

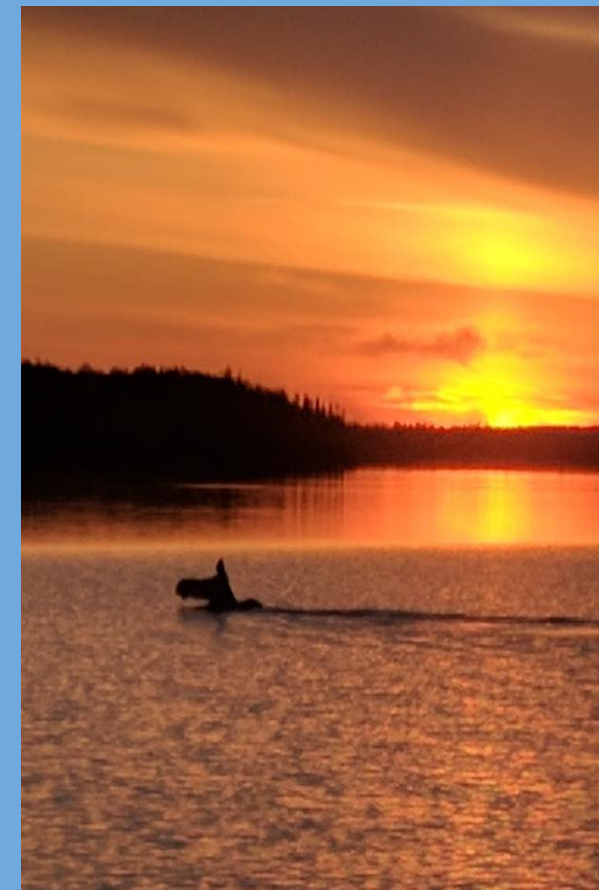


VIKING ISLAND

NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2017

FISHING

This year has been the best yet for fishing! Our guests created many new fishing memories with friends and family, and have lots of exciting fish stories to share. Douglas lake produced an abundance of walleye! Our biggest complaint this year was that the walleye were too big! All our other lakes were also plentiful with fish and did as well as we expected. One group portaged into Caribou and were lucky enough to catch and release over 50 trout in one single afternoon. We can't wait to see what next years fishing adventures will bring!



Hello Everyone,

Our third season has come and gone, and at this time of year we look back on this past season and anxiously await the beginning of the next!

Every year seems to be better than the last! The year was filled with both old and new faces. Its great to see guests returning and enjoying what the Island has to offer. Watching the way guests enjoy this place may just be one of my favorite things. There was a young boy, from one of the groups who said to me, "thank you Mister for letting me catch all those fish". It was amazing to see him so excited and having so much fun. So many memories are made here at Viking Island!

The fishing was fantastic this year, we really couldn't have asked for a better season. Walleye were plentiful averaging the mid 20".

Lots of new projects were completed this past season, and plans are underway for 2018.

We want to give thanks to all again for a great season, and a special thank you to all our loyal guests who keep coming back year after year!

Happy fishing,

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Hauling in roof trusses for the laundry/shower house



Last trip out in April, unfortunately one snowmobile came back on a sleigh



Snow covered dock area

WINTER AT VIKING ISLAND

We experienced a very mild and rainy winter this year. Quite a bit of hauling needed to be done to get many projects completed. With mild temperatures and rain wreaking havoc on the trails it made hauling much more difficult. Hauling was slowed down, but all the projects we set out to do were completed. We really enjoyed some of the mild winter days and we were actually able to celebrate new years at the Island. It was a great way to ring in a new year!

UPGRADES

We were very busy this year making upgrades to the Island. We added new floating dock sections, we also upgraded our solar batteries. The Prospector cabin received a new metal roof. An NSF water treatment system was also installed. The old laundry house was tore down and replaced with a bigger shower/laundry house. A spectacular new outhouse was also added to the Island!



New laundry and shower house during construction



Our second year with a garden was even more successful than the last



Johnson group taking a portage



Evening family fishing in July



We've learnt that beavers like Black Ash, wonder how long it would take to chew through this?



Beautiful view from our main dock

SPRING AT VIKING ISLAND

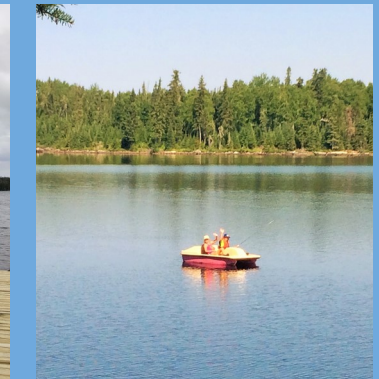
Spring at the Island is sometimes challenging because the weather can be very unpredictable. We experienced some rain, and mild temperatures that made the trails unsafe and ice packed. It was too unsafe and that had us get off the ice earlier than expected. Our first trip up the lake was going smoothly, until we hit Trout Bay which was packed with ice, it was only a couple days later and we made it up.



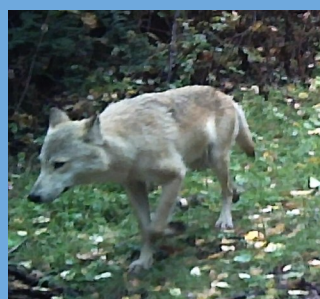
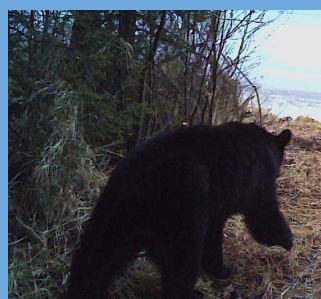
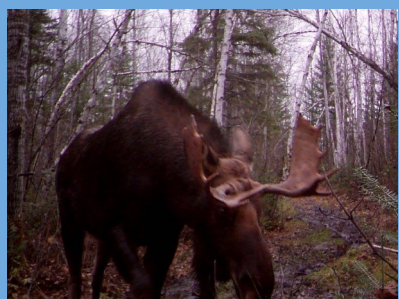
Someone is taking flight lessons, First flight and we went straight to VI!



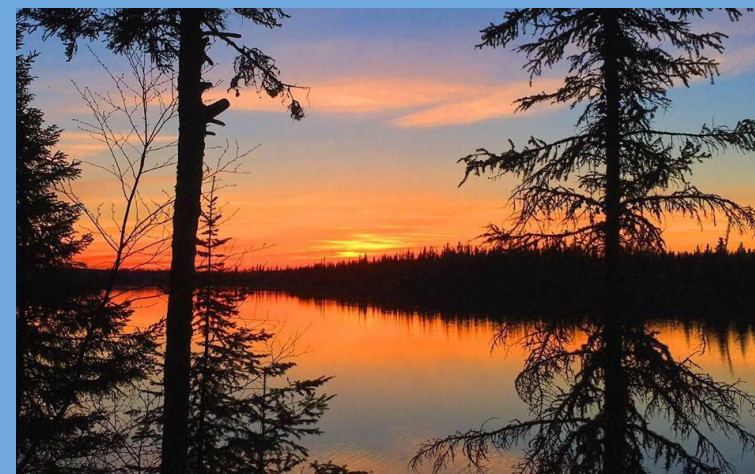
First plane for 2017. Its so good to see them returning to the island



Justin fishing as Addie paddles



Wild life seems to be plentiful this year, but not as easy to see. Our trail cams do a decent job of spotting the wildlife for us



Amazing August sunset,



We all had to say goodbye to Florence, she will be sadly missed