



Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company Guided Smallmouth Trips

About Our Guide Service:

Tight Lines has been running guided drift boat trips for smallmouth bass since 2001. Our experienced and knowledgeable guides strive to offer the absolute best fishing experience possible. Regardless of skill level, our guides will ensure that you have an absolutely enjoyable day on the water.

Booking Your Trip:

Guide trips are reserved by calling Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company at (920) 336-4106, or in person at the fly shop. The trip rate is \$450 per day. This price is for one or two anglers and does not include guide gratuity. A \$100 deposit is required at the time of booking. This deposit is non-refundable, unless the guide cancels the trip due to extenuating circumstances (usually weather related). If you have to cancel your trip and it is done more than 30 days in advance, you may apply the deposit to a future trip.

At the time of booking, a specific guide may be requested and, if available, will be assigned to you. If not, an available guide will be assigned and will contact you 5-7 days prior to your trip. At that time, you will discuss when and where you will meet, what to bring, dietary needs (if any), and any other questions you may have.

Accommodations:

The Grand Motel

<http://www.thegrandatpembine.com/>

N18379 US Hwy 141

Pembine, WI 54156

715-324-5417 or thegrandatpembine@gmail.com



The Grand Motel is located in the waterfall capital of Wisconsin. There's so much to do so close to the motel you will have trouble deciding what to do next. If you stay with us for your ATV or snowmobile trip leave the trailer parked. The ATV trail is right across the street and the snowmobile trail runs right beside the property. Trout less than a mile, Small Mouth Bass less than 10 miles and multiple lakes within a 15 minute drive. Not to mention the thousands of acres of public hunting land. If you are looking to stay in the center of it all, look no further. Reasonable rates and clean rooms await.

Longview Farm Vacation Rental

<http://longviewfarmvacationrental.com/>

N19786 Highway 141

Pembine, Wisconsin 54156

(715) 324-5288 or longviewvacationrental@gmail.com



The vacation home has wonderful views of sunsets and sunrises and is located well off of the highway in Pembine, Wisconsin. It's away from the traffic but near enough to town and the attractions in order to enjoy your stay. The vacation home is just a 25-minute drive to Iron Mountain, Michigan, or an hour and a half drive to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Pembine is conveniently located in the woods of Northeastern Wisconsin.

The Four Seasons Island Resort
<http://www.thefourseasonswi.com/>

N16800 Shoreline Drive
Pembine, WI 54156
(715) 324-5244 or (877) 324-5244



The Four Seasons is an absolutely beautiful resort, located right on its own island. Complete with a steakhouse, sports bar and grill, ice cream parlor, golf course and tennis courts, The Four Seasons offers just about any amenity you could want. Guides will pick you up and drop you off right at the front entrance, making this a perfect choice for most anglers.

Days Inn – Iron Mountain

**2001 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-2181**

Simple, clean and straightforward. Conveniently located near breakfast restaurants and dinner options. On the northern end of our guiding range, you may have to drive 10-15 minutes south to meet your guide if you'll be fishing the lower river.

Best Western Riverfront Inn

**1821 Riverside Ave.
Marinette, WI 54143
(715) 732-1000 (This hotel is used only if the guides specify to get lodging on the part of the river.)**

Local Restaurants:

**Paris In Pembine –
N18727 Sauld St
Pembine, WI 54156
(715) 324-6732**

One of our personal favorites, Paris in Pembine has amazing burgers, pizza, broasted chicken, pork and fish. Couple that with great cocktails and a friendly wait staff and you've got everything you need after a long day of fishing!



Pembine Family Restaurant-
N18770 US Highway 141-8
Pembine, WI 54156
(715) 324-5792

The best Northwoods breakfast in the area! Start your day with their famous biscuits & gravy, hearty pancakes or omelets.



Richards' of Dunbar
W11466 US Highway 8
Dunbar, WI
(715) 324-5444

Local hotel and supper club/bar. Just down the highway from Pembine, this is a great dinner option with a great reputation.

Newingham's Supper Club

722 Main St

Wausaukee, WI 54177

(715) 856-5966

On the way home for most anglers, Newingham's has fantastic burgers, sandwiches, salads and appetizers. Great beers on tap and easy parking.



Mary's Place-

N17480 US Highway 141

Pembine, WI 54156

Centrally located and right off the highway, Mary's has been around for a long time and for a good reason... Good old-fashioned Midwestern breakfasts and big portions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Included?

Tight Lines guided trips are “all inclusive”. All terminal tackle is provided, from rods and reels to flies, leaders, tippet, flies and instruction. Guides will provide lunch, which includes hearty sandwiches, fruit and vegetables, chips, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. There are no “hidden fees” with a Tight Lines guide trip.

What Should I Bring? What Should I Not Bring?

Several days prior to your outing, your guide will contact you to arrange a meeting time/place, as well as discuss with you what to bring, recommend flies (if you wish to tie or bring your own) and answer any other questions you may have. Please notify your guide at that time if you have any dietary needs and we'll do our best to accommodate these requests.

The following is required of all clients:

1. A valid Wisconsin fishing license. These can be purchased at our shop before the trip or on the [Wisconsin DNR webpage](#).

2. Polarized sunglasses or other eye protection.
3. Raingear and appropriate clothing (fast drying).
4. Sunscreen and Bug Repellent
5. Small Towel
6. Sandals or Shoes that can get wet (for getting in and out of the drift boats)
7. Camera
8. Personal Medication (if needed)

We are more than happy to give fly recommendations, but given the constantly changing feeding habits of our quarry, we'd advise that you contact your guide or call the shop for specific fly patterns and sizes.



What Size Rod and Reel Should I Bring?

We strongly recommend a modern graphite, 9' seven or eight weight fly rod paired with a weight-forward floating line. Although lighter rods can certainly be used for smallmouth bass, the size of our rivers, paired with the possibility of wind and large fish, makes sevens and eights the best choice. We urge anglers to quickly get fish to the boat so that they can be released safely. As far as reels, the lighter the better... Casting all day can take it's toll on your arms and a lighter reel will allow you to be more comfortable late in the day.

Do I Need to Make Reservations for a Trip?

Yes, we strongly recommend you make reservations. Many of our trips are booked 6 to 12 months in advance and on short notice we cannot guarantee that there will be availability.

How Do I Pay for the Balance of My Trip?

We accept cash, checks or major credit cards. You can call the shop before your trip to settle up, or stop by the shop anytime before your trip. Our guides can also take credit cards after your day(s) on the water.

What is Your Refund Policy?

We do not provide refunds if you have to cancel your trip. However, the deposit may be applied to another guide trip if the cancellation occurs 30 days or more before the trip date. If the shop cancels the trip (due to inclement weather or unusual water levels), you may request your deposit be refunded or applied to a future guide trip.

What If It's Raining the Day of My Trip?

As long as the weather isn't dangerous the day of your trip (lightning or flooding), rain will not cause a cancellation. Often times our best fishing occurs during periods of poor weather.

What Happens if the Weather Turns Bad During My Trip?

Safety is the primary concern of your Tight Lines guide. Summertime in Wisconsin can often bring dangerous weather with lightning, high winds and torrential rainfall. In the event of such weather, your guide will ask that you stop fishing and get off the water. These storms often pass quite quickly and you'll be back fishing as soon as it's deemed safe to do so.

Where Will We Meet the Day of My Trip?

That depends on where you will be floating. If you are staying at The Four Seasons or a motel nearby, your guide may pick you up right at the front door. If not, your guide will arrange a meeting place that will be easy to find. Many anglers start their day with breakfast at either Mary's Place or The Pembine Family Restaurant. If arranged beforehand with your guide, we can also meet you at either of these locations.

Where Will We Fish?

Our smallmouth float trips will take place on one of a few different rivers in Northeastern Wisconsin. The exact river can vary, based on preferable water levels, water temperatures or fishing trends.

What is a Reasonable Tip for my Guide?

A gratuity is customary in the fly fishing world, yet be that as it may, there is oftentimes confusion. We are routinely asked what an appropriate tip is for a guide. As a general rule of thumb, if you receive good service from your guide, take care of him. 20% is customary; however, if you feel the guide did an exceptional job, let the tip reflect that. Remember to bring some cash along to tip your guide!

How Many People Can Go In The Boat?

One or two anglers can fit in our drift boats, i.e. the guide plus one or two people. The price is for the boat, not by the angler, so it's the same price for one or two anglers. More than three people in a drift boat creates a crowded space and can be unsafe. If you were to have more than two anglers, you'd need to book a second boat. We often do two-boat trips, such as business outings or family trips. Our rivers are large enough that we can easily put two boats down the same stretch, keeping your group together.

Is There Anything I Can Do to Prepare For My Trip?

Most importantly, practice your casting or take a lesson with your local fly shop. Plain and simple – The farther you can cast and the more accurately you can cast, the more enjoyable your trip will be. You'll definitely have more fun if you're able to comfortably deliver the fly to where it needs to be! If you are unable to do this, however, all of our guides are excellent instructors with years of experience and lots of patience. After a short period of instruction, we'll have you casting to a range that will get you into fish!

How Long Does a Guide Trip Last?

Our guide trips typically run around eight hours (on the water). However, your day can run longer or shorter than this depending on weather, fish activity or angler preference. We say it all the time, but it truly is "your day". Our guides will never push you off the water because "your time is up", but if you're tired, have to travel or just want a shorter day, let your guide know and we'll gladly accommodate you!

How Many Fish Will I Catch?

There are a myriad of factors that can make this a difficult question to answer. However, it is a fair question to ask and one that we get all the time. There are of course no guarantees in fishing, but we would estimate that, in an average day, a pair of anglers would have shots at 15-40 fish. We've seen days with 75 fish and we've seen days with 5 fish, but these are the extremes. An average day will be somewhere in the middle. What we can guarantee is that you will be fishing some of the best and most beautiful smallmouth water found anywhere in the country. Our guides will work hard to put fish in the boat and ensure that you have a great day!

How Many Fish Can I Keep?

None. All Tight Lines guide trips are strictly catch-and-release outings. For the safety of the fish (as well as the anglers), hooks are to be barbless as well. We are not opposed to keeping fish. We are simply trying to minimize our impact on these trophy smallmouth waters that we regularly utilize for our guide trips. Many of the fish that you will catch are between 5 and 20 years old... Not easily replaceable. We at Tight Lines try to take care of them the best we can to ensure many years of exceptional angling to come.

If you have questions about any of these topics, or any other questions, please feel free to call the fly shop or drop us an email. We are here to help prepare you for your trip with us so that you can have the best experience possible!

Tight Lines,

Tim, Charlie, Bart, Nate, Michael & Drew

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