



**CANOE COUNTRY**  
*Outfitters* *Our 80th year!*  
ELY, MINNESOTA

**2025 GROUP RATE SHEET**  
COMPLETE ULTRA LIGHT OUTFITTING INCLUDES:

- 17' Alumacraft Canoes (61 lbs.) w/paddles & portaging yokes
- Light Weight Food Supplies
- Eureka Timberline Tents
- Fresh Laundered Sleeping Bags
- Self Inflating Sleeping Pads (full length)
- Aluminum Cook-Kit & Eating Utensils
- Nylon Packsacks with waterproof liners
- Rain Tarp, Axe, Saw, Extra Rope
- Water Purification Tablets
- Stearns Brand Canoeing Vests
- Fire Grate & Shovel (for Quetico trips)
- Gas Stove & Lantern, Rain Ponchos
- Trip Routing & use of CCO Shower Facilities
- Use of CCO Moose Lake Campground
- Delivery of Canoes & Gear to the Lakes

Trip Length	Complete Ultra Lt. Outfitting (Rates Per Person Per Day)
3-4 Days	\$77.00
5-6 Days	\$74.00
7 or More	\$72.00

**DISCOUNT OFF ABOVE RATES:**

- If 20-30 people - deduct \$2.00
- Over 30 people \$3.00.
- Own sleeping bags - \$3.00
- Own tents - \$3.00

**OPTIONAL UPGRADE:**

Upgrade to kevlar canoes (42-45 lbs) - Add \$8.00

**FOOD & CANOE PACKAGE** - Bring your own camping gear. We'll provide 61 lb. Alumacraft canoes, paddles, life vests, cook kit, food (for Kevlar canoe upgrade - add \$8/person/day).

Trip Length	Rates Per Person Per Day
3-4 Days	\$66.00
5-6 Days	\$63.00
7 or More	\$61.00

**SCOUTS** - A canoe trip offers an excellent opportunity to gain your 50 Miller and other scouting awards.

**OUR STORE** - We have a complete supply of fishing tackle, camping gear, gifts, and souvenirs at our Ely store, as well as the largest selection of freeze-dried foods in the area.

FISHING LICENSES -		Ontario Licenses	
MN Fishing Licenses (BWCA)		(Listed in Canadian Funds)	
Nonresident (72 hr.)	\$37.00	8-day Individual	\$58.06
Nonresident 7-day	44.00	8-day Conservation	33.92
Nonres. Individual	52.00	Yearly Individual	88.92
Resident Individual	26.00	Yearly Conservation	56.17
Youth Age 16 & 17	6.00	Outdoor Card -	9.68
		(needed w/all Ontario Licenses)	

(Under age 18 may buy a \$5.70 Ontario license - at least 5 youth must participate)

**FREE MINNESOTA FISHING LICENSES** - Nonprofit group members under age 16 are eligible for FREE Minnesota fishing licenses. Call the Minnesota DNR at 218-328-8802 for application forms at least six weeks prior to the trip.

**TAX EXEMPT GROUPS** such as scouts, churches, etc. can avoid 7.375% MN Sales Tax on outfitting by providing us with your Tax Exempt Number. Ely Lodging Tax - 3% Moose Lake Lodging Tax - 4%.

**RESERVATIONS** - Please fill out the reservation form as complete as possible. Many groups don't know their final party size until just days before the trip. If your size changes or you just put an approximate number on the reservation form, please call us a few days prior to your arrival with the exact number of people coming.

Your trip may start any day of the week. Calendar days apply, no part day billing unless cleared in advance. We always have enough equipment on hand, it's the permits that are limited, so please make reservations as early as possible.

**DEPOSITS** - A \$50 per person deposit will reserve the complete outfitting or food and canoe package. For partial outfitting a \$200 total deposit is sufficient. We accept personal and organization checks, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover card.

**CANCELLATIONS** - Trips cancelled at least 15 days in advance receive deposit back less a \$50 processing fee. No refund available with less than 15 day notice.

**EARLY RETURNS** - If you return from your trip early, we'll refund for the days of early return on equipment only; no refund on food.

**WHAT TO BRING LIST** - Personal items to bring. One extra change of clothes • a light warm jacket • hiking or leather high-top boots • tennis shoes or moccasins for around camp • hat & rain suit  
Spring or Fall trips: gloves, long underwear, wool hat, warm jacket.  
Other items: toilet articles, bath towel, suntan lotion, insect repellent, first aid kit, flashlight, sunglasses, sharp knife, compass, camera, playing cards, paperback books.  
Fishing Tackle: rod & reel with 6-12 pound test line, small tackle box, lures such as spoons, Rapalas, spinners, Tiny Torpedos, Whopper Ploppers, jigs with plastic worms, wire leaders, plain hooks & sinkers if planning to use live nightcrawlers or leeches, fish stringer. (We stock a complete supply of lures at our store).

**MAP MAIL ORDERS** - We mail out Fisher F-Series and McKenzie brand maps. These maps are waterproof and highly detailed. Also available is a colorful map showing the entire BWCA-Quetico Wilderness. All maps are \$9.75, postage & handling included. Add \$5.00 to order if maps are desired unfolded in a cardboard tube. Add 7.375% tax.

AVERAGE SUMMER TEMPERATURES					
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Day	66	78	81	80	65
Night	42	52	56	56	45

Established in 1946, we are one of the largest canoe outfitters in the Ely area and outfitting youth groups is our specialty. Canoe Country Outfitters is now in its third generation of Olson Family management, so be assured that we have the knowledge and expertise that's necessary to make your trip a complete success!

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## WHY CHOOSE US AS YOUR OUTFITTER

- 1) We're experienced and knowledgeable. We have outfitted more people for canoe trips and have been under the same management longer than any other outfitter. Serving the canoeist since 1946!
- 2) Since we have two bases of operation (downtown Ely and Moose Lake) we are able to quickly service all area entry points.
- 3) CCO is family owned and operated. Outfitting camping and fishing trips is our only business so we direct our entire attention towards assuring you a safe, exciting, and memorable time.
- 4) We are willing to honor half-day rates on rentals, something most other area outfitters will not do.

**ORIENTATION** - Before you depart on the trip we'll go over the detailed maps, indicating the better campsites, fishing holes, and scenic points of interest. We will help you plan a route that best suits your needs, whether it be one requiring travel each day or a relaxing base camp. Orientation also includes instructions on use of our equipment, fishing and camping techniques, safety and more.

**STARTING OFF** - The most strategic entry points in our area include Moose Lake, Snowbank, Fall, Mudro, Lake One, the Nina Moose River and Little Indian Sioux River. Transportation of canoes and equipment from Ely to any of these entry points is **FREE** for groups taking complete outfitting or the Food and Canoe Package. We have a private canoe base on Moose Lake for groups going to the Quetico Park or starting at Moose and taking a BWCA trip. Should you start at Moose Lake, and return at Snowbank Lake or Lake One, we'll provide the transportation back to your vehicles.

**PARTIAL OUTFITTING** - Canoes and camping gear may be rented individually according to the rates listed on the back of the reservation form. We have canoes available at our Moose Lake base plus offer free delivery to Lake One, Fall and Snowbank. Delivery available to all other entry points at a nominal fee.

**MOOSE LAKE BUNKHOUSE** - Available for \$13.00 per person to groups taking Complete Outfitting or the Food & Canoe Package, \$18.00 per person with partial outfitting. Showers are included. Your rental canoe may be used **FREE** the day before your trip begins.

**MOOSE LAKE CAMPGROUND** - Groups taking complete outfitting or the Food & Canoe Package may use our Moose Lake campground **FREE** the night before or after their trip. The camping gear will be provided free for those nights. Partially outfitted groups will be charged \$8.00 per person for campground use.

**MOTEL IN ELY** - We have rooms available next to our outfitting store in Ely. The cost ranges from \$24-\$32 per person, depending upon number of people per room. A quote can be given once your group size is known.

**FIRST BREAKFAST, LAST DINNER** - Groups that stay at our Moose Lake Bunkhouse or Campground the night before the canoe trip will be provided with a first-day breakfast consisting of sweet rolls, orange juice, cold cereal & milk. Upon return from the trip we'll provide the fixings for a meal at Moose Lake (ground beef, buns, potato chips, dessert, etc.) Both of these meals are included free as part of the complete outfitting or the food & canoe package.

**TOWBOAT SERVICE** - Ferry service from our Moose Lake base gets you into the more remote waters right away, saving up to a day's paddle in some cases. Moose Lake to the Ensign Portage is \$32.00 per person; Moose to Prairie Portage is \$33.00; Moose to Birch Lake is \$33.00. A 3% Forest Service "user fee" will apply.

**BWCA ENTRY PERMITS & CAMPING FEES:** Entry permits are required for overnight camping in the BWCA. Each permit and campsite allows up to nine people. Larger party sizes need additional permits and must camp at more than one campsite. The BWCA camping fee is \$16 per adult per trip, while youth under age 18 pay just \$8.

We'll gladly reserve permits in your behalf but you also have the option of going online and reserving direct with the Permit Center ([www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)). Each permit requires a \$6 nonrefundable application fee plus a camping fee deposit. You have the option of paying all camping fees in advance or just the \$32 minimum requirement covering two adults. Permits will be adjusted for number of people, number of watercraft, and camping fee total when you arrive in Ely.

When we reserve a permit in your behalf we add a \$12 service fee.

**QUETICO ENTRY PERMITS & CAMPING FEES** - Each Quetico Park entry permit and campsite allows up to 9 people. All camping fees are payable in advance using a Visa or Mastercard. For the Prairie Portage entry point the camping fee amount is \$21.50 per adult per night and \$8.50 for those age 6-17 (in Canadian Funds). Go to [www.ontarioparks.com](http://www.ontarioparks.com) to reserve permits, or contact us and we'll take care of it on your behalf.

**CANADIAN CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS:** Groups entering the Quetico Park through the Prairie Portage or Cache Bay Ranger Stations must clear Customs by mail at least 6 weeks in advance of the trip. We'll provide the RABC form needed for this clearance once your Quetico entry permit(s) have been secured. An RABC costs \$30 and it covers the applicant, spouse, and all dependents under age 18. Those in the group that are under age 18 and don't have a parent going on the trip may file an RABC free of charge. Be aware that anyone who has a DWI-DUI conviction in the past 10 years may be denied access into Canada.

Youth also need to have a letter in possession stating that the scoutmaster or youth leader has permission to take their child into Canada. Both parents should sign and date the letter.

**TO RE-ENTER THE U.S.** - Each adult needs a Passport Book, a Passcard, or an Enhanced Drivers License (EDL). Youth under age 18 that are part of a non-profit group only need a photocopy of their birth certificate.

**IMPORTANT QUETICO REGULATIONS:** Food supplies may not contain any cans, glass bottles. Bring Rabble Shot papers for your dog. No live bait fishing allowed. Hooks must be barbless (you may pinch-down the barbs on the lures that you presently have). No firearms allowed.

**SATELLITE PHONE RENTALS:** Satellite phones will work anywhere in the BWCA-Quetico wilderness. Great for those that need to keep in contact with folks back home. Also gives that scoutmaster and other group leaders peace of mind by knowing they can call for help should someone in the group get sick or sustain a serious injury. Phone rentals must be arranged well in advance. The rental cost is \$25 a day or \$150 weekly. Usage fee is \$2.50 a minute.

**ADDITIONAL ENTRY LOCATIONS:** In addition to servicing all Ely-area entry points we also provide van shuttles to more distant locations such as Crane Lake, Saganaga, Isabella, and Kawishiwi Lake. All feature awesome scenery and fishing opportunities as your group paddles back toward the Ely area. Return routes require six days or more. Van shuttle costs will be sent upon request.

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE** - We can arrange van transportation from the Duluth and Hibbing Airports to Ely. Rates sent upon request. Groome Transportation provides bus shuttles between the Minneapolis airport and Duluth. Go to [GroomeTransportation.com](http://GroomeTransportation.com) for schedules and pricing.