

### **The Lodge: Northern Spirit...**

...owned and operated since 1994 by Greg Petryk, a third generation Cranberry Portager ( *Grampa came here when the rocks were still warm!*), and his wife Michelle, a Flin Flon girl who came south *'cause the fishing was so good.* They know the lakes, the area, and the fishing. So just name your fish and they'll get you to the right spot.

### **The Lake: Athapapuskow...**

...Athapap for short. Huge. Deep. Clean. Clear. It's the ideal northern Manitoba lake. Athapap is about 52 km long, 10 km wide, and can reach depths of 200 feet. Shore lunch sites are plentiful, beaches are everywhere, and the fishing is great. The lake supports an amazing sport fishery, with Walleye, Northern Pike, Perch and world-class Lake Trout - the record Lake Trout caught in Athapap was 63 pounds!

### **The Town: Cranberry Portage...**

...has always been known as 'the carrying place'. Cranberry is a small town built on a sandy ridge (we can thank the last glacier for all of our sandy beaches), nestled between the Grass River (reknowned canoe route and excellent fishing) to the west and Lake Athapapuskow to the east. Cranberry has a gas station, convenience store, grocery store and restaurants.

### **The Region: Greenstone...**

...where limestone meets granite. We're on the dividing line between the limestone karst topography of the Manitoba Lowlands (complete with marble quarries, caves and bat hibernacula) and the granite of the Boreal Shield (with its huge, deep lakes, miles of rivers and rugged beauty). It's spectacular. Trust us!

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# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Where are you?**

Northern Spirit Lodge is located on the southern shore of Lake Athapapuskow, Manitoba, one kilometre south of Cranberry Portage. We're just off of #10 Highway. (quick trivia: #10 starts in Brownsville, Texas and ends in Flin Flon, Manitoba)

## **Do you have running water?**

Each unit has modern waterworks; kitchen and bathroom sinks, flush toilets and showers.

## **Can I bring my own boat?**

Heck yeah! We have our own boat launch and a brand-new dock.

## **And what if we want to do something besides fish?**

You could go to the drive-in at Big Island, hike, go quadding, or go canoeing...from Northern Spirit Lodge, you can put your canoe in the water and paddle to Churchill Manitoba by 3 different historical fur trade routes, or go to Edmonton, or south to the Gulf of Mexico. Day trips abound on all of our local lakes. Cranberry has an aboriginal art gallery, with an artists in residence program. It's safe to say we can find you something to do!

## **Can I get a guide?**

Guides are available on a daily rate, but please make your request when you make your booking, so we have time to make arrangements.

## **What do I need to bring?**

Warm clothes for cool weather, cool clothes for warm weather, and rain gear. A hat, sunscreen, bug spray and mosquito coils. Coffee for the coffee maker, sugar and flour. And don't forget your fishing gear.

## **What if I forget something?**

Cranberry Portage has a hardware and grocery store, gas station, convenience store etc. Flin Flon is a short drive away with a Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire and Extra Foods.

## **What are the accommodations like?**

We have six fully-modern, clean, light-housekeeping units which sleep 2-6 people comfortably. Each unit is equipped with a modern kitchen. Each unit has a refrigerator, stove, toaster, coffee maker, utensils, plates, glasses, dish soap, salt and pepper, etc. Towels, sheets, blankets and pillows are supplied.

## **Do you have boats for rent?**

Yes we do, on a daily basis. We have 18' Lunds, with 25-35 hp motors. Paddles, anchors and life jackets are supplied. Gas is available for purchase on site.

## **Do you sell fishing gear?**

Yes. We have tackle, fishing licenses, bait, gas. And souvenirs too!

## **What if I don't want to fish Athapap?**

Well then, we'll fish somewhere else. We're blessed with water. The Cranberry Lake chain and the Grass River Provincial Park are just a short drive away, plus there are many more lakes too numerous to mention.

## **I'm sorry, did you say a 63 pound Lake Trout?**

Yes we did. In fact the 63 pound laker taken from Athapap was the world record for quite a few years.

