothing is wasted on this sustainable hunt, as any meat that is not taken by the hunters is distributed in the local community of Deline. Call for details and availability.



Getting Here

Getting to Plummer's can seem like a daunting task, but it is far easier than many people think. Start with a call to our office and our staff will help you book, plan and set up your trip.

Every trip to Plummer's begins in the historical city of Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories. Our guests must arrive in Yellowknife the night before their fishing starts; our private charters into our lodges leave in the morning.

If the airlines cooperate, getting to Yellowknife has never been easier, with daily flights from several major Canadian airlines (West Jet, Air Canada, Canadian North, Air North and First Air). Flights to Yellowknife connect through Vancouver (British Columbia), Edmonton or Calgary (Alberta), and are direct from any of those cities. There are even a few new Yellowknife direct flights from both Toronto and Ottawa.

Regardless of the airline or route you choose, a Plummer's representative will greet you at the airport in Yellowknife to ensure a smooth start to your trip.

As always, we are happy to help you coordinate travel plans for your upcoming arctic adventure.

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Our *Lodge Network*



Great Bear Lake Lodge

PLUMMER'S GREAT BEAR LAKE LODGE is on the Dease arm of Great Bear Lake. Our two Turbine Otters are stationed here, making it the only lodge that offers daily fly-outs to otherwise inaccessible hot-spots around the region, including the Tree River.

The 2023 season here begins July 1 and ends end of August. Seven-day trips.



Trophy Lodge

PLUMMER'S TROPHY LODGE is located on the Smith Arm of Great Bear Lake. One of our smaller lodges, Trophy Lodge only has 22 anglers a week.

The 2023 season here begins July 2 and ends in early August. Seven-day trips.



Tree River Outpost

PLUMMER'S TREE RIVER OUTPOST is in Nunavut. This famed river flows into the Arctic Ocean, is home to the largest Arctic Char on the planet and has been featured in media worldwide. It is offered as an overnight trip from Great Bear Lake Lodge or as a seven-day package from Great Bear (five days on the Tree River).

The seven-day package is only offered at the end of the season. August 19-26, 2023.



Great Slave Lake Lodge

PLUMMER'S GREAT SLAVE LAKE LODGE is the original Plummer's Lodge. Located in Taltheilei Narrows on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake, it is well known for consistently having some of the most amazing fishing in the NWT, often within sight of the lodge!

The 2023 season here begins June 26 and ends in early September. Three, four and seven-day trips.



Arctic Circle Outpost

PLUMMER'S ARCTIC CIRCLE OUTPOST is on the McTavish Arm of Great Bear Lake. This is the only lodge that is self-guided. Guests are provided with boats equipped with 20 hp outboards and sonar units. There is a camp manager on site to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

The 2023 season here begins July 1 and ends end of August. Seven-day trips.



2023 Season Prices

Great Bear Lake Lodge (Sat-Sat)	7-Day	\$7095	These packages include return air transportation from Yellowknife to the Lodges, all meals including daily shore lunch, lodge accommodations, daily maid service and fully guided fishing. (One professional fishing guide for every two guests – excluding Arctic Circle self-guided trips).
Trophy Lodge (Sun-Sun)	7-Day	\$7695	
Arctic Circle Outpost (Sat-Sat)	7-Day	\$5395	
Great Slave Lake Lodge (Mon-Mon)	7-Day	\$5495	
Great Slave Lake Lodge (Mon-Fri)	4-Day	\$3895	
Great Slave Lake Lodge (Fri-Mon)	3-Day	\$3195	
Tree River Outpost Exclusive	7-Day	\$8495	Please call 1.800.665.0240 for up-to-date information.



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