



# Liard Tours

“Let the lure of the north take you there”

Northern British Columbia, Canada 



# The Northern Rockies Lodge Story

The original Highland Glen Lodge was built in the early 1950s by Scottish immigrants Jim and Betty Grant. As World War II veterans Jim and Betty were able to obtain the deed to the property just days before the region was turned into Muncho Lake Provincial Park. After the Grants retired in the mid 1970s, the property was purchased by Mr. Zimmermann who operated it in absentia.

Urs and Marianne Schildknecht immigrated to Canada in 1979 as a young couple from Switzerland. Urs has the flying bug. After obtaining his commercial pilot's licence in Switzerland his first job took him to Libya to fly a Pilatus Turbo Porter on the oilfields of North Africa. This taught him a great deal about operating airplanes in harsh climates and allowed the Schildknechts to save money to start their own charter business on April Fool's Day in Fort Liard, NWT, in 1981. Marianne and Urs lived for 5 years in this remote community while the Liard Highway was being built.

The experience of witnessing the transformation of a community which was only accessible by air to road access was remarkable. Urs and Marianne made many good friends in the local community and frequently unusual situations developed.

One of Urs' favourite campfire stories goes this way: Father Mary, the local priest, needed to get his driver's license. Urs practiced with Father on and around the airstrip. When it came time for Father to drive to Fort Nelson for the first time in his new pickup truck, Urs felt that he should accompany the new driver. The oversized tires on Father Mary's truck were ideal for the rough surface of the Liard Highway. One half hour out of the community with no traffic on the desolate road, the illustrious party discovered a flat tire. Their situation went from bad to worse when they realized the car jack supplied by Ford did not lift the vehicle high enough to allow oversized tires to be removed. However, Northerners know how to help themselves and in no time a small hole was dug in the gravel road with the tire iron underneath the flat. Consequently, Father Mary and Urs were responsible for the very first pothole in the new Liard Highway!

The business changed from providing air transportation to/from Fort Liard to providing floatplane service to Nahanni National Park and Virginia Falls. In 1986, Urs and Marianne learned that Highland Glen Lodge on Muncho Lake was for sale. This unique property would make an ideal base for their floatplanes to continue flying into the Nahanni and to access the the fish and game rich Northern Rocky Mountains.

After Marianne and Urs purchased the Highland Glen Lodge late in 1988, they soon realized that the existing buildings no longer met the expectations of many Alaska Highway travellers.

The paving of the Alaska Highway was completed in 1992. Vast improvements to the highway conditions changed travel patterns and soon Alaska Highway travellers discovered they can easily drive in a day's journey from either Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Grande Prairie or Whitehorse to Muncho Lake thereby eliminating an overnight stay at either Watson Lake or Fort Nelson. Taking advantage of this unique opportunity, Marianne and Urs decided to build the new 14,000 square foot Northern Rockies Lodge in 1995 which to this day is the largest year round hotel and RV operation outside of any town on the Alaska Highway.

Urs' passion for flying in this beautiful and remote country is as strong as ever. 2015 marked Urs' 40th year of being a pilot. He loves showing his guests the beauty of Nahanni National Park and the Northern Rocky Mountains from the comfort of his floatplanes.

Marianne and Urs have two sons, Daniel and Michael. The boys attended their first years of school in Toad River but driving the 40 miles to and from school daily was too far. The boys were brought to Vancouver to finish High School. Daniel completed a 3 year chef apprenticeship in Adelboden, Switzerland. As parents, Marianne and Urs are proud to see Daniel taking over the reins of the Northern Rockies Lodge Kitchen. Michael is an electrician apprentice in Fort St. John.

Marianne and Urs thrive on taking on the challenges of operating in the North and turning them into opportunities. They would like to thank their countless guests over the last three and a half decades for helping make Northern Rockies Lodge one of the most successful businesses on the Alaska Highway. Urs and Marianne look forward to sharing their paradise on Muncho Lake with their friends and guests for many more years to come!



The Original Beaver Flyby. 1996.

  
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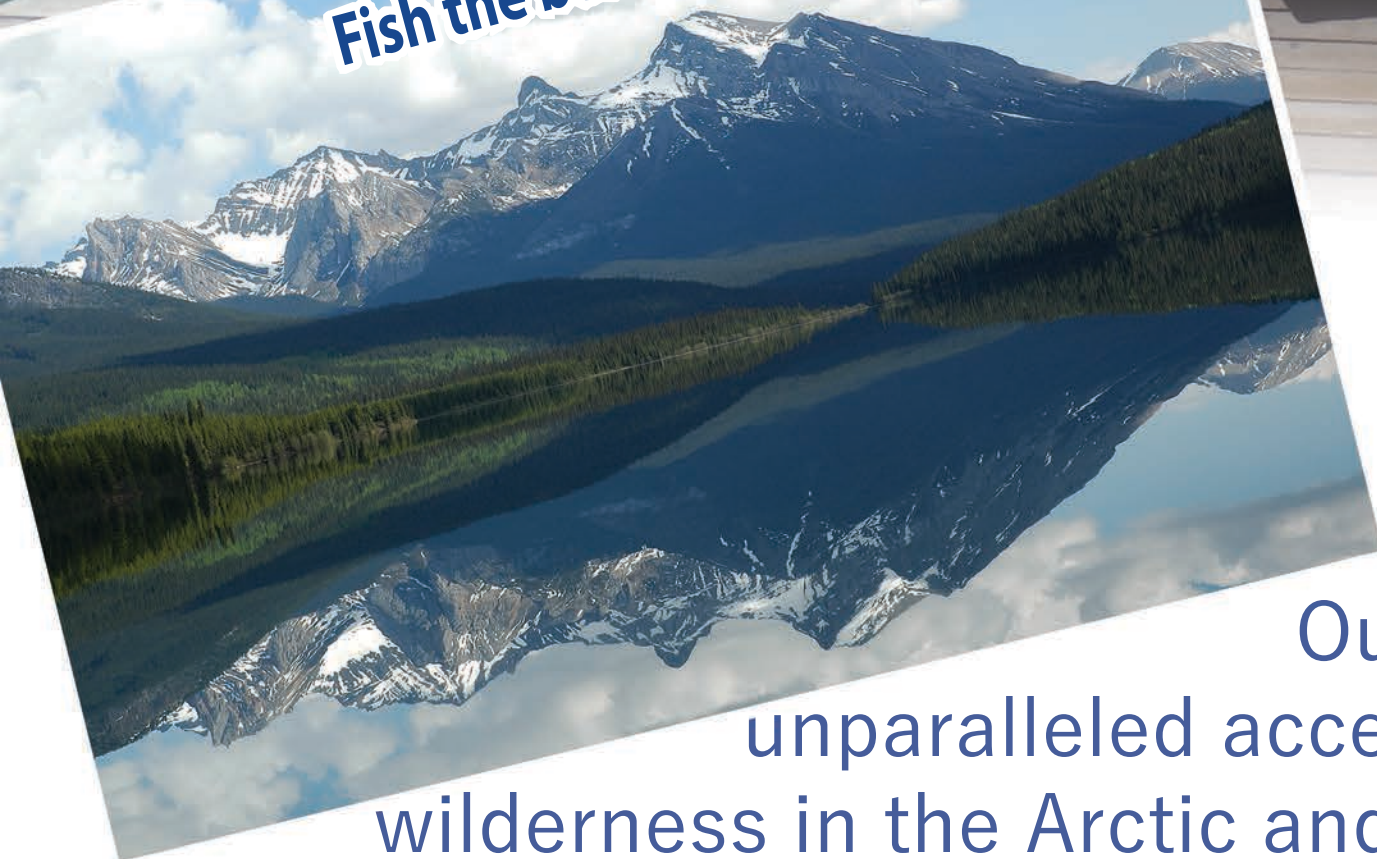
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**Northern Pike**

Fish the beautiful Muskwa Kechika



## Fish the Northern Rockies

Experience a pristine, remote fly-in fishing adventure.

Our exclusive fly in fishing package offers unparalleled access to over 50,000 square miles of unspoiled wilderness in the Arctic and Pacific watersheds. Remote mountain lakes and streams in Northern B.C. harbour world class fishing opportunities for both Spincasting and Fly fishing. After an unforgettable day fishing in the Rocky Mountains fly home to the comforts of your private lakeshore chalet and a sumptuous 3 course meal. Let Bushpilots Urs's 36+ years of guiding experience, fulfill your fishing dream of a lifetime.

**"The best fishing in North America"**

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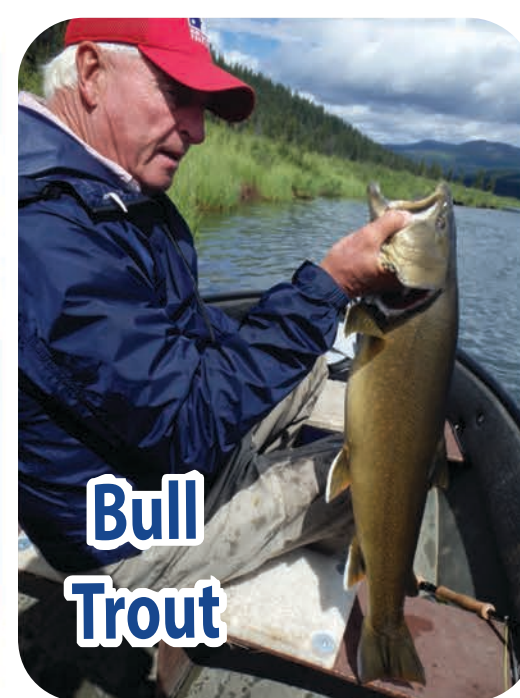
**Arctic Grayling**



**Lake Trout**



**Walleye**

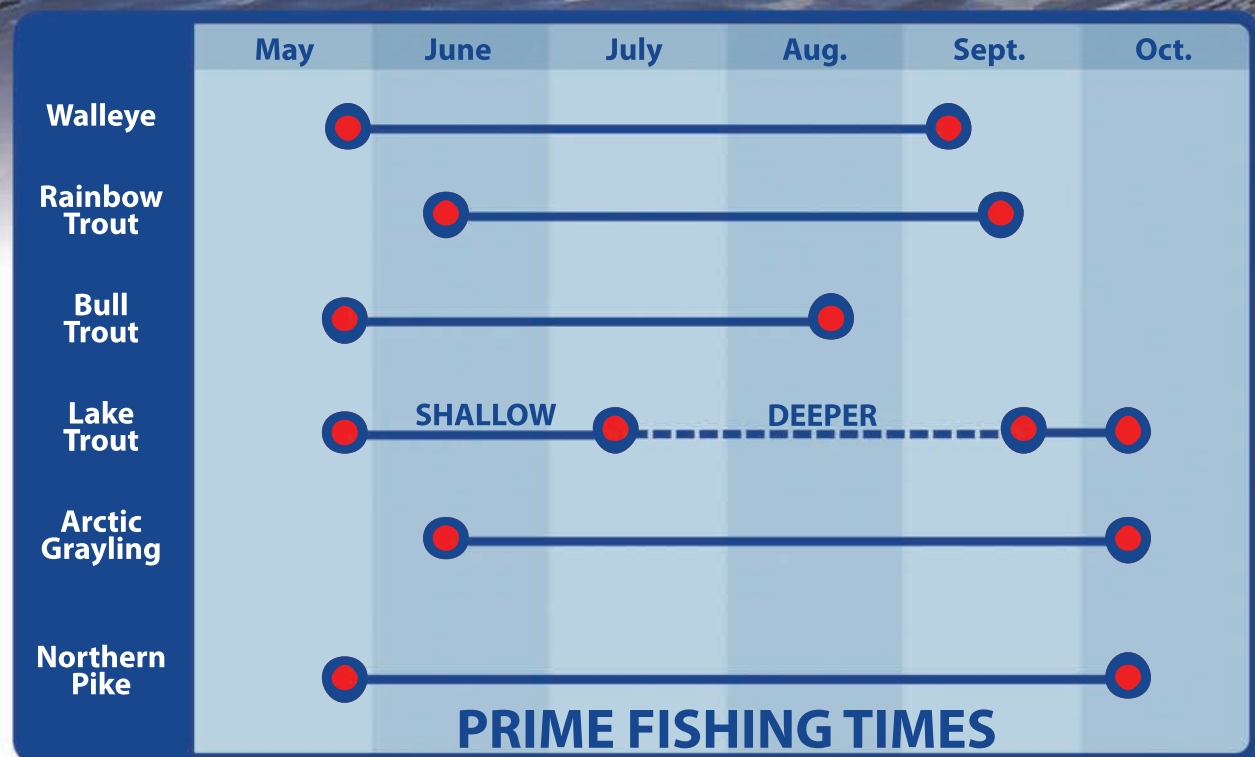
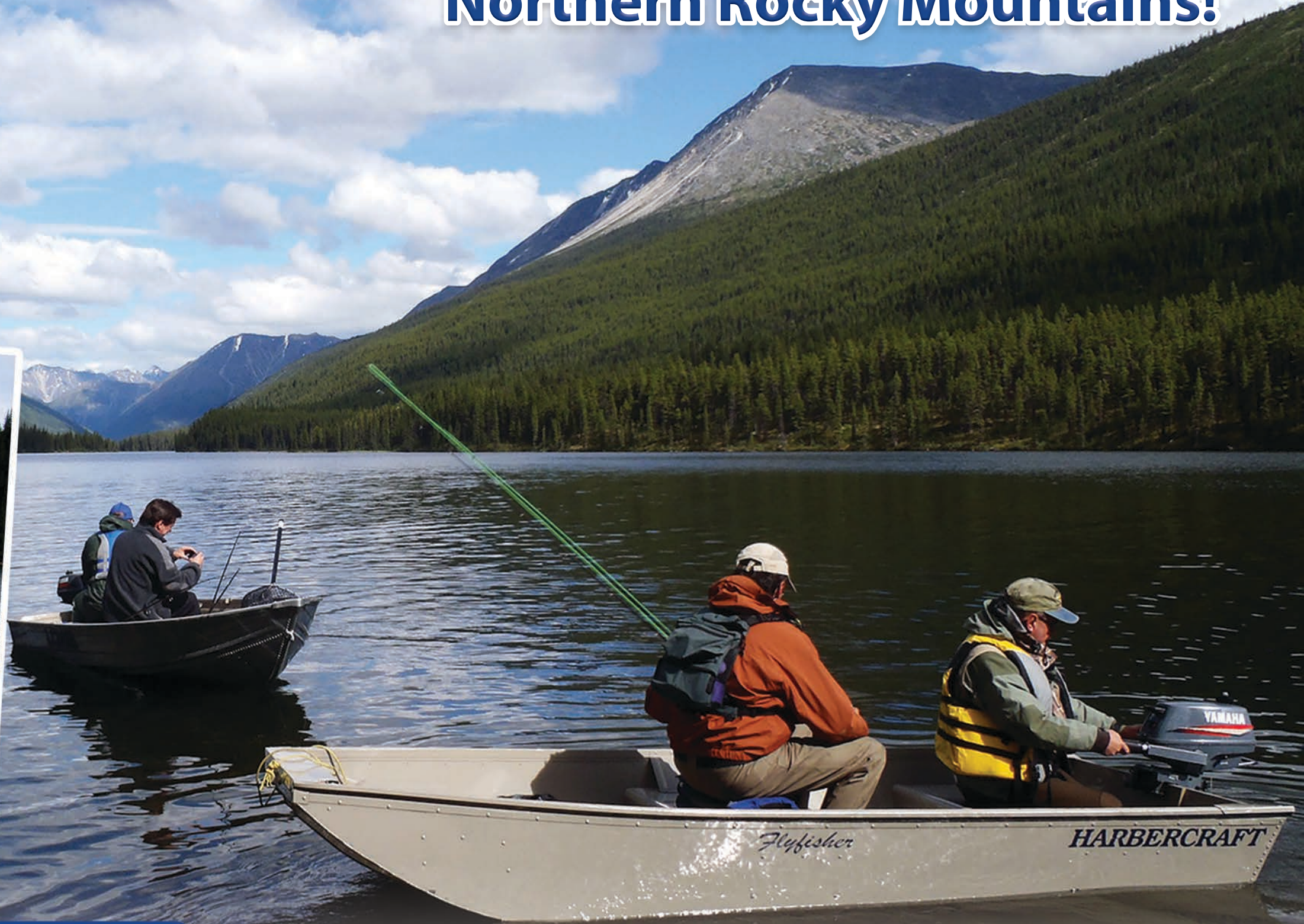


**Bull Trout**



**Rainbow Trout**

# Fly-in and fish the unspoiled Northern Rocky Mountains!



## Expect the best

Whether you are a novice or an experienced angler, you will catch plenty of fish! Be one of the only anglers around for hundreds of square miles and visit lakes and streams which are in their natural balance. Our small groups of maximum 9 anglers per week allows the lakes and streams to produce great trophy fishing and also gives the peace and serenity you are looking for in a top-notch outdoor fishing adventure.

## All-Inclusive Fishing Package includes:

- ✓ Round trip airfare from Vancouver, Canada and all transfers
- ✓ Daily fly-in excursions to remote Mountain lakes and streams
- ✓ Customize your trip for fly and/or spoon fishing
- ✓ Northern Pike, Rainbow Trout, Walleye, Arctic Grayling Bull Trout (Dolly Varden) and Lake Trout
- ✓ Lakeshore lodging in a private chalet on Muncho Lake
- ✓ Includes all meals in the VIP Bushpilot's Lounge
- ✓ BC fishing license
- ✓ Enjoy your fresh catch during our famous Bushpilot's Shore Lunch
- ✓ Your pilot and guide Urs, has been operating these fishing adventures in Northern BC for over 36 years



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## Escape from it all, into the serenity of nature Stay at a remote, fly-in only wilderness outpost cabin

Choose to visit one of our cabins located on the shores of three beautiful mountain lakes in the Canadian Rockies. Fish the pristine waters adjacent to your cabin, scout for moose frolocking in the shallows, hike the high mountain ridges and witness the mighty midnight sun all from the basic comforts of your own fly-in wilderness cabin.



*Follow the Lure of the North...*

# Explore the Muskwa-Kechika

## B.C.'s largest protected area and provincial park



Canoeing at our Netson Lake outpost cabin



## Three Great Lakes To Choose From

The Yukon log style cabins along with the quiet solitude of these lakes makes the perfect setting for a true outdoor adventure. Our fly-in only outpost cabins offer you a tremendous wilderness experience in the serene Muskwa Kechika Wilderness Area of Northern British Columbia. Superb fishing, canoeing and wildlife viewing awaits those looking for a way to escape from it all back to nature.

## Our Outpost Cabins

### Netson Lake Cabin

This cabin is nestled in the Netson Valley at the northern tip of the Rocky Mountains. Right beside the cabin is a clear stream which offers an amazing fishing experience on your doorstep. Keep your eyes peeled for moose frolicking in the shallows.



Fish Species: Arctic Grayling, Lake Trout, Bull Trout  
Great beginner and intermediate spoon and Fly fishing.

### South Gataga Lake Cabin

Located on the shore of the largest of a chain of four mountain lakes in Dune Za Keyih Provincial Park, this cabin is beautifully surrounded by the Northern Rocky Mountains. Explore the lake chain on a canoe trip or fish from a motorboat for trophy sized fish.



Fish Species: Lake Trout, Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike  
Spin casting and trolling in two different lakes.

### Frog River Cabin

This cabin is nestled in a high mountain valley in the Cassiar Mountains right at the continental divide between the Pacific and Arctic watersheds. Hike the rugged 7500 ft ridges above the cabin. After a long day, bathe in a hidden natural hot spring.



Fish Species: Arctic Grayling, Lake Trout, Bull Trout  
in streams and lakes. Excellent Fly fishing too!

### All Outpost Cabin Trips include:

- ✓ A stay at your Outpost Cabin of choice
- ✓ Scenic floatplane flights from/to Muncho lake
- ✓ Boats, Motors and canoes for fishing and exploring
- ✓ Foam mattresses and other essentials
- ✓ Kitchen utensils and camp stove

### Options:

- Satellite Phone Rental
- Food Package
- Guide or Cook
- Transfer from Vancouver

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**Virginia Falls,  
Nahanni Ntl. Park, NWT**

## Follow the lure of the North...



**Bushpilot Urs with 36+ years of flying  
experience in the region**

Tour the remote unspoiled wonders of Canada's North from the comfort of our modern aircraft while staying at the Alaska Highway's Premier Lodge. Explore the scenic Northern Rocky Mountains and Muskwa-Kechika provincial park with your personal pilot and guide Urs. Land at Virginia Falls in Nahanni National Park. Observe a myriad of wildlife in their natural undisturbed habitat.



# Fall time Northern Lights over Muncho Lake

See the best of Canada's remote North



## Virginia Falls Day trip

An iconic trip for any nature lover. Enjoy a scenic flight up to the Northwest Territories. Visit one of Canada's largest waterfalls and learn about the founding of Canada's first natural UNESCO world heritage site. Land at the falls, walk along the boardwalks, and enjoy lunch overlooking breathtaking Virginia Falls.



## Lure of the North tour

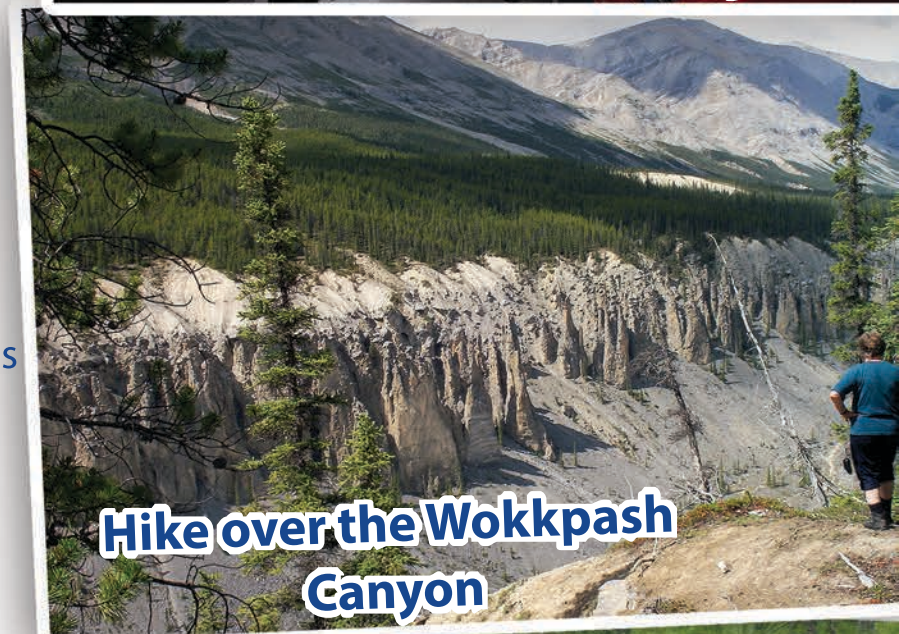
Our premium guided trip. Discover the rugged beauty of North America's last untamed watershed in the Muskwa-Kechika wilderness area. Soar over the northern most reaches of the Canadian Rockies and visit places where few humans have been before.

The Lure of the North Tour includes a flight to World renowned Virginia falls in Nahanni National park, accommodation in our best Lakeshore Chalets and home-cooked northern gourmet meals in our stunning lodge in Muncho Lake Provincial park.

Pick from exciting daytrips such as; wildlife viewing, hot spring visits, canoeing, hiking or even a short stay at one of our outpost cabins. This fully customizable trip includes transfer from Vancouver, floatplane flights, and tours.



Travel the North in style



Hike over the Wokkpath Canyon



Bathe in the all-natural Liard Hot Springs



Wild buffalo near Muncho Lake

## Stepped lakes in the Muskwa-Kechika



Our De Havilland Turbine Otter

## Floatplane Canoe Transport

Liard Tours assists adventurers in planning canoe trips by providing Transport Canada certified floatplane transportation to backcountry destinations. Choose from great river adventures like the Gataga.

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