WALLEYE

Walleye is our most popular freshwater fish for eating and is in abundance throughout the river system. A fresh Walleye fish fry will be one of the highlights of your trip to Pine Island Lodge!

Jigs and salties are a killer combination when you’re over the fish. Minnow crankbaits are also effective with varying techniques from delicate slow cranks to aggressive rips that produce fierce strikes.

Stock up on 1/4 and 3/4 ounce jigs to match the conditions, current speed and depth. A spinning rod with a sensitive tip helps feel those tricky walleye bumps.

Colours: Our go-to colour is chartreuse, but bring a variety of white, orange and pink/white.

Summer trolling with BOMBER B07A models or HOT N TOTs both 1/2 ounce in dark brown, crawdad or fire tiger patterns.

### NORTHERN PIKE

Northern Pike are aggressive, making them fun to catch, especially on spinner bait and buzz bait. Pike are typically found in bays and at the edge of weed beds.

Tips for landing Northern Pike:

* Stock up on quality 6- and 9- inch wire leaders to protect your line from their sharp teeth. Spool at least 15 pound test line on your reel.
* Northern Pike generally search for prey that is between 10 and 20 percent of their body size, so carry some big lures to target the biggest fish.
* Spoons and spinner baits are good for targeting Northern Pike. Your spoon selection should include 4- to 6-inch five of diamonds, red and whites, and silver spoons. Go for longer and thicker skirt spinner baits with big willow leaf blades and an oversized hook. Bright colored skirts in yellow, chartreuse or white with silver or chartreuse blades.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

The Winnipeg River holds a healthy population of hard-fighting Smallmouth Bass. This fish is pound-for-pound the strongest fighter of all fresh water species—fly fishermen and light tackle spin fishermen can attest to this. Typically they’re found in broken granite shorelines early in the season and at the edge of current in the summer months.

Make sure you consider picking up a few of these proven bass baits:

* Tube Jigs (with heads), 1/8 ounce in smoke or pumpkinseed
* Flukes, 5-inch white or albino
* Mepps Spinners, #2 plain or bucktail in gold or silver
* Beetle Spins, 1/8 ounce in black or white

Fly fishers have had a lot of success at Pine Island Lodge throwing all sorts of bass bugs, minnow imitations and sinking flies. Read through our **Testimonials** for excellent fly fishing tips from our guests!