

KABEELO LODGE LINE



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2015 SURVEY RESULTS

We asked, you answered, we listened (to most). Last year we delivered our first “e-survey” to KaBeeLo guests with valid email addresses on file; a huge THANK YOU to the 500+ guests who took time to read the survey, answer the questions and compose some great feedback and suggestions.

As expected, some responses were unanimous, others diversified and some just flat out entertaining - so much that we want to share the results with you! The majority of KaBeeLo fishing trips include a “food can” containing supplies & groceries for 3 meals/day, we constantly look for ways to improve the offering along with added variety. The goal of the survey was to identify areas of change and confirm areas of success.

1. **New item for the supplied food can:** Rice a Roni (implemented this past summer).
2. **Most popular existing food can item:** by a land slide was the “New York Strip Steak” followed closely by baked beans.
3. **“What other foods would you like included?”:** popcorn and cereal were strong replies, others included lattes, blue cheese stuffed olives and shrimp - need we say more?
4. **Expenditure allocation:** when asked the value of capital expenditures, the most popular answers were:
 - Increase lake variety - we continue to work with the Government and other outfitters on expanding our outpost options
 - Fleet changes - aircraft configurations top our personal “wish list” every year; we continue to search for the ideal aircraft to improve performance and efficiencies that fits within the budget.

While the 2015 season is over, our efforts are now directed toward the 2016 season. We hope each of you is doing the same - planning for your return (or first) trip to KaBeeLo Lodge. We sincerely THANK everyone for your support; we take pride in what we offer and make it our goal to ensure you get the very best of what we offer.

EXPECT DELAYS...

Reflective pylons, stop signs, slow signs, single lanes and long lines will be in full force for the 2016 season. The Ontario government has invested almost \$2.5 billion (C\$) to repair and expand provincial highways and bridges. This includes \$527 million for Northern Ontario.

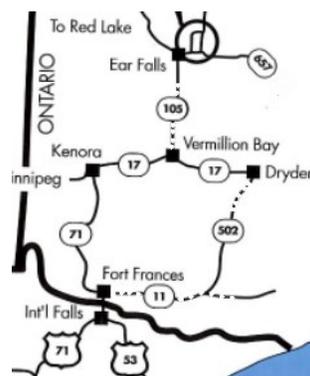
Dashed lines on the map insert represent the construction zones impacting KaBeeLo Guests:

- Baudette Bridge replacement
- Hwy 11, east from Fort Frances, 17 miles of resurfacing
- Hwy 105, 20 miles resurfaced north of Vermillion Bay
- Hwy 105, Vermillion Bay culvert replacement
- Hwy 502 (closer to Dryden) 24 miles to be resurfaced

For those who travelled to KaBeeLo this past summer, the average construction delay was ~ 30 minutes. Assuming the proposed projects are spread throughout the summer months we anticipate the delays in 2016 should be within the 1 hour mark.

As with any large undertaking, the duration and staging of each project is subject to change based on funding, planning, design, environmental approval, property acquisition and construction requirements...so things may change!

Please be prepared for the delays, and be patient as we witness our hard earned dollars at work to improve our tranquil commute to KaBeeLo Lodge.



GRAVEL ROAD

Important Notice

PLEASE BE AWARE of TRUCK TRAFFIC. Logging trucks are (again) using this road from morning 'til night every day of the week. Please be EXTRA careful of dry and dusty conditions - the dust can be temporarily blinding, and be sure to stay close to the speed limit of 70km/hr (~50mph). Should you have a “close” encounter try to note the time of incident and kilometer marking. When you arrive at the Lodge, or home, provide us the information so we can address the incident with the logging operations manager.

WHAT'S NEW ...

- A prefabricated floating dock system was installed this spring at the end of Perrigo's fixed dock. The floater component makes it easier for guests & pilots unloading when water levels fluctuate. If it survives the winter, you can expect to see a few more of these systems on other KaBeeLo lakes.
- Okanse lake cabin received a great make-over: new flooring, kitchen cabinets, shower, interior & exterior siding, roofing & cribbing. Thanks to our hard working staff for completing the project in under 2 weeks.
- Betty cabin underwent a light remodel in the fall: new cribbing, roofing & exterior siding. She is no longer the “blue roof cabin” & will join Bear Paw as a “red roof cabin”.
- New Yamaha 4-stroke 8 hp motors were “tested” on Perrigo: easy start, virtually problem free, mechanically sound, run fast & use less gas. Be prepared to see more 4-stroke motors in 2016.
- Brand New Docks - we are faced every year with the ice damage to docks; this year's victims were Okanse, Seagraves & Brokenmouth.
- We've added a new sportshow booth design to our current roster. By maximizing our resources (4 warm & able bodies) we are able to attend overlapping sportshows! The new concept features some GREAT guest pictures! First appearance will be at the Denver show Jan 14th-17th.
- E-payments - are (still) on the horizon. We continue to cautiously explore options that will present the least amount of issues when dealing with cross border payments and intermittent internet services.

2015 HUNT NEWS

Bear Hunt

2015 produced another great bear hunt season! The average bear was over 200lbs, harvested on the cusp of dusk. Harvest rate was 60% —slightly lower than last year as a result of some late season hunters...historically the prime hunt season is late August into early September.

Grouse Hunt

Happy Hunters is all we can say! This year's bird hunters made good use of dogs and ATV's, each of which paid off with realized daily limits followed by quality fishing. A large THANK YOU to Frank Grazzini who donated 3

species of grouse to KaBeeLo Lodge, the birds will be mounted and displayed at the Main Base Lodge building this spring.

Moose Hunt

The fall weather provided cooler nights for a more successful Moose Harvest. This year's bull was 47" Nice work! Several moose were sighted throughout the hunt period within the 600-700ft range, consequently too far to shoot.

The Ontario Ministry continues to adjust Moose tag allocations due to the declining Moose population in various hunt zones. Updates will be communicated as they develop.

Cost of Business ...

This past Season generated a pleasant uptick in business: the return of loyal guests, group sizes slowly increasing, people revisiting after a lengthy hiatus and improved exchange rates.

On the heels of these gains were the usual cost increase suspects.....staff salaries, meat & food prices, land use permit rates, aircraft maintenance and general improvements. Some of you may have even noticed faster Wi-Fi speeds at the Main Base (3 Mbps to 5 Mbps) which sadly didn't come for free.

How does this all play out for 2016? We're happy to announce there is NO price increase for the "extra outpost days", however, the fishing package prices will increase less than 3% over the 2015 rates.

In light of this increase, don't forget to take advantage of the following **discounts and promotions:**

- Up to 75% for kids under 18
- Reserve for next season when you come off the lake to guarantee current season's price
- Discounts for groups of 10 or more adults

- Free trip for the angler who lands the front cover of our brochure. Requirements: no sunglasses, smiling, nice back-drop, no shadows & MUST be wearing KaBeeLo apparel (no Photoshop)

We are optimistic these conditions keep their momentum for the 2016 season so we can continue to improve upon existing structures and acquire new structures. THANKS for your business, support and understanding!

Housekeeping Notes:

- ⇒ Please don't throw fish guts in the lake! Put them on the shore away from the cabin
- ⇒ Outpost cabins - PLEASE clean them for incoming guests

BORDER CROSSING ?

When in doubt, or asked, declare it ! Below are some details to be aware of before crossing.

- **Inadmissibility to Canada:**
 - * Criminality in or out of Canada (i.e. DUI)
 - * Human rights violation
 - * Organized crime
 - * Financial reason
 - * Misrepresentation
 - * Non-compliance with the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Charged but not yet convicted? Can be deemed inadmissible by the interviewing officer.
- If convicted of a crime, for which conviction in Canada is less than 10 years, individual is admissible to Canada 10 years after sentencing is complete (ex. 10 years after you are community service)
- US citizens need a passport to go back to the states
- **Pets:** need rabies certificates and tags - Info can be found under the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- **Alcohol & tobacco INTO Canada (per person):**
 - * 40 oz liquor, or 24 (12 oz) cans of beer or 1.5L wine
 - * 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 200g tobacco & 200 tobacco sticks
 - * Person must be of age in the province that they are entering
 - * DUTY: You can bring 5 cases of beer and 45L liquor in excess of any personal exemption if you pay duties and taxes.
- ATV's, side-by-sides etc must be free of excessive mud to avoid soil contamination

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SPORTSHOWS

We'd love to see you and your family at one, or all, of our sportshow venues!

- ⇒ **St. Paul, MN | Sportsmen's Show:** January 14-17, River Center
- ⇒ **Denver, CO | Sportsmen's Expo:** January 14-17, Co Convention Center
- ⇒ **Green Bay, WI | All-Canada Show:** January 21-24, Radisson Conference Center
- ⇒ **Kansas City, MO | Boat & Sportshow:** January 21-24, Bartle Hall
- ⇒ **Omaha, NE | Sportshow:** February 25-28, CenturyLink Center
- ⇒ **Minneapolis, MN | Northwest Sportshow:** March 30 - April 3, Convention Center

Tippling Policy: Over the past several seasons we have been asked many times about our "tip" policy at KaBeeLo Lodge. Our hope is that when asking about the policy it is in response to better than expected service from our staff and ourselves. Even though each staff member does receive a regular salary we are convinced that superior service deserves a little extra (tip). In light of this philosophy we can offer the following guidelines: "tip the individual"; put the "tip(s)" in the office tip box; or, leave it with Allysson, Erik, Ann or Harald with distribution instructions.

Pilot Spring Bear Hunt: *Announcements have been made by the Ontario Government around a Spring Bear Hunt pilot project. Initially cancelled in 1999, significant research has presented justification for a pilot project to measure the sustainability of a reinstated spring hunt. The*

