
PARADISE COVE RESORT

MINAKI, ONTARIO

2018



Happy New Fishing Year from Paradise Cove Resorts!

Here we are in 2018 already and it's that time to be thinking of your summer and fall fishing and hunting plans. Best to book early as possible to get that favorite cabin. You can just email or call your dates in and we will get a great vacation booked for your group. For those that have stayed with us before we are not asking for deposits anymore, but for first time guests we ask for a hundred-dollar deposit by credit card. This makes it easier for making a reservation. Please call though, if your plans change.

Walleye season kicks off May 19th this spring and I can hardly wait for that first fresh walleye meal. We normally have good fishing for the opener if the ice leaves early. The best areas to find spring walleyes are in current areas with back eddies or slow-moving water over sand and gravel. A lot of fisherman head south to the Dalles area up river or into Gun Lake in the Throat rapids area which both have lots off eddies and current. Treaty Island and Sellers Island are some favorite walleye spots also this time of year. Best baits are usually minnows until mid-June when leaches are the preferred walleye bait. July forward, night crawlers also do well. We carry plenty of bait at our Marina and we can get a map marked up where the hotspots are at that time. Our best advertising is you

catching fish and having a great time, so we want to help you as much as possible. We also carry topographic maps that have all the good fishing spots for the entire season.

As soon as June comes around the walleye start migrating to Little Sand and Big Sand Lake. Bunnys Bar, Wildedge, Brushpile and the entrance of Little Sand, which are on our maps, are good locations for good action. In Big Sand Lake the Sand Beach area is where the action starts there in the shallows. Lots of big walleyes there coming up to feed and boy do they fight in that 13 to 20 feet of water. By July fishing starts getting easier when the walleye move up onto the shallower reefs in Little Sand and Big Sand Lake. Seems every week after July 15th they move to deeper reefs by 5 feet or so. By August they are usually 25 to 35 feet deep and toward end of August 35 to 40 feet deep normally.



Another fun and easy way to catch fish is troll different deep running crankbaits from 15 to 40 feet deep. In Big Sand Lake there are thousands of fish suspended chasing schools of bait around over 200 feet of water. I watch for schools of Loons and they are usually over bait driven up from hungry walleyes feeding. If you

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have 4 in a boat people use planer boards to keep the 2 outside rods away from the other rods. Fisherman usually just put their rod in a rod holder and sit back at around 2 mph and enjoy the scenery and the beautiful sunsets Minaki has to offer.

For those Pike fisherman, a lot of people use suckers on a hook 3 feet below a bobber. That method works great from ice out until June 1st. A person anchors up in around 6 feet of water in a bay with an incoming stream that suckers swim up to spawn. Plenty 15 to 20 pound Pike feed on those small suckers. Cast out and wait for that bobber to go under and the fight is on.

Our 5 lakes have the best Musky fishing that you will ever find. People are getting 20 to 30 follows a day and I have heard guys catching 5 and 6 Musky a day. There are some monster Musky here up to 56 inches have been caught. I always have them chase my walleyes to the boat time and time again. I even had two Musky at same time after a walleye last year. One of them latched onto the walleye and it floated up like an alligator. Our population is strong since they have to be 54 inches to leave the lake and I don't know of a fish kept in the last 10 years.



For those that bass fish, this is the spot to go. People can catch a 100 fish a day in our 5 lakes. Both Smallmouth and Largemouth bass are being caught. A jig and minnow with a

twister tail works best. We had a guest catch a 6 lb. 1 oz. largemouth last spring up the McFarland River in Ena Lake. This small lake warms up faster than any of our other lakes and there is plenty Crappie hungry there also.



Paradise Cove offers guide services daily from 8-4 PM. It's a good way to learn the lake for the first-time fisherman to our lake system. Guests can reserve a guide for their first day on the water to learn the locations and systems we use to get the most action. Plus, a good shore lunch is something fisherman never can get enough of. My son, Corey, does most of the guiding and has fished this lake all his life. He is almost the best on the lake, next to his father, ha!

We have great cell service at Paradise Cove which I have received calls at the far end of the lake. It's nice to stay in contact with other fisherman on the water and home and business. We also have Wi-Fi at Paradise 1 and Paradise Park for those that need to stay in touch with business activities or family. It's a good way to send those fishing pictures back to friends to show them the fun they are missing. Anyone needing to make a long-distance call, can come to our Marina at no charge and use our phone which is on a plan that has one cost for long distance. I suggest bringing most groceries from home since we only have one small convenience store in town. For border crossing, people can

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have a case of beer each or 40 oz. of liquor. Plus, one carton of cigarettes each.

Our new project, and last I hope, called Paradise Cove Estates is close to completion. Out of the four cabins up for sale, I have sold one of them. The other three I will be renting for the summer to those that want a dishwasher, washer and dryer and a private dock to add to a great vacation. I also will be renting some smaller cabins for the month or season and we have free inside storage to store your boat if you decide to leave for a spell.

Our hunters did well this year with a lot of nice bucks harvested. The snow came for the last two weeks and that got those bigger bucks on the move. Corey's baited ground blinds really did well with some of the largest bucks harvested by some very happy guests. When the snow covers a lot of the deer's normal food the baited blinds get a lot more attention with an easy meal and the female deer are there also to draw the bucks. Corey has pictures of the deer coming to different locations on his trail cameras and he will bring you into the spots and from then on you can come and go as you want.

For checking in we use our Paradise Park Marina to give you your cabin number and the fishing reports. We sell gas, bait, tackle, ice and topography maps there. We have Wi-Fi there also. Our hours are 7 AM to 5 PM and if you arrive after 5 PM we have a list for each Resort in the Marina window to tell you where your groups cabin is. When you find your name, make sure you check which Resort you're booked into so you don't end up in the wrong cabin. Our three Resorts are only a minute apart. You can just stop in the morning and check in. We are getting a lot of reservations already so with the low gas prices and our great fishing, it's looking like another busy season. Thanks to all our guests that have made Paradise Cove Resort one of the top fishing locations in Northwest Ontario for the past 32 years. No deposit needed for returning guests. We only need an email to

Paradisecove@bellnet.ca with your dates you would like and I will send you a confirmation to make booking easy, like our fishing.

Thank you,

Duane and Corey

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WALLEYE FISHING SEASON

May 19th – March 15th

Muskie Fishing Season

June 16th – March 15th

Hunting Season

(Bow) October 6th – November 15th

(Rifle) October 13th – November 15th