

Kitchen Items

- aluminum foil – 12”(kitchen) and 18”(BBQ)
- can opener
- cheese cloth - to filter deep fryer oil
- coffee filters
- corkscrew/wine opener
- cutting board – thin plastic type
- dish soap
- dish cloth and towels
- garbage bags - heavy duty/contractor
- ice cube trays
- knife – sharp chef
- knife sharpener/sharpening stone
- oven mitt or pot holders
- paper plates
- paper towels
- peeler
- plastic cups – 16oz., 25oz.
- plastic utensils – spoons and forks
- plastic wrap
- scouring pads
- small freezer packs – for boat cooler
- spatula, tongs, basting brush for BBQ
- vacuum sealer with bags – for taking fish home [don't forget to fillet according to regulations]
- Ziploc freezer bags – for taking fish home [don't forget to fillet according to regulations]

Bathroom Items

- air freshener (Lysol)
- bar soap – for shower
- bug spray (Raid) – for outhouse/cabin
- liquid hand soap – for sink
- hand sanitizer – for outhouse
- shampoo
- toilet paper
- wet wipes/baby wipes – for outhouse

Cabin Items

Simple Hardware Kit:

- assorted screws/nails - small container
- adjustable crescent wrench
- duct tape
- elastic bands
- electrical tape

- five minute epoxy
- fuel stabilizer/cleaner such as Sea Foam, Stabil Marine or Yamaha Ring Free
- hose clamps
- multitool/Leatherman tool
- plastic wire ties
- pliers
- sand paper to clean spark plugs
- screwdrivers
- spark plug wrench
- super glue – good for medical kit too
- wire

Medical Kit:

- acetaminophen (Tylenol) – headaches, fevers
- acid reflux meds (Pepcid AC)
- aloe vera gel – good for burns, rashes, insect bites
- anti-diarrhea 1 meds (Imodium)
- anti-histamine (Benadryl) – allergic reactions
- anti-nausea meds (Gravol)
- antibiotic ointment (Ozonol, Polysporin)
- chewable aspirin – emergency heart trouble
- cold/flu meds (Nyquil)
- cold/hot pack – muscle pain, back pain
- first aid kit – bandages, alcohol pads, gauze, tape, scissors, tweezers, needle, safety pins, scalpel
- heart burn meds (Tums/Roloids)
- hook removal kit – boot laces or commercial kit
- hydro-cortisone cream – rashes, insect bites
- ibuprofen (Advil) – headaches, pain
- insect bite relief (Afterbite, Calamine)
- laxatives (Ex-Lax)
- rubbing alcohol/hydrogen peroxide
- upset stomach meds (Pepto Bismol)

General:

- alarm clock, battery operated
- ax/hatchet– only if you have to cut your own firewood
- batteries [+ charger] – extra for flashlight, lantern, depth finder, camera, radios
- bleach – can be used to purify water for drinking
- bug killer – a can of Raid to spray the cabin/outhouse each night
- coffee maker – camping or stove top
- cooler – you probably brought this in with you, but good for backup cold storage
- deck of cards
- dice/cribbage/backgammon
- electric fan

- emergency candles
- extension cord – can move a noisy generator back into bush
- fillet knives – sharpen before you pack them
- flashlights
- heavy duty work gloves – for fire, garbage
- insect repellent – HIGH DEET, the others don't work well
- lighter, BBQ lighter
- light bulbs - 60W
- mini butane or battery operated lantern
- mosquito coils
- mouse traps
- multi-tool
- night light for the bathroom
- old magazines – to read in the outhouse, you can leave these behind for the next guests
- power bar
- rod tip repair kit
- rope – good for many things, such as a clothes line
- saw – small hand saw, only if you have to cut your own firewood
- sewing kit
- solar charger or inverter for batteries
- solar shower/camp shower
- stick matches – wooden strike-anywhere matches
- sunscreen – you want SPF 30+, this isn't the time to work on your tan
- water filter – a good camping filter to purify your water, or a Brita to filter boiled water
- wet wipes (baby wipes) – great in the boat

Inside the Boat

Suggested items for each boat:

- bailer+sponge – a thick sponge is amazing for clearing water out of the bottom each morning
- anchor – assemble one using a nylon net bag filled with round rocks tied to a rope
- bait box for nightcrawlers
- basic toolkit – multitool, duct tape, electrical tape, screws, plastic ties
- bilge pump - battery operated makes removing water fast and easy
- boat safety kit – this is a legal requirement – 50ft buoyant rope, signaling device (pea-less whistle), watertight flashlight, bailer or manual bilge pump
- compass + map – some of these lakes are like a maze and you don't want to get lost
- depth finder
- drift sock
- matches/lighter and fire starter – for emergency use: cotton balls + Vaseline or wax, dryer lint, emergency candle wrapped in wax paper, melted wax on cardboard or paper strips; pencil sharpener to shave kindling, magnesium block
- first aid kit with Mylar blanket and water purification tablets (or a filter)
- fishing rags/towels – nice to dry off your seat each morning

- flashlight - LED preferably
- fly swatter – take out those damn ankle biters!
- GPS – great for knowing where you are, were and want to go
- hat(s), sunglasses, sunscreen
- hook removal kit – boot lace or commercial kit
- landing net
- leech tamer or other container for leeches
- marker buoys – excellent to mark that spot for when you drift fishing
- minnow bucket
- personal flotation device (PFD) for each person – boat cushions no longer qualify
- radios/walkies – great to keep in contact with your group mates
- rod holders
- small boat cooler (collapsible cloth ones are just fine) – for your lunch and beverages
- stringer – outpost boats don't usually have live wells
- syphon hose - for transferring gas to the tank
- tarp - for emergency use if you need to spend the night away from the cabin
- toilet paper and/or wet wipes
- insect repellent (98%+ DEET) or Thermancell – great for keeping those pesky mosquitoes at bay; can use in the boat and outside of cabin
- weather stripping – hang up your lures for convenience

Fishing toolbox:

- braid scissors (a sharp knife works well too)
- extra spool of line
- fishing gloves
- hook sharpener
- jaw spreader
- leader material
- line clippers
- long needle nose pliers
- measuring tape/scale
- multi-tool
- pliers – make sure to have a backup!
- small bolt cutter/side cutter

Suggested clothing to bring for a 7 day trip:

June(late)/July/August/September(early)

- bandana – to protect your neck from the sun
- camp shoes – 1 pair
- hat/cap – 2
- jacket – only if you can't use your rain suit jacket with a sweatshirt
- long sleeve flannel/denim shirt – 1
- pants/jeans -2 pairs

- rain suit
- shorts – 2 pairs
- socks – 6-7 pairs
- sunglasses – 2 pairs, polarized
- sweat pants/pajama bottoms – 1 pair, nice to change into after a shower
- sweat shirt/fleece – 1
- t-shirts – 3-6
- tearaway pants - 1 or 2, if you bring these you don't need to bring extra shorts
- thin gloves – nice to have on those cold, windy mornings
- towel (bath)
- underwear – 6 pairs
- waterproof boots/shoes - 1

Additional items for May/June(early)/September(late)/October

- long/thermal underwear – make sure they are not cotton, it doesn't wick away the moisture
- neck warmer/gator – fleece
- warm gloves – 2 pairs
- warm insulated jacket - 1
- wool hat
- wool socks – 2 pairs, they can go over top of your regular socks

Personal Effects

- batteries – spares for clocks, radios, GPS, camera, fish finder, flashlights, lantern
- boat bag – waterproof bag for your sweatshirt, camera, toilet paper
- book
- camera + memory cards
- cell phone + charger – I am sure you won't get reception, but good for a clock and perhaps Navionics maps
- day pack for portages – small pack for when you hike to a portage lake, put your small tackle box in
- ear plugs – what? I snore? I don't think so....
- eyeglasses
- head lamp – LED models are great
- insect repellent – high DEET content (this can be listed as a group item as well)
- insulated coffee mug or thermos
- money/credit cards
- mosquito hood/netting – this is a life saver some days
- MP3 player
- outdoors card + licence – legally required
- passport/identification – legally required
- pen and notepad – good for a fishing log, or maybe start your memoirs
- personal flotation device – everyone must have one, not all outfitters provide them
- pillow and/or pillow case – some outfitters have pillows, even if they do you might want your own pillow case (blech!)
- prescription meds – DO NOT forget these!

- reading glasses
- sheets
- sleeping bag
- small flash light
- small tackle box for portage lakes – small container for a couple jig heads and a lure or two
- spare car keys
- sunglasses – 2 pairs of polarized
- sunscreen – SPF 30+ (this can be listed as a group item as well)
- towel
- watch
- water bottle (refillable)

Toiletries:

- bar soap – 2 travel size
- chapstick/lip balm – preferably with SPF
- contact solution and case
- contact lenses
- dental floss – tooth decay doesn't take a vacation!
- deodorant
- hair brush
- hand lotion – you will be surprised how bad your hands can get (Cornhusker's, Udder Butter, Bag Balm, Okeeffe's)
- razor – if you must
- shampoo – 2 travel size
- shaving cream
- toothbrush
- toothpaste

Suggested Tackle to Bring

Terminal Tackle:

- split shot weights - twelve each of sizes 7, 5 and 3
- bell sinkers – five to eight 1 oz. if you're planning on using a three-way setup
- bottom bouncers or pencil weights – three to five 1-1.5 oz., two 2 oz.
- slip/egg/walking sinkers – ten 1/4 oz., ten 3/4 oz. for Lindy rigs.
- hooks – Octopus or other live bait hooks – a dozen each of good quality (e.g., Owner, Gamakatsu, Mustad Ultra) hooks in sizes 8, 6, 4 and 2
- hooks – EWG worm hooks – a dozen size 1/0 or 3/0 if you're fishing with long finesse or cigar worms
- hooks – treble – a few in sizes 6 and 4 to replace any that may break on your favorite crank bait
- hooks – Mustad Slow Death – a dozen in size 4 or 2
- swivels – barrel – a dozen or so in various sizes
- swivels – three way – a dozen in size 6 or 4
- swivels – snap – a couple dozen of various sizes of your favorite type – coastlock, safety snap, duolock, cross-lock, interlock etc.
- leaders – six 9" and six 12"/18" nylon coated steel; or two or three 80lb test fluorocarbon

- beads – dozen 4mm beads for Lindy and Slip Bobber rigs
- bobber stops – six of your favorite type
- slip bobbers – two to four in two different sizes, for panfish and Walleye/Smallmouth
- leader material – 6 – 10 lb fluorocarbon leader material if you're using braided superline
- jig heads – lead - about four dozen 1/4 oz. and 3/8 oz in various colors. Include a couple dozen 1/32 oz. and 1/8 oz. if you're also targeting panfish; and four 1 oz. for Lake Trout.
- jig heads – floating – a dozen floating jig heads
- jig heads – tube – six 1/4 oz. for Smallmouth, six 1 oz. for Lake Trout.
- crawler harness – two dozen of various colors; include some floating if you have them
- live bait spinner – six Victor Spoon or similar spinners

Lures:

- minnow stick/jerk baits – two or three 3” or 4”; one or two 2” if there are Brook Trout
- deep-diving minnow baits – one or two
- shad style baits – three medium divers; one shallow diver
- top water baits – one or two
- spinnerbaits – two 1/4oz. or 1/2 oz.; one or two 1 oz. for Northern Pike
- in-line spinners – three #3 and three #5; three #0 or #1 if there are Brook Trout
- spoons – five or six 1 oz. (3” to 4”)
- lipless – one or two

Plastics:

- grubs – three dozen 3”/4” grubs in a few colors like white, pink, chartreuse, smoke or pumpkin
- worms – one dozen finesse or cigar in white, pink or pumpkin
- creatures – six in pumpkin
- tubes – six 3” or 4” in white
- swim baits – six white flukes or paddle tails
- minnows – two dozen 3” and 4” Gulp black shad
- micro-baits – one package/jar of maggots, waxies, fish fry in white or pink