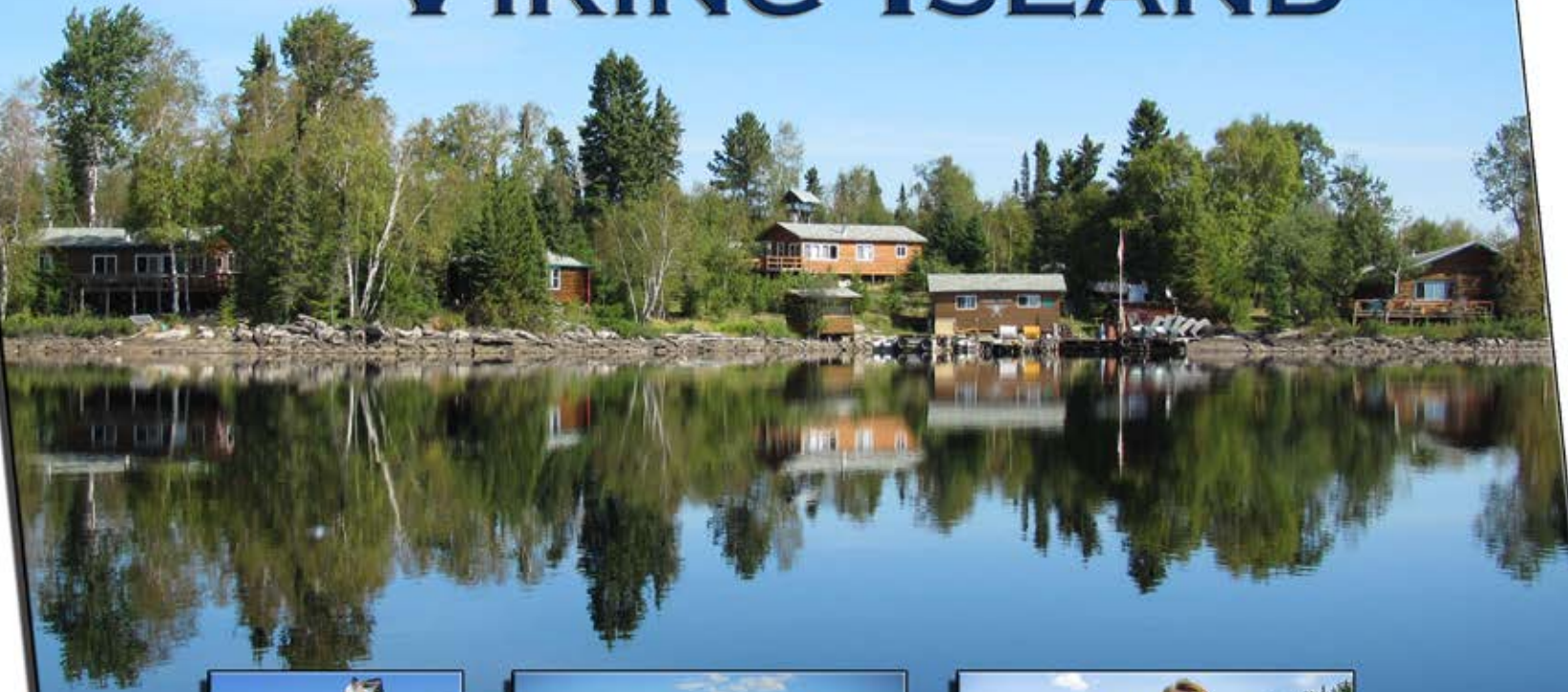


Fly from Red Lake Canada into Woodland Caribou Park

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Viking Island...

Viking Island is a small lodge dedicated to fishing. It takes a short flight by float plane to reach Douglas Lake from Red Lake. Now you are in Woodland Caribou Wilderness Park. This is beautiful remote country, renowned for walleye, northern and lake trout fishing as well as wildlife viewing. The lakes are deep, but not huge, and closely connected with plenty of bays, the perfect setting for a relaxed fishing trip with nine portage lakes for adventure. The atmosphere on the island comes from another time. We have a maximum of 24 guests in camp per week and many have been visiting us for many years.

Our Past...



Art Carlson left Sweden in 1929 and headed for the Canadian wilderness. He was looking for adventure and he found it west of Red Lake. While hunting for moose to feed a mining camp, he discovered Douglas Lake.

In 1947, with no extra money but lots of hard work, Art and his wife, Florence, set to building their dream... Viking Island. Arthur used the logs from around the lake to build the cabins by hand. Here they brought up their three boys and hosted many guests. Art loved the bush. He trapped, hunted, fished and explored, always on the lookout for changes on the landscape.



In 1981, Hugh and Enid Carlson took over Viking Island and they continued in the same tradition. Vito Tarantino purchased Viking Island in the fall of 2014. He is also the son of a Red Lake pioneer. His father and mother came to Red Lake from Italy in the 1950's. They worked very hard, grew to love this remote and beautiful land and taught their kids to do the same.

Woodland Caribou Wilderness Park...

Stretching across 1,700 square miles, this park sits on the top of the great Canadian Shield, granite rock 3 billion years old. Glaciers carved out the 1000 miles of rivers and lakes. This is the center of the great boreal forest. Park protection ensures that no logging, mining, hydro electric or road development will occur within its boundary.

One of the largest herds of woodland caribou south of Hudson Bay still roams this region. Bald eagles patrol the skies, moose cool off in the creeks, beaver build along the shore. The lakes hold an abundance of walleye, northern and lake trout. Beautiful sunshine with the brightest blue skies and sudden thunder storms are the norm. Nature rules here.

Douglas Lake flows east to Red Lake while Caribou Lake is the headwaters of the Gammon River system that winds west through the park. This area is the top of the watershed where the water is pure and life begins.

Woodland Caribou Park was created in 1985 and is remote enough that guest numbers remain very low which is fine with us. Fewer people means a better wilderness experience for those willing to trek this far north.





Fishing that only a fly-in lodge can offer...

The Douglas Lake area is known for walleye, northern and lake trout. There is a variety in depths, bays, open stretches, bottom types and creeks.



Walleye

People here believe that walleye or pickerel to the locals is the best tasting fish in the world and should always go from the lake to the fry pan within a couple hours. The smaller ones are the best ones to eat. We regularly catch walleye around 26 inches but guests throw these back after a photo.

Walleye are found on Douglas, Spider and Onnie Lakes.



Northern

Known here as pike, these fish are ferocious eaters with a huge mouth. Found in deep water, the shallows and prowling around schools of walleye, these fish are always fun to catch. Each year we see a few over 40 inches. They are known to attempt to steal the walleye off your hook and guests can sometimes net both at once.

Northern pike are in all the lakes in this area.

Lake Trout

Trout have been here since the glaciers retreated. Each lake has trout with unique colouring and shape. Several portage lakes are known to have very nice lake trout, some almost black with red fins, some much lighter.

Lake trout are found on the surface in the spring when the water is cold. Later in the season, they can be found below the thermocline at around twenty feet.





Make yourself at home...

- Fly by floatplane from Red Lake.
- Groups of 2 to 24 people are welcome.
- Rent the whole island.
- 3 modern cabins, full kitchens and washrooms. (each has room for 6 to 8 people)
- 1 traditional log cabin with full kitchen and bathroom. (room for 2 to 3)
- 2 traditional overflow cabins that can be booked in conjunction with the 4 main cabins.
- Linens, blankets, pillows, and towels are provided.
- The log lodge (36' x 42') is available for group get togethers.
- Internet and cell service is available in the lodge.
- Stock items like salt, sugar, peanut butter and such are provided.
- You can bring your own meat, dairy and produce or send us a grocery order.
- A fish cleaning building is available for you to fillet your fish.
- Fishing licences, pop and beer are available on site at additional cost.
- Live bait and extra supplies can be brought in during the week.
- A solar system provides 120 AC power without a noisy 24 hour generator.
- Camp staff are on site for fishing advice and maintenance.





Wilderness Adventure

Douglas Lake: Fish for walleye, northern and lake trout.

Onnie Creek: Take a trip upstream to Onnie Lake, a 2 hour sightseeing adventure and fish any of the 3 lakes that the river runs through. (walleye, northern & trout)

Peterson Lake: Take the beautiful portage trail to Peterson Lake. Fish this remote lake or travel on to Page Lake, further from civilization. Search for a geo-cache (northern and trout)

Hatchet Lake: Portage beside a fresh waterfall to Hatchet Lake. Then continue over the watershed to Caribou and Embryo Lakes. (walleye, northern & trout)

Foley Lake: Take the kids for an action packed perch and northern fishing trip.

Boats, motors and gas await at each landing.

Swim, Explore and Hike: From remote beaches to rocky cliffs and animal trails, there are plenty of areas to explore.

Rough it: Go further afield. There are lakes few people reach.

Shore-lunch: Stop at a shore-lunch spot outfitted with propane, fire pit and picnic table. Shore-lunch packs are provided.

Make your own fun and enjoy the company of your companions.

We encourage you to eat some fish during your trip and release the rest.



*Fly into a remote wilderness park. Make yourself at home.
Catch walleye for your dinner. Plan an Adventure.
Spend time together.*



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