

## *Guide to Success - 2012*

Everything you need to know to help make your visit to Eagle River a success is included in this guide. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Dwight: [dwight@prattfallsodge.com](mailto:dwight@prattfallsodge.com) or phone him at 709-938-7414.

## Travel

There are two different ways to travel to Pratt Falls Salmon Lodge. By Charter airplane out of Goose Bay. Or by open speed boat from Cartwright.

### Through Goose Bay

Air Canada offers flights to and from major Canadian and US cities. There is a direct flight to Goose Bay out of Halifax, NS.

There are also connecting flights to Halifax and Goose Bay through St. John's, NL. Be sure to check with Air Canada's current schedules before making plans.



[www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)  
1-888-247-2262

Provincial Airlines also offers connecting flights out of Montreal, PQ; Deer Lake, NL; and St. John's, NL.



[www.provincialairlines.ca](http://www.provincialairlines.ca)  
1-800-563-2800

You are responsible to book your hotel in Goose Bay. There are plenty of modern accommodations available in Goose Bay. Hotels are:

Labrador Inn 709-896-3351  
Royal Inn 709-896-2456  
Hotel North 709-896-9301  
Hotel North 2 709-896-3398

A staff member of Pratt Falls Salmon Lodge will be at the Airport to pick you up, bring you to your hotel, and bring you to Otter Creek for the float plane departure the next morning. We will also pick you up on your return.

Otter Creek is the base of float plane operations for Air Labrador and Innu Mikun

airlines. You will be flown to Eagle River by Twin Otter, Turbo Otter or Caravan early in the morning on Friday and return on the back trip of the following Friday Morning. Cost for charters is split amongst guests. It averages 600-800.00 return, but depends on group size.



### Through Cartwright

Cartwright is Located on the edge of Sandwich Bay and is geographically closer to the Lodge than Goose Bay. If you choose to drive, rather than fly from major cities then Cartwright is an option. A network of ferries and driving to and from the Island of Newfoundland will get you to Blanc Sablon, PQ. Highway 510 (Labrador Coastal Drive) runs from Blanc Sablon, PQ to Cartwright Junction (turn onto highway 516). A total of 5 hours driving from Blanc Sablon to Cartwright.

## Travel Cont'd

You can also drive the Bai Comeau highway in Quebec up to Labrador City, Goose Bay, and on to Cartwright making the drive from This drive connects Cartwright to the rest of North America without using ferries. It would take approximately three to four days to drive from the Eastern US, to Cartwright.

Once in Cartwright the lodge is a one and a half hour boat ride with one of our experienced guides. The ride takes you through the beautiful scenery of Sandwich Bay, up the Eagle River and through the infamous 'Gorge', right to the steps of the lodge. This boat ride is an extra \$150 per person for 2 guests per boat, each way. Weather can play a big role in going this route as Sandwich Bay is a large open Bay and weather conditions, especially wind, have a huge effect on the comfort and even possibility of travelling this route. Should you require an overnight in Cartwright stay at the Cartwright Hotel – 709-938-7414

### Documentation, Baggage, and Security

Be sure to carry your passport and several pieces of ID. Baggage will have to be cleared through Canada Customs at your point of entry to Canada. Baggage weight is very important. We ask that you please try to limit your baggage to 50lbs. This is to ensure that the float planes can handle both passengers and baggage in one

trip. To avoid delays at airports ensure that your carry on luggage is security ready. Scissors, razors, files, clippers, knives, flies, etc make handy use on the river but are noappreciated in security. They would be better packed in your checked luggage.



### Weather

One key thing to remember... Weather in Labrador is all about drastic changes! It can get very hot, and very cool in the summer months. Weather patterns for Cartwright:

	June	July	Aug	Sept
Temps C				
Highs	13.2	17.6	17.2	12.3
Lows	3.1	6.6	7	4.2
Mean	8.2	12.1	12.1	8.2
Max	35.3	36.1	33	29.4
Rainfall mm	92.4	94.1	92.4	89.9
Days w/rain	17	18	18	17
Sunshine Hrs	167	190	184	110
Rel. Humidity	71%	70%	69%	71%
Wind (km/h)	18	15	15	19
Direction	S	S	S	S

Weather Delays can disappoint but they are always out of our control. We do everything we can to have charters on time and they will always fly when it is safe to do



so, and not before. If you are weathered in at Goose Bay, meals and accommodations are at your expense. If you are weathered

at the Lodge we will charge \$150 per day to help recover the cost of food and services.

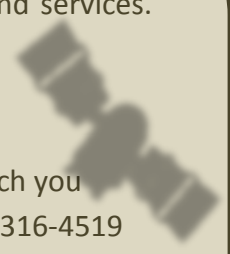
## Communications

Give a copy of these numbers to your family or friends in the event they need to reach you while you are at the lodge. The Lodge has it's own VoIP number - 514-316-4519  
709-938-7414 – Dwight's office in Cartwright Hotel

709-938-7316 or 7549 – Lethbridge Residence in Cartwright

709-938-7260 – Fax Office in Cartwright Hotel

A direct phone call can be made to the lodge VoIP number but keep in mind that it is a Voice over IP Phone and can suffer delays, or outages due to the dependency on a satellite connection. If the lodge number is unsuccessful use the numbers listed above, and message can be relayed for a guest to call out. There is also **wireless Internet service** at the camp. There is **NO Cell Phone** service in the Labrador Wilderness.



## Beverage Orders

The lodge will provide water, fruit juices, milk, soft drinks, and tea/coffee to accompany meals. Liquor, beer, wine, mix, and extra soft drinks can be brought to camp and added to your invoice. A listing of what is available is downloadable at [prattfallslodge.com](http://prattfallslodge.com) You return your order and it will be at camp when you arrive. Beverages will be charged back at cost plus a 10% handling fee.



## Safety

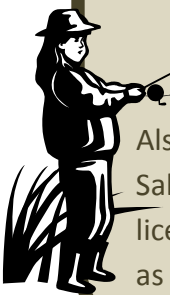
Guest safety is a priority. Our guides are trained in First Aid, and each boat carries a first aid kit. The lodge is equipped with enough personal flotation devices for all guests. We ensure that there is always a form of communication to the outside world should there be any serious health or life threatening situations.

## Cuisine

A hungry Angler is not a happy Angler! At Pratt Falls Salmon Lodge we take pride in offering a dining experience that is designed to be a highlight of your trip. Our cook prepares 3 meals a day plus an evening snack. The menu consists of fine meats, seafood, pastries, homemade breads, and we cook traditional Newfoundland and Labrador cuisine!

## Fishing Licenses

Also on our website is a form for your Salmon License. You fill it out and the license will be ready for you to sign and use as soon as you get to the lodge. This is an extra cost of 56.00 + tx.

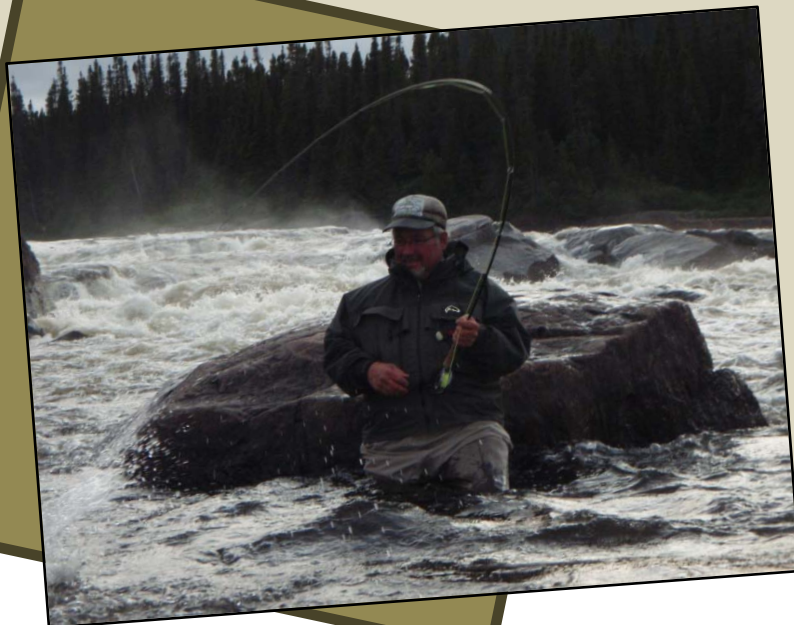


## Gratuities

Gratuities are a matter of personal discretion. The norm is 10-15% of your package price before tax to be split between your guide, cook, and house staff. Generally the guide would get the majority of your tip because your guide is tipped only by you. The housekeeping staff and cook are usually tipped by all guests. We provide labeled envelopes for gratuities on your last day at camp, as well as a tipping “guide” for reference. Keep in mind that tipping should reflect service, and we do not want you to feel pressured to tip. Please tip at your own comfort level.

## Suggested Packing List

- Credit Cards & Cash
- Medications
- Airline Info & Identification
- PJ's / undergarments
- Toiletries
- short & long sleeved shirts
- Pants and shorts
- lightweight, warm socks
- Warm Jacket/ 3 in 1 jacket
- Rain Suit
- Wide brimmed hat/ ball hat
- sandals/sneakers/slippers
- Camera & Batteries
- Thermal underwear
- Sun Screen
- Waders w/ felt boots
- Polarized Sun Glasses
- Corrective Eyewear
- Fully equipped Vest & Gear
- Light Gloves/Fingerless gloves
- Reading Material
- Laptop Computer





# The Gear up Here

Everybody has a personal preference when it comes to their angling gear. We recommend you use what suits you best! However, it would be a shame to let 20 years of experience on Eagle River go to waste, so here is a summary of what we find really works well.



**Rods:** The Salmon and Grilse that run Eagle are a very strong strain of fish, and the winds sweeping through the river valley can put your casting skill to the test. We recommend 8 and 9 weight rods, 8 ½-10 feet length. Preferably 4 pc for easy

transportation.

**Reels:** Reels are very much up to personal preference. We recommend medium to large arbor with a sturdy disc drag system. There are some challenging waters on Eagle where you may need to put the brakes on your salmon to avoid white water, and boulders! Your reel should be able to hold a minimum of 100yds 20lb backing, plus floating line, 7-9 ft leader and tippet.

**Line:** A weight forward or double tapered floating line to match your rod is most common. Minimum of 100yds backing, 150-200 recommended should you strike that monster fresh out of the ocean! Leaders and tippets are also very much personal preference. 0X and 1X pre-tapered leader is quite popular, as well as leaders tied together from three different weights of Maxima or similar leader material.

## The Fly Box

Our tried and true top flies

- Smoker
- Blue Charm
- Brown Bomber
- Green Machine

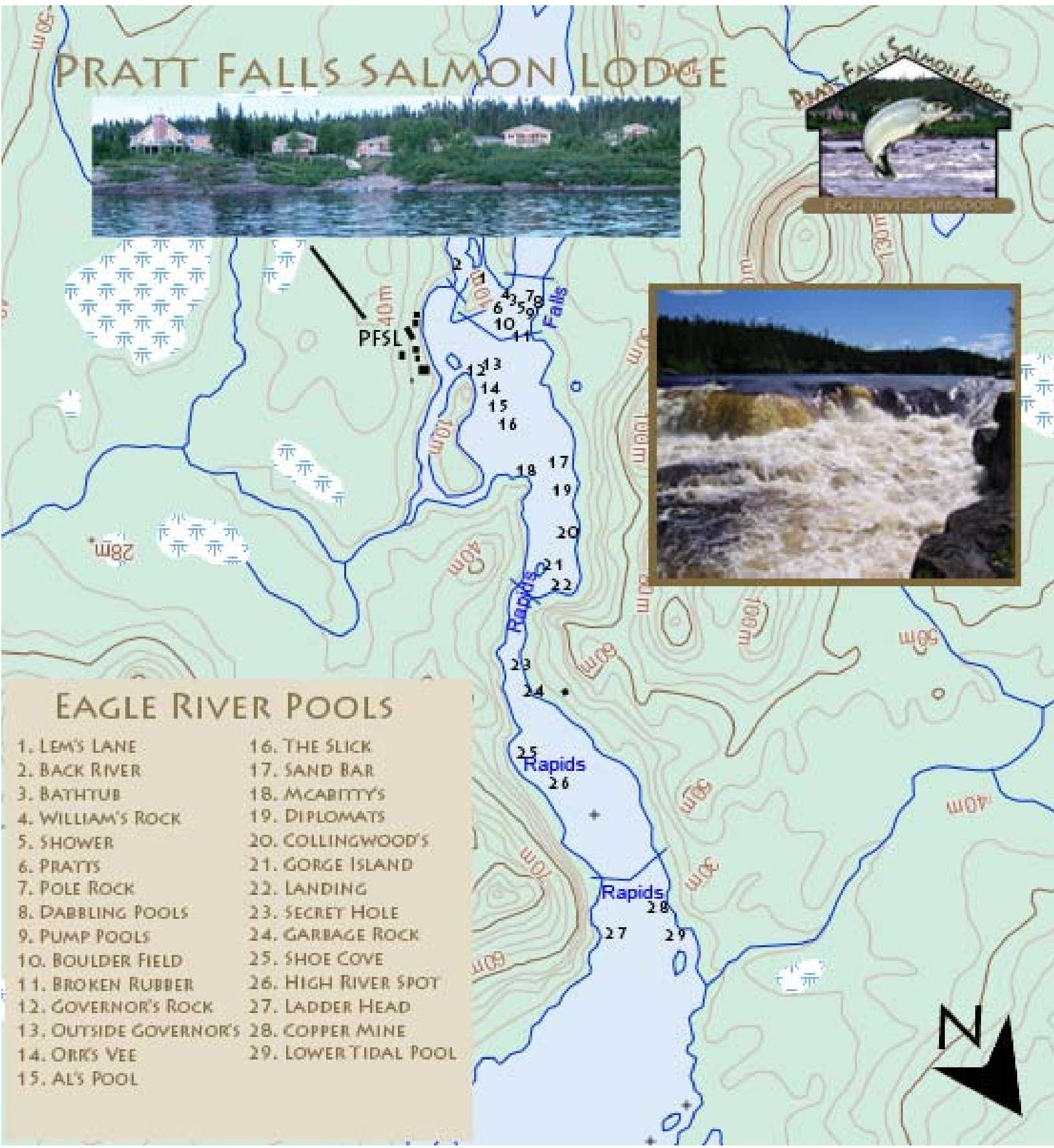
- Undertaker
- Black Bear green butt
- Green Highlander
- Orange Puppy

Be sure to bring some of your own favorites to try on the Eagle River salmon! Flies are available to purchase at the lodge.





# Pool Map



## EAGLE RIVER POOLS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. LEM'S LANE          | 16. THE SLICK        |
| 2. BACK RIVER          | 17. SAND BAR         |
| 3. BATHTUB             | 18. MCABITTY'S       |
| 4. WILLIAM'S ROCK      | 19. DIPLOMATS        |
| 5. SHOWER              | 20. COLLINGWOOD'S    |
| 6. PRATTS              | 21. GORGE ISLAND     |
| 7. POLE ROCK           | 22. LANDING          |
| 8. DABBING POOLS       | 23. SECRET HOLE      |
| 9. PUMP POOLS          | 24. GARBAGE ROCK     |
| 10. BOULDER FIELD      | 25. SHOE COVE        |
| 11. BROKEN RUBBER      | 26. HIGH RIVER SPOT  |
| 12. GOVERNOR'S ROCK    | 27. LADDER HEAD      |
| 13. OUTSIDE GOVERNOR'S | 28. COPPER MINE      |
| 14. ORR'S VEE          | 29. LOWER TIDAL POOL |
| 15. AL'S POOL          |                      |