

IT'S ALMOST FISHING DAY!



Getting to Gimli (from Winnipeg):

Take Highway 8 North of the Perimeter and make your way to Gimli, Manitoba (approximately a 50-minute drive from the perimeter). Off Hwy 8, turn RIGHT onto Gimli Park Rd, then LEFT onto Hwy 9. Next, turn RIGHT down Centre Street towards the Lakeview Hotel. Turn LEFT on 1st ave and turn RIGHT past the community library. This will bring you to the beach area and onto the cleared snow road. You may want to take the opportunity to use a proper washroom in town before hitting the ice (Gas stations, or other).

GETTING TO THE SHACK

If you are taking a lesson or have an All-Inclusive booking, your educator/guide will meet you on shore and guide you to the shack. Text when you arrive in Gimli.

If you have an AWD or 4x4 vehicle with good clearance, you should be fine to drive to the shack. Its location was chosen for accessibility. It is located a few meters off of the main "Ice Road" and 500m from the launch. If you are uncomfortable driving on the ice, expect a 10-minute walk. The shack is amongst several others and the main ice road is regularly maintained by the municipality.

Remember to drive slow (20km/h max) and always remove your seatbelts. Once at the shack, park off of the road so others can get around you. It's a good idea to back-in for easier access getting out.

Be prepared:

Note that snow and road **conditions change quickly** on any lake, especially on Lake Winnipeg (aka Big Windy). Snowdrifts happen quickly, so it's a good idea to bring along a shovel and tow rope *just in case*. For "All Inclusive Rentals" – these are on hand along with booster packs and other safety equipment.

Make sure that your vehicle's AWD or 4x4 system is engaged (many vehicles DO NOT do this automatically – contrary to popular belief). If you get stuck, do not panic. Try rocking back and forth and check to see that your **anti-slip button is turned OFF**. Remember to turn it back on once you are free. Getting stuck is not likely where the shack is located, however, IT CAN HAPPEN.



If you are concerned about getting stuck, it is better to park the car in a place where there is no drifting and walk the remainder of the way.

At the Shack:

For “Shack-Only” type rentals, there is a lockbox located on the EAST side of the shack. **A code will be texted to you.** Use the key to unlock the padlock. You are encouraged to replace the key in the lockbox immediately to ensure it doesn’t get lost. Simply close the padlock when you are ready to leave at the end of the day.

Your rental is from dawn to dusk. No one allowed in the shack after sunset.

Text Rosie when you arrive and when you leave: 204-918-2226

“OFF THE BEATEN TRACK” Snowdog Adventures



Our educator/guide will meet you in the Lakeview Hotel Parking lot. You will see the Prairie Gal Fishing trailer parked in the lot. You can **leave your vehicle** here for the day. Pack your own lunch, or let us know ahead of time and we can provide one for you (for an added cost). All of the equipment required for a day of fishing, including safety equipment is provided. **You will be fishing in a tent, not the shack.**

Dress Warmly depending on your chosen fishing destination that you select with the help of your guide, you may be travelling for a bit of time on the snow and lake. PrairieGal has two Snowdog Machines. One for the guide who will tow the equipment. The second is for the participants, you can take turns driving and towing each other.

The Snowdog has a top speed of 15mph (24km/h) that’s about the speed of a bicycle. Helmets are not required nor provided, but you may choose to bring your own if you’d like. You will be encouraged to wear Goggles or sunglasses and it is a good idea to cover exposed skin. You will essentially be creating your own wind-chill factor. Once arrived at your chosen location, you will get a bit of exercise, learning to auger holes and setting up the tent. Then, relax and catch some fish by the warmth of a propane heater.

You will be back at your car before dusk. Enquire about stay and fish packages for **discounted hotel rates.**

FAQ

Do I need a license?

Yes, you do. Licenses can easily be obtained online. They vary in cost depending on age, status and residency. You may choose a conservation license or a full license. See the attached PDF for details or go directly here to purchase and print your angling license.

<https://www.manitobaenergylicensing.ca/licensing.page>

What to expect?

The ice is thick enough to support large trucks, so don't be afraid of falling through! Ice will naturally expand and contract, so you will hear some noises as vehicles drive by. It can be alarming if you haven't experienced this before. This is part of the on-ice experience.

The shack is a comfortable space (7'x16'), it is well appointed and equipped with a wood stove. Ten-inch (25cm) holes are dug through the floor of the shack and down through the ice.

Firewood, kindling, fire starters and matches are provided. There is no electricity, but there is fantastic satellite reception for your phone. There are padded stools to sit on, coat hooks and a small counter to put your belongings. The fire will be going, you will be able to remove your mitts and tuque and most days, your jacket as well. **Wear warm footwear.**

NOTE – For “All Inclusive” rentals only: all equipment, bait and tackle will be provided and a 12v power outlet is available to charge devices or provide power to other electronics.

What if I need to pee!?

Yup. It is the most frequently asked question!

The shack is custom designed with a potty stall with a locking door. Alternatively, you are welcome to use the great outdoors or to make your way back to town. At our location, TP is disposed of in the toilet and packed out, hand sanitizer is provided for you. You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to go in town before hitting the ice, especially for #2!

Snacks and bevs

Sanitary wipes and disinfectant are on hand to sanitize hands, high touch surfaces and food prep areas. You are of course welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks. There is a small pot that you are welcome to use on the wood burning stove. Paper cups, an assortment of teas and coffee are there for your enjoyment. Dish soap and hand cloths are provided. Please do not deep-fry in the shack.

DO NOT DUMP ANYTHING down the fishing holes.

Alcohol is not allowed. The shack and lake are considered public spaces. You can incur a fine. Please abide by this regulation.

Shack Rules

1. HAVE FUN, BE SAFE, FEEL EMPOWERED
2. Follow provincial fishing guidelines. Forgot to get your license? Buy it online here: www.manitobaelicensing.ca
3. Get the fire going, there is kindling, fire starters and matches for you. Keep the stove door closed once the fire is going.
4. The hand auger is for your convenience. Feel free to make additional holes outside.
5. The red tray-tables are meant for ice flashers (not butts)
6. Place slush from the holes in a bucket provided (also great for holding fish).
7. **NO SMOKING** (of any substance in the shack), dispose of your butts properly
8. Pee in the potty, go into town for #2
9. **Caught a fish? Great!**
 - Take a photo and be sure to tag PrairieGal_Fishing!
 - Caught a Master? We will commemorate it on the Braggin' Wall!
 - There is a cutting board, filet knife and Ziplocs for your convenience. Of course, we encourage Catch Photo Release (CPR).
 - Use a garbage bag and DISCARD guts at the boat launch garbage.
 - If you have bled the fish in the bucket, please pour the water away from the shack and rinse the bucket thoroughly for the next person.
10. Please do not dispose of anything in the shack holes (drinks, food, garbage, etc).
11. Ready to go? **Put everything back as it was for the next guests. Wipe down high touch surfaces with spray provided (door knobs). Clean cutting board and knife thoroughly.** I will take care of the potty bag and garbage, but feel free to dispose of them if you would like to lend a hand!
12. It's ok to leave some coals burning. Just make sure the fire door is shut tight.
13. Lock the shack door behind you, replace key in the lockbox. Make sure windows are closed and hole covers are replaced.
14. Take home some great memories and share them with us! Drive Safe!

