
PARADISE COVE RESORT

MINAKI, ONTARIO

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Hello from Paradise Cove Resort,

We hope everyone is having a good winter, no matter what part of the country you are in. It's that time again to set up another fishing vacation for this coming summer. We are taking reservations by phone or email. This year we haven't been asking for deposits from returning guests. It makes it easier to make a reservation and settle up with the cabin bill. I have been sending out confirmations on each reservation. For first time guests we only ask for a hundred-dollar deposit on your reservation.

Walleye season opens on May 20th this spring and the way it looks we should have an early ice out. We have plenty snow on top of thin ice so with the ice being thinner it should go fast. The faster the water warms the sooner the spawn happens. The best areas to find the spring walleyes are in current areas with a back eddy or slow moving water over sand or gravel. The better spots are south; usually the Dalles area or around Throat Rapids in Gun Lake. Cash Point, Treaty Island and Sellers Island are current areas with back eddy's that are excellent spots and close by. The best bait is normally minnows on a jig or bottom bouncer this

time of year. Make sure you stop by our Marina at Paradise Park and we can give you the hotspots that are best for that time of the summer. We have topographic maps with all my best spots marked on it also.

As summer progresses the walleye move north into Little Sand and Big Sand lake. After the first week of June leaches and night crawlers become the better baits. Bunny's Bar, Wildedge, Brushpile and the Entrance are good locations to find good action in Little Sand lake. Fire Island and Funks Boathouse are other good locations. After July 1st the walleyes head for reefs and shoreline points looking for schools of bait. They can also be caught with crankbaits over water 10 - 30 ft. deep. Better baits are #8 and #9 Shad Raps, deep diving Reefrunners that dive 28-30 ft. Mann's lures and Thundersticks work good too.



For those fishing Northern Pike, a good way to catch them is with a sucker on a bobber right after ice out, up to June 1st. There are

creeks that run into the bays that have plenty of big pike waiting there for the suckers to run upstream to spawn. We anchor up, cast a sucker and bobber into 6 ft. and let sucker move around on its own. Plenty of 15-20 lb. pike normally get caught. Musky season opens June 17th for more big fish action. Every year the Musky fishing get better and better. I don't know of a Musky that has left our Lakes in 10 years so that means there is more and more to be caught. People are seeing lots of follows and I have talked to many fishermen that have caught over five a day up to 56 inches.

Our bass population is strong and I have heard of fishermen catching a hundred a day in different locations. We even have largemouth bass moving into our system. Ena Lake up the McFarland river has huge bass in it and walleye that are real active since it's a shallow lake and warms up faster than any other area. One of Gary Roach's early season hotspots. He just pitches jigs to the shallow and reals up slow. Lots of 6 lb. Bass get caught and there are Crappie there also.

Paradise Cove offers guide service daily from 8am-4pm. It's a good way to learn our lake system and how the fish are caught if it's your first trip to our camp. A shore lunch is also offered for those that want a great feast during a great day of fishing. I can taste those walleye fillets already.

At Paradise Cove we have great cell service and I have gotten calls 12 miles north even. It's nice to be in contact with your family and your business if a problem arrives. We have Wi-Fi at Paradise 1 and at Paradise Park for those that need to stay in contact with home and your business. Also, guests can use

our Marina phone for long distance calls if they need to make a call and don't have a Canadian phone plan to call the States. We have a plan that long distance is one price, so this may save you money. There is a small grocery store in Minaki but I would suggest bringing most groceries from home. For those crossing border each person is allowed a case of beer or one 40 oz. of liquor. One carton of cigs per person also.

If anyone is looking for lakefront real estate, I am in the process of constructing four lakefront homes next to Paradise Park. One cabin is totally finished and second may be done by June. I will be sending out pictures of first cabin shortly. Waterfront property is hard to find here on mainland. I also have a 4 plex with a two car garage and a 3 plex for sale. A good investment for a big family wanting property by a lake. We also have monthly and seasonal cabins we rent during the season.



We had another good hunting season last fall with some real nice bucks being harvested. We are having another easy winter for the deer and it looks like the wolf population is way down. A lot of the hunters say they are not hearing many wolves and not seeing that many tracks. We have our baited ground

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blinds that we rent out by the day. Corey has some nice bucks on the trail camera's that tells you what coming to the bait pile.

When you arrive in Minaki we use the Marina at Paradise Park for check-ins and getting the fishing reports. Our hours are normally 7 AM – 5 PM. If you arrive after 5 PM on the window of the Marina is all the guest's names and cabin numbers they are to move into. Make sure you check the top of the list to see which Resort you are booked in. There is a map showing directions to each Resort which are all a minute apart. We are expecting another great year for tourism with the good exchange rate and low gas prices. It's good to book early to get that favorite cabin and a vacation planned for the summer break. Thanks to all the guests that have been coming to Minaki over the past 31 years that Paradise Cove has been in business.

If anyone has questions please email me at Paradisecove@bellnet.ca.

Thanks,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WALLEYE FISHING SEASON

May 20th – March 15th

Muskie Fishing Season

June 17th – March 15th

Hunting Season

(Bow) October 7th – November 15th

(Rifle) October 14th – November 15th