

The Old River Lodge

Canadian Atlantic Salmon Fishing



Come celebrate

Generations of sports have fished for the great Atlantic salmon on the famous Miramichi River. The magnificent Miramichi River, flows gently through breathtaking Pine & Maple forests of eastern Canada's New Brunswick province. It is simply an Atlantic salmon-fisherman's paradise and one of the World's best-kept secrets. The Miramichi offers perfect fly only water, and provides around half of all the salmon caught annually on rod and line, on the North American Continent. Fresh, mint bright salmon arrive in the Miramichi in mid June with increasing numbers of classic summer salmon by end of July lying in clean, gravel-bottomed pools, over hundreds of miles of this immense river system.

This seasonal silvery migration continues through August with new salmon and grilse arriving as if by magic with each refreshing summer rain or big tide. Fishing can be difficult in August due to low warm water conditions. A fresh dollop of rain in August can provide can lead to an excellent window of fishing. During August and early September, for long distance travelers, we strongly recommend

booking on spec and upon confirmation that fish are being caught. September brings the fall run which lasts until mid October. Fishing at this time can be likened to that of fishing the Tweed at the back end of the season. Salmon tinted with bronze stir in every pool with the coming of November spawning. The pools are brilliantly colored by changing fall foliage. The sun is lower. Mornings are cool.

What to bring

The Miramichi has good, easy wading and fishing is often at close range, therefore, an 8½ to 9½ foot single-handed rod matched with a number 8-9 weight forward or double taper line is ideal and the local choice. Deeply fished wet lines are appropriate in extreme in high water conditions or late in the season when the water is exceptionally cold and fish are sluggish. Load your fly line on a large arbour, sturdy fly reel with at least 100 yards of braided nylon backing. Spey casting is becoming more popular on the Miramichi.

Polarized lens sunglasses are a must, a hat, raingear, extra leader material, insect repellent (be aware that strong deet based repellents destroy your apparel as well as your fishing lines). We find Breathable waders for summer and Neoprene waders for late fall, both with comfortably fitting felt-bottomed wading shoes. Bring a camera and or video cam to capture those special moments of your trip.

Where

The Old River Lodge, is a range traditional log cabins, located in a secluded setting and surrounded by beautiful birch and maple trees. Perched on a hillside on the bank of the Main Southwest Miramichi river this is the perfect place to relax and unwind. We are only five miles down river from the village of Doaktown, and fifty miles from Fredericton, the capital City of New Brunswick. When you stay at The Old River Lodge, you can expect a combination of good water, good guides and good food, ensuring you have a memorable Atlantic salmon fishing experience. A salmon river's middle reaches are often said to be it's most productive for angling. Our many privately owned pools offer exclusive uncrowded fishing. and . The main lodge, has a communal dining and lounge area, centered around a stone fireplace. The four private cabins consist of 2 bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms. You will be treated to delicious traditional Canadian home cooking, ensuring that you are well prepared for your next fishing session. For those with special dietary needs or preferences please advise us at the point of booking. We will do our very best to meet your requirements.



The Catch

It is New Brunswick Law that all non resident anglers must be accompanied by a certified guide when fishing in New Brunswick's rivers. Our well seasoned Atlantic salmon guides will be at your service to help you maximise your catch. All of our guides at The Old River Lodge are experienced professionals with one aim: "To help you catch your salmon". Our guides are knowledgeable in fly selection, knots and casting. Their knowledge of the water you'll be fishing is second to none. Your guide is himself an enthusiastic angler. New



Brunswick provincial regulations require that all non-resident salmon anglers fish with a licensed guide. Although these regulations allow three guests per guide, at The Old River Lodge, we will do our best to provide a high quality angling experience by matching a guide with no more than two anglers. Should you for any reason wish to benefit from the personal attention of your own guide, or wish to fish from a canoe, we would be pleased to provide that service. By law, only one person can fish from a boat at any time. In high water conditions, it may be necessary to fish from a boat, in order to intercept the running fish. Please note that There is an additional supplementary charge for this service.

For the Non Fisher

We are pleased to offer exciting non-fishing activities for our guests including canoe excursions, guided or unguided day trips to cultural, historic or natural attractions, visits to the studios of world-class craftspeople's and artisans. In season, fall foliage can be experienced by walking, canoeing or driving. We can provide an exciting vacation for our non-fishing guests in the outdoors or touring, complete with a guide and vehicle or by providing you with a detailed itinerary for one day or overnight trips. We are at your service to prepare enjoyable days of activity.

Fall Shooting

We are pleased to offer wing shooting for upland game birds including woodcock snipe and ruffed grouse. Both grouse and woodcock shooting is best in October.

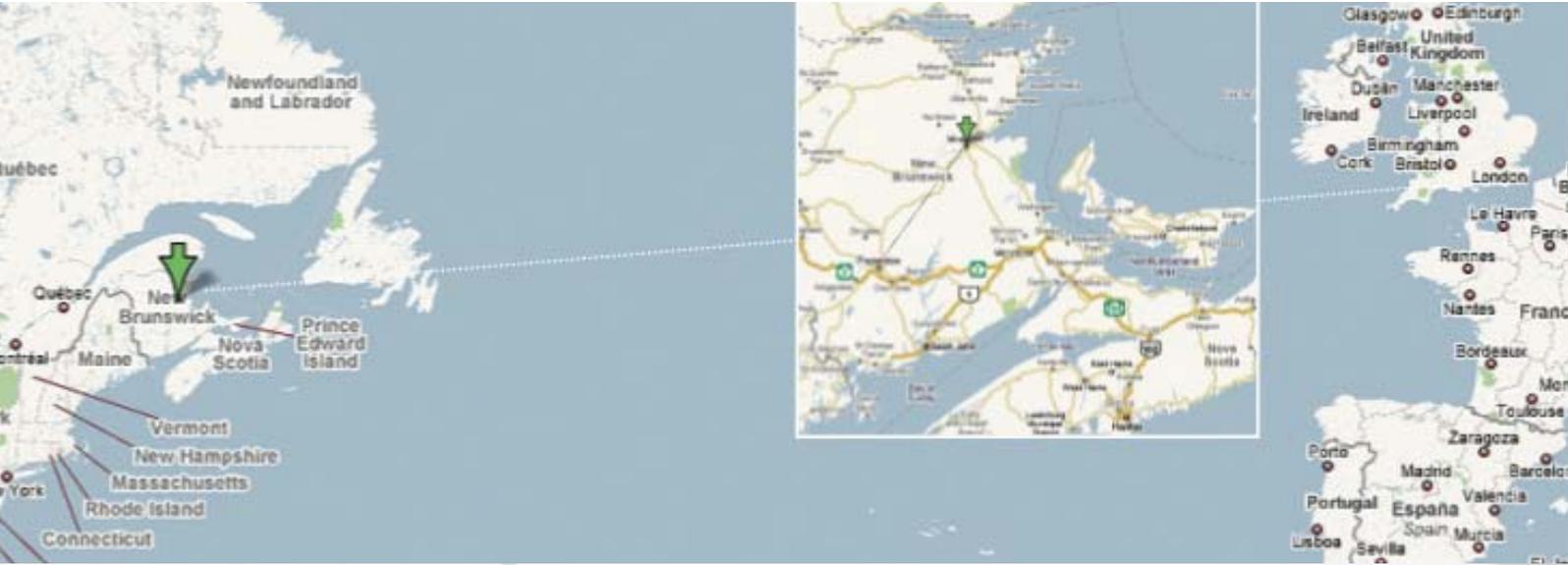
Our Pledge

The Old River Lodge offers you a personal guarantee on all the service aspects of our business, which we pledge to be of the highest caliber. Because of the unpredictable nature of fishing and shooting, however, we cannot offer a guarantee of success. We hope all our guests will come equipped with a generous, sportsmanlike attitude. We, in turn, promise you the very best in old-fashioned Miramichi hospitality and service. We assure you that we will do everything possible to ensure your chances of a successful fishing or shooting trip.

Within Easy Reach

A wonderful week at The Old River Lodge on the Miramichi is within easy, affordable reach. We are a day's drive from major population centers in eastern Canada and the Northeastern United States. For Atlantic salmon anglers in the UK and Europe, it is a simple and easy 6 hour flight via Halifax to Fredericton. No visas are required to fish Atlantic salmon in New Brunswick. The camp is approximately 80 minutes drive from Fredericton international airport.





Please Join us

We look forward to welcoming you to the Old River Lodge. Your salmon and your cabin on the Miramichi are waiting for you!

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