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4. How big are the fish and how many can I catch?

We have an abundance of fish on both Graham and Duncan lakes. Our guests regularly reel in Northern Pike up to 50 inches, Grayling up to 22 inches and Lake Trout in the 35 lbs range.

Northern pike are best caught in the early summer just after ice out and the spawn has been completed. You will often find them in the shallow bays waiting in ambush for their prey. This is the best time as you can hunt for the big ones and watch the aggressive pike smash the top water lures at every opportunity. Pike are a lot of fun for the fly fisher persons as the pike will generally “stalk” their prey and take a streamer that is fished on top of the water. Later in the year they disburse into deeper or flowing water looking for larger forage such as suckers and grayling. The pike are less concentrated but still can be caught in the shallow bays on sunny days. We have two rivers and several smaller lakes that we fish for the pike. Spend a day catching these fish and you will be amazed how fast the day goes by. Expect to catch lots and big ones too!

The average weight for a Lake Trout in early summer in the 5 to 7 pound range, with many caught in the 10 lb to 20 lb range. In the fall the lake trout fishing gets even better with the average lake trout caught is about 2 lbs heavier than in the early summer. The current Lodge record is 47 lbs caught in July 2002. In September, you may even catch a glimpse of spawning trout after dark in the channel between the 2 lakes. You will see hundreds of spawning pairs so thick that you could almost walk across their backs. It is fun to take a flashlight or under a full moon watch these fish as they go through there reproduction phase.

Walleye average 3 lbs but catches of up to 10 lbs have been recorded. These are the farthest north walleye found in Canada. The cold lakes and short growing season have limited the walleye growth, but catches of up to 100 fish per person have been recorded. These are easy fish to catch and all you need is a rubber tail jig or minnow tipped hook and you will be assured to catch a satisfactory number of walleye. Pike are generally mixed in with the walleye so be prepared to lose a few pike due to their teeth gnashing the line. Generally we do not use wire leaders for walleye, but if you have to tie on some heavy mono to prevent the pike from taking you bait.

Grayling is the other popular sport fish in the lake. Often found in the McRae River and the channel at the Lodge these fish will rise to a fly or pursuer a small spinner. Grayling are found on the lakes in rocky areas and are pound for pound the fiercest fighting fish in the lake. Use ultra light spinning gear or fly fishing gear to catch these beautiful sailfish of the North. Early summer is the best time to catch these fish, but you can catch these fish all summer long.

It is not un-common to for a person experience daily catches of 20 to 30 trout per person. Top that off with another 20 pike and a 6 grayling you will have a fine day of fishing at Yellow Dog Lodge.



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We're happy to take you for shore lunch but we encourage catch and release. Let them go and let them grow. You will have even more fun catching them again next year when they are bigger.