

Providing Anglers The Unique Opportunity To Enjoy World Class Fishing

In my book, fishing is always an adventure. The term "adventure fishing" was coined by outfitter Chad Thompson of Pasha Lake Cabins in an effort to explain the unique fishing opportunities available in the Beardmore Ontario area. Last spring I spent a few days at Thompson's camp and got a first hand opportunity to see Thompson's version of "adventure fishing".

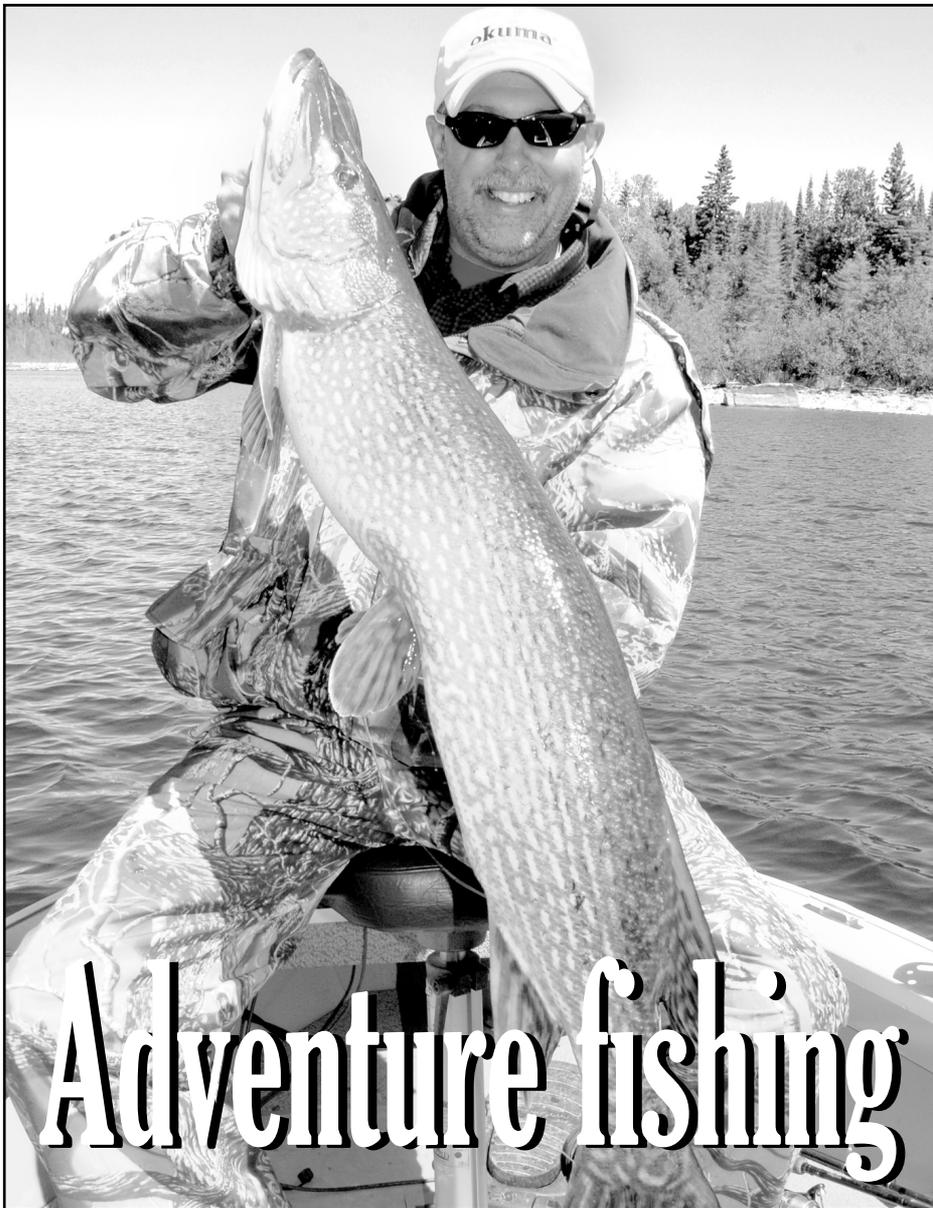
"The fishing opportunities we offer at Pasha Lake Cabins aren't traditional," says Chad Thompson. "Anglers visiting our area don't have the luxury of walking down to the dock, jumping in a boat and heading out to fish. All our fisheries are "remote" access and require some sweat equity to enjoy."

There are a number of ways to access the countless lakes in the Beardmore area. Some lakes can be reached with a 4X4 pickup trailing a small boat. Others require a quad or amphibious vehicle like the Argo to access.

Thompson has boats stashed at dozens of lakes that provide outstanding walleye, northern pike, lake trout and brook trout action. His customers only need to provide their own fishing tackle, portable sonar and an off road vehicle capable of traversing some often very rugged trails.

"The more remote a lake is and the more difficult it is to access, the better the fishing anglers can expect," says Thompson. "Honestly, many of the lakes we service provide fishing action on a par with the best fly-in destinations!"

Adventure fishing can and does provide anglers the unique opportunity to enjoy world class fishing action, without the world class price tag. Just getting to the water can and often is an adventure



worth the price of admission!

Walleye

Within a 30-45 minute ride anglers visiting Pasha Lake Cabins can choose from dozens of lakes teaming with walleye. Some of these lakes are chuck full of 15-18 inch walleye perfect for the frying pan. Other lakes have fewer walleye, but a real chance at catching the trophy of a lifetime.

Casting jigs, drifting and drag-

ging jigs or trolling bottom bouncer equipped with spinner rigs are the primary methods used to catch walleye. Crankbait trolling can also be effective at times. Anglers need to come equipped with a good quality graphite spinning rod for jigging. A one or two piece 6'-6" medium action rod is ideal for jig fishing opportunities. Match this rod up with a 20 or 25 series spinning reel and 10 pound test super braid line.

A second walleye rod suitable

for drifting and trolling is also essential. A medium action seven foot baitcasting rod matched to a round baitcasting reel and 200 yards of 12 pound test monofilament is ideal for fishing either bottom bouncers or trolling crankbaits.

Northern Pike

The lakes in the Beardmore region are among the best trophy pike waters in all of Ontario. This region is far enough from the major population centers in the states that lakes here see very light angling pressure. Unfortunately, lakes that see lots of anglers rarely produce big pike, plain and simple.

Big pike can be targeted with a variety of lures including oversized jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, spoons, diving crankbaits, bucktails and jigs rigged with soft plastics. A medium heavy action baitcasting outfit with 50 pound test super braid line is the ideal pike combo. For years I've targeted big pike using a 7'-6" flippin' stick that bass fishermen have made famous. I favor a round style baitcasting reel with a line capacity of at least 200 yards of 20# test.

For those anglers who aren't comfortable with baitcasting gear, heavy action spinning tackle is just as effective. In order to find a spinning outfit heavy enough to handle big pike lures, shop the saltwater catalogs. A seven foot rod with a heavy or extra heavy action is perfect for pike casting and trolling. Match this rod up with a 30 or 40 series spinning reel capable of handling 200 yards of 40-50 pound test super braid line.

Pike are going to be found in shallow water (less than 10 feet) and in close proximity to submerged weed cover until the surface temperature starts to creep into the upper 60 degree range. At this point, pike start to abandon the shallows. Points that taper into deep water, shorelines with deep water access and shoals with



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