

Smallmouth Bass Fishing Trip

Trip Cost: \$895/person

Price includes: Camping and canoeing gear. Meals throughout the trip. Lodging and meals prior to and after the canoe trip. Participants need to supply their sleeping bag and outdoor clothing. See both the pack list and tackle list on the Programmed retreat page of the Wilderness Wind website.

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships are available. Please complete the scholarship application on the website.

Wilderness Wind

nurtures relationships to God and creation through wilderness living which promotes spirituality, cooperation, and environmental sustainability.

Wilderness Wind is a nonprofit corporation that has a 20-acre base camp and 3.5 acres of Lakeside property located close to Ely, Minnesota. Wilderness Wind is a member of Mennonite Camping Association and the Central Plains Mennonite Conference.



Fishing Guides



Wilderness Wind
Ely, Minnesota

Combined, Steve and Jeff have pursued their passion for freshwater fishing for 70 years. With over 20 trips into their favorite waterways in the Quetico, they look forward to sharing the area and their passion with others.

What draws Jeff back? "Increasingly I look forward to the wilderness experience itself; the call of the loon as the morning breaks, the beauty of a glassy lake as the waters still each evening, and the incredible brightness of the night stars. That peacefulness is juxtaposed against the incredible adrenaline rush of a trophy smallmouth exploding on a surface lure!"

And as for Steve, "I have great memories of exploring new water, the camaraderie of my friends, and the challenge of figuring out where the fish were and what it would take to get them to bite. The wilderness coupled with the connection to nature through a small strand of monofilament and a jig has a purity and perfection to it. Self propelled, close to the water, I experience this connection in a deeper way than ever before."



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June 12-19, 2010

Fishing Guides :
Steve Martin and Jeff Birky

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Imagine yourself in the wilderness. It's early June and it's smallmouth spawning season. The fish are lurking in the shallows, hungry and ready for a bite. You have six days to fish, enjoy the wilderness setting, and listen to, reflect with, and learn from other fishing enthusiasts. If this sounds good, join us for some unforgettable days in the canoe country.

We will head into the Canadian Quetico, where we will set up a base camp, and spend six days fishing for smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern pike. The goal isn't just to catch fish, but to encounter the natural world. If you love fishing, then come and experience it in a new way. If you love wilderness canoeing, and want to learn to fish, that works as well.

Day 1: June 12th: Arrive at Wilderness Wind by 3:00pm

Introductions, pre-trip preparations (route and canoe information, review safety, pack backpacks, and food), purchase fishing licenses and gear as needed. Settle into Wilderness Wind for supper and prepare for an early departure the next morning.



Day 2: Drive to Boundary Waters entry point, Moose Lake, to begin tow to Canadian Customs and Quetico.* After a good paddle, and camp set up, you can enjoy the evening topwater bite and have fresh fish for supper.

Day 3-6: The best spring spots are already marked on the map. We'll figure out the pattern, what baits are working, and share our tips to ensure that we all are on the fish. Everyone will have a chance for the guided fishing experience. With prime fishing time in the morning and evening, afternoons will allow for personal time and group discussions. Daily reflections from the writings of David James Duncan and other wilderness philosophers will provide food for thought as we cast, seek, and paddle.

Day 7: Paddle back to Moose Lake landing and return to Wilderness Wind. Clean gear and selves. Gather for celebration supper and story telling. Watch the sunset and enjoy a nights rest (or fishing) at the Wilderness Wind Lakeside cabins.

Day 8: June 19th - Departure from Wilderness Wind

** Please note, all participants are required to complete a Remote Area Border Crossing Permit (RABC) in order to cross into Canada. This process takes from 4-6 weeks. Please see the link from the Wilderness Wind Programmed Retreat's page and apply early.*



Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Payment Information:

Trip Cost: \$895/person

Deposit: \$300 due at registration.

- \$225 refundable until May 15th, 2010.

Full payment: Due May 15th, 2010.

Send a check (payable to Wilderness Wind) or credit card information for your deposit or total payment.

Or visit www.wildernesswind.org to pay your deposit or trip by credit card.

Credit Card # _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Expiration Date: _____

Registration Instructions:

- 1) Complete registration, health and release forms
- 2) Return forms along with your deposit to Wilderness Wind via

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