

Wilderness Air's Visitor FAQ

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Customs Questions

What documents/identification do I need to cross the border into Canada?

U.S. visitors- Citizens of the United States are required to provide proof of citizenship upon entry into Canada:

- You'll need a valid Passport or Picture ID (usually a Driver's License), along with proof of citizenship, such as a Birth Certificate.
- Visitors from the U.S. who were not born in the United States should carry their Certificate of Naturalization; permanent residents of the U.S. must also bring their "Green Card".
- Temporary residents must carry a passport and may require a visa depending on their country of citizenship.

These must be original documents. Canada Customs is under no obligation to accept photocopies, or any other pieces of documentation not specifically mentioned.

What sort of identification do my kids need?

U.S. visitors - Identification for each child establishing citizenship is required such as an original birth certificate or a certified copy of proof of birth location from a town hall plus one photo ID card. A passport is not required but is ideal identification. A letter of permission is required from the parents of any children accompanying travelers who do not have legal custody of the children.

Others - Please contact your nearest Canadian consulate or embassy to learn what documents are required. Contact information for Canadian embassies around the world can be found at the [Citizen and Immigration Canada](#) website.

How long is it going to take me to get across the border?

Wait times vary, but you can check [this link](#) that is updated every ten minutes that shows the estimated waiting time for border crossings across Canada, including the one close to us, the Fort Frances Bridge.

What amount of alcohol and cigarettes can I bring with me into Canada?

U.S. visitors - Alcohol - Those meeting the age requirements of the province or territory of entry (19 in most provinces; 18 in Alberta, Manitoba and Québec) may bring either 40 oz. of liquor or wine or 24, 12 oz. containers of beer or ale.

U.S. visitors - Tobacco - Visitors meeting the age requirements of the province or territory of entry may bring in 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 7 oz. loose tobacco and 200 tobacco sticks. More information is listed on the [Canada Border Services Agency](#) web site

I'm taking prescription drugs, is this a problem at the border?

If you are importing prescription drugs, make sure they are clearly identified. The drugs should be in the original packaging, with a label that specifies what they are and that they are being used under prescription. If this is not possible, carry a copy of the prescription or a letter from your doctor.

Can I bring my dog/cat with me?

U.S. visitors- Pets - All pets must be accompanied by their owners when entering Canada. Dogs and cats may enter Canada if accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian, which clearly identifies the dogs and shows that they are currently vaccinated against rabies. This certificate should identify the animal, as in breed, color, weight, etc., plus indicate the name of the licensed rabies vaccine used (trade name), serial number and duration of validity (up to 3 years). Please note that if a validity date does not appear on the certificate, then it will be considered a one-year vaccine.

Can I bring my own fruit and vegetables with me?

Fruits and vegetables either are prohibited or require an import permit to bring into Canada. Please contact one of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Import Service Centers to determine the requirements:

Eastern ISC (Montreal) 1 800-246-3889

Central ISC (Toronto) 1 800-835-4486

Western ISC (Vancouver) 1 888-732-6222

Visiting Canada Questions

I've paid Canadian taxes on things I've bought, but I'm a U.S. citizen, how do I get that money back?

Non-resident visitors to Canada can claim refunds for some of the taxes they paid on short-term accommodation, the federal Goods and Services Tax and Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST), as well as provincial sales tax in the province of Quebec (TVQ). Non-resident visitors can also claim a refund for tax paid on most goods they take home. Check out the [Visitor Rebate Program](#) (Canada Revenue Agency Web site). ***Wilderness Air rebates the GST portion of your trip right on your invoice – no paperwork necessary for our portion of your vacation!***

What's the weather like in Vermilion Bay?

The Weather Network has short and long-term forecasts for Vermilion Bay. See the [weather in the Vermilion Bay](#) area today!

Is my U.S. driver's license valid in Canada?

Yes.

What is the speed limit in Canada?

Speed limits are usually posted in metric in Canada, and highway speed is generally 90 km/h or 55 miles per hour. In cities and towns, it is often 50 km/h or 30 miles per hour. Seat belts are mandatory in Canada.

What's the metric system?

Canada uses the metric system of weights and measures. Here are some common conversions:

Speed 25 km/h = 15 mph 40 km/h = 25 mph 50 km/h = 30 mph 60 km/h = 37 mph 80 km/h = 50 mph 100 km/h = 60 mph	Weight 1 lb. = 0.45 kilograms 1 kilogram = 2.2 lbs 1 oz. = 28 grams 1 gram = 0.035 oz.
Volume 1 Imperial gallon = 4.5 liters = 1.2 USA gallon 1 liter = 0.22 gallon	Distance 1 mile = 1.6 kilometers 1 kilometer = 0.62 miles 1 inch = 2.54 centimeters 1 centimeter = 0.39 inches

Hunting Questions

Can I bring my hunting rifle into Canada?

Visitors to Canada can bring non-restricted firearms, such as a hunting rifle or shotgun into Canada, but it must be declared. Any undeclared firearms will be confiscated. The Firearms Act requires every firearm owner in Canada to have a license or valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate. Visitors who do not have a Canadian Firearms Acquisition Certificate will need to report their firearms to customs at the border, complete a non-resident firearms declaration form in triplicate, have it confirmed by a customs officer and pay a \$50 (Canadian) fee.

Copies of the non-resident [Firearms Declaration Form](#) are available by calling 1-800-731-4000, or at the border, or at www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca under "[visitors](#)".

Can I bring my handgun into Canada?

The short answer is no. Although, with every rule there are exceptions. Visitors can import a restricted firearm only to attend an approved shooting competition. Examples of restricted firearms are target pistols and short-barreled, centre-fire, semi-automatic rifles or shotguns.

To be able to import a restricted firearm, you must obtain in advance an ATT (Authorization To Transport) from the chief firearms officer ([CFO](#)) of the province or territory where you will be entering Canada and show a paper copy to the customs officer when you arrive.

ATTs are granted at the discretion of the [CFO](#) for an approved purpose, such as to take part in an organized target-shooting event or gun show.

How much are hunting permits?

Hunting Licenses (Canadian Funds - *Prices Subject to Change*)

Black Bear Hunting Licenses, Non-Resident . . .	\$170.00
Moose Hunting Licenses, Non-Resident	\$340.00
Small Game, Including Ducks	\$ 85.00
Export Permits	\$ 35.00

Trophy Fees

Flying out game to base:
Per adult moose \$175 U.S.
Per calf moose or bear . . \$95 U.S.

What do I need to get my game back to the US?

A Canadian Export Permit must accompany all big game. We will help you make the arrangements. The department in charge of this is [CITES](#) (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

Wilderness Air Questions

Where do I get detailed information about fishing regulations and what to bring on my fly-in fishing trip?

Be sure to read our informative [Fly-In Fishing FAQ](#). You'll get all the answers to your fishing-related questions.

This is my first fly-in vacation, and I'm a little concerned about being in the middle of the bush. What does Wilderness Air do to assure my safety?

Wilderness Air takes the safety of our passengers and outpost guests very seriously – it's priority #1 for us!

First of all, we make sure all of our aircraft are maintained to above industry standards. We have our own maintenance facilities so that we can personally oversee all the work done on any one of our fleet of aircraft.

Next we have "check flights" on a routine basis whenever guests stay at any one of our 10 outpost cabins. This means that when we are in the area and/or at a previously decided time we will fly over your outpost and make sure everything looks fine. Lastly, for the convenience of our guests, we can arrange for a satellite telephone rental, just in case of emergencies.

That said, we want to assure you that in all the years we've been offering fly-in fishing trips, as long as you use common sense, these trips are perfectly safe. We pay careful attention to every detail and have over 25 years of experience and dedication to YOUR safety.

I need to buy groceries for my trip, where can I go in Vermilion Bay?

In Vermilion Bay, we'd recommend the Vermilion Bay Co-Op, located at 86 Spruce St.

What sort of clothes should I bring with me?

In the summer, be sure to bring your bathing suit, but also pack t-shirts, shorts, a good sunhat, sunglasses and sunscreen, bug spray, walking shoes and sandals, and a raincoat. As the temperatures have been known to sometimes get a little cooler at night, bring along a sweater and some pants just to be safe.

If you are arriving in the spring or fall, there is more of a variance in temperature, and we would recommend you bring sweaters and pants, long sleeved shirts, a t-shirt or two, warm socks, a warm hat, a waterproof jacket and pants (if you have them) as well as hiking boots and comfortable shoes.