

# THE MUSKELLUNGE CLUB OF WISCONSIN



**2010 Summer Outing - 7/18-24**



**Lake of the Woods Overview**

**(Presented February 10, 2010)**

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# MUSKIES!!!



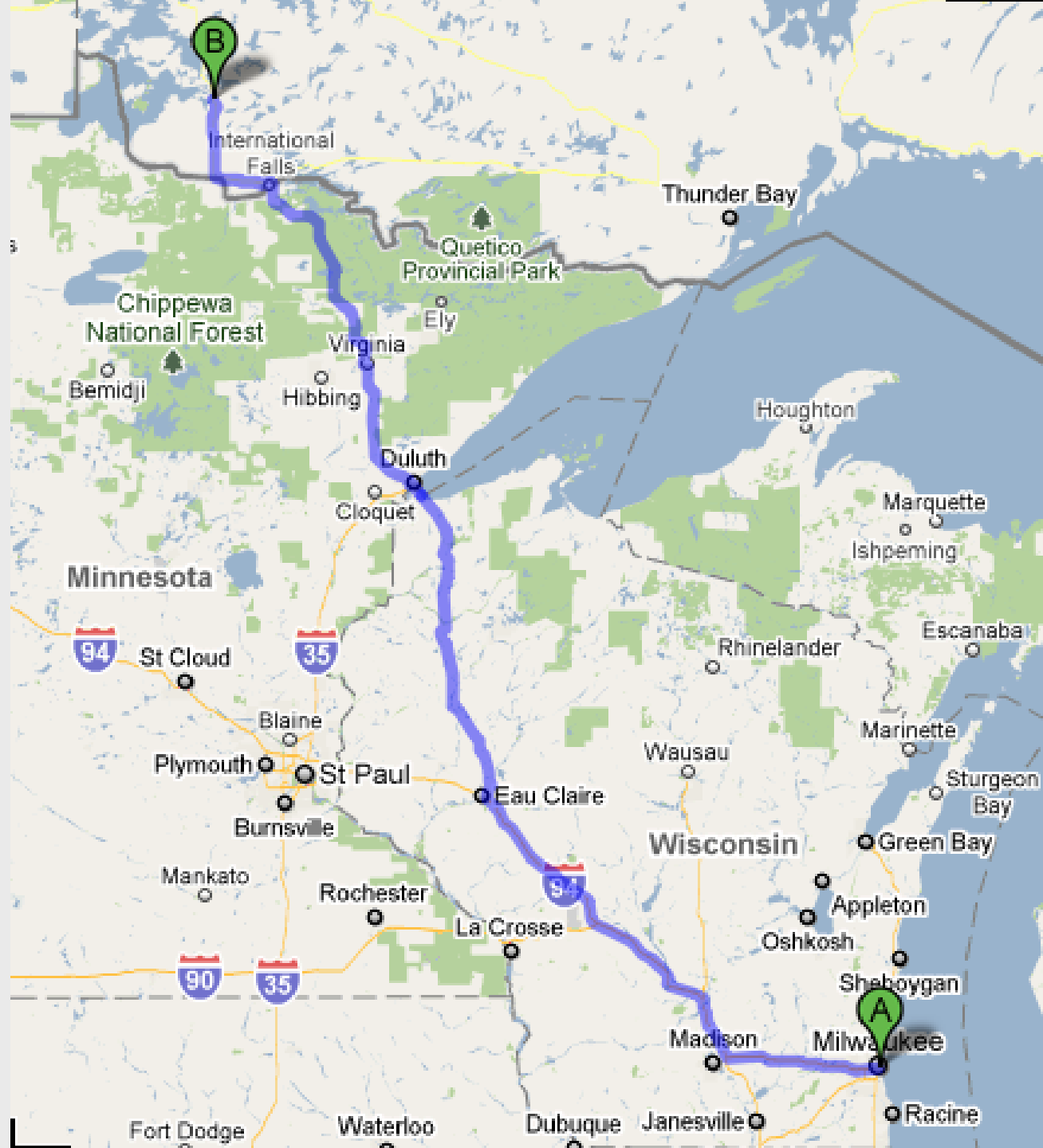
Getting to  
**Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp**

**617 miles**

**12 hours 25 minutes**

**Border Crossing  
Considerations**

- Get gas before entry
- Day/Time of crossing
- Passport
- Past DWI?
- Alcohol/tobacco



# Canada's Lake of the Woods!

- 3000 square miles!
- 1,000,000 acres of water!
- 14,000 islands!
- 65,000 miles of shoreline...

...and it ALL looks good!



**Kenora**

**Northern  
Region**

**Northwest  
Angle**

**Sabaskong  
Bay**

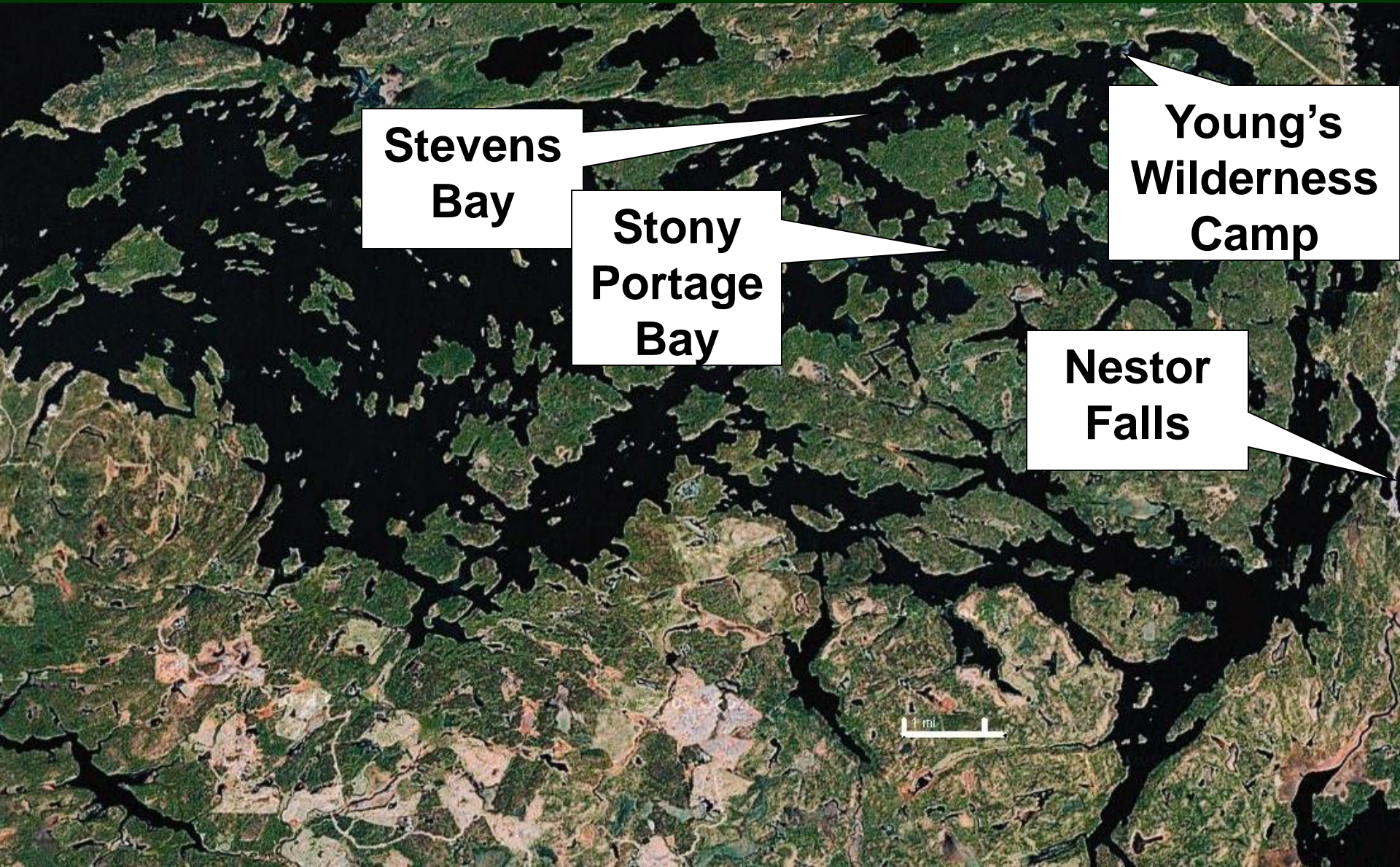
**Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp**

**Morson**

**Nestor  
Falls**

10 mi

# Sabaskong Bay



**Stevens  
Bay**

**Stony  
Portage  
Bay**

**Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp**

**Nestor  
Falls**

1 mi



# Stevens Bay



**Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp**

# Getting to Young's Wilderness Camp





Things to know about

# Young's Wilderness Camp

- 5 acre island tucked in Stevens Bay
- Sheltered from wind and weather
- Sunday 9am checkin time – red phone
- Air conditioned lodge – fans in cabins
- **Concentration on service!**

More things to know about

# Young's Wilderness Camp

- Personal touch to accommodate needs
- Docking your boat – gas available
- Handling your personal gear (trolley)
- Special dietary needs (if necessary)
- Group tours to help you get on fish
- Fish cleaning
- [www.youngswildernesscamp.com](http://www.youngswildernesscamp.com)
- [www.canadawelcomesyou.net](http://www.canadawelcomesyou.net)































# Access for other Nestor Falls resorts





# What can you expect?

- **A GREAT TIME!**
- **A Canadian wilderness experience**
- **Tons of great muskie spots**
- **Lots of follows (if you're alert)**
- **Remember: It's still muskie fishing...**
- **....with no guarantees**
- **Catching a muskie is a bonus!**

# D<sup>2</sup>'s Canada Muskie Stats

Year	Caught	Follows	Lost	Time on Water	GPS Mileage
1999	<b>0</b>	30ish?	<b>1</b> Heartbreaker	6 days	?
2001	8	43	0	6 days	?
2002	7	16	0	5 days	?
2005	6	<b>119</b>	0	88:00	370
<b>2006</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>93:30</b>	?
2007	9	51	1	8 days	?
2008	9	70	3	85:30	350
2009	8	53	5	83:35	338

# Lots of muskies in Lake of the Woods

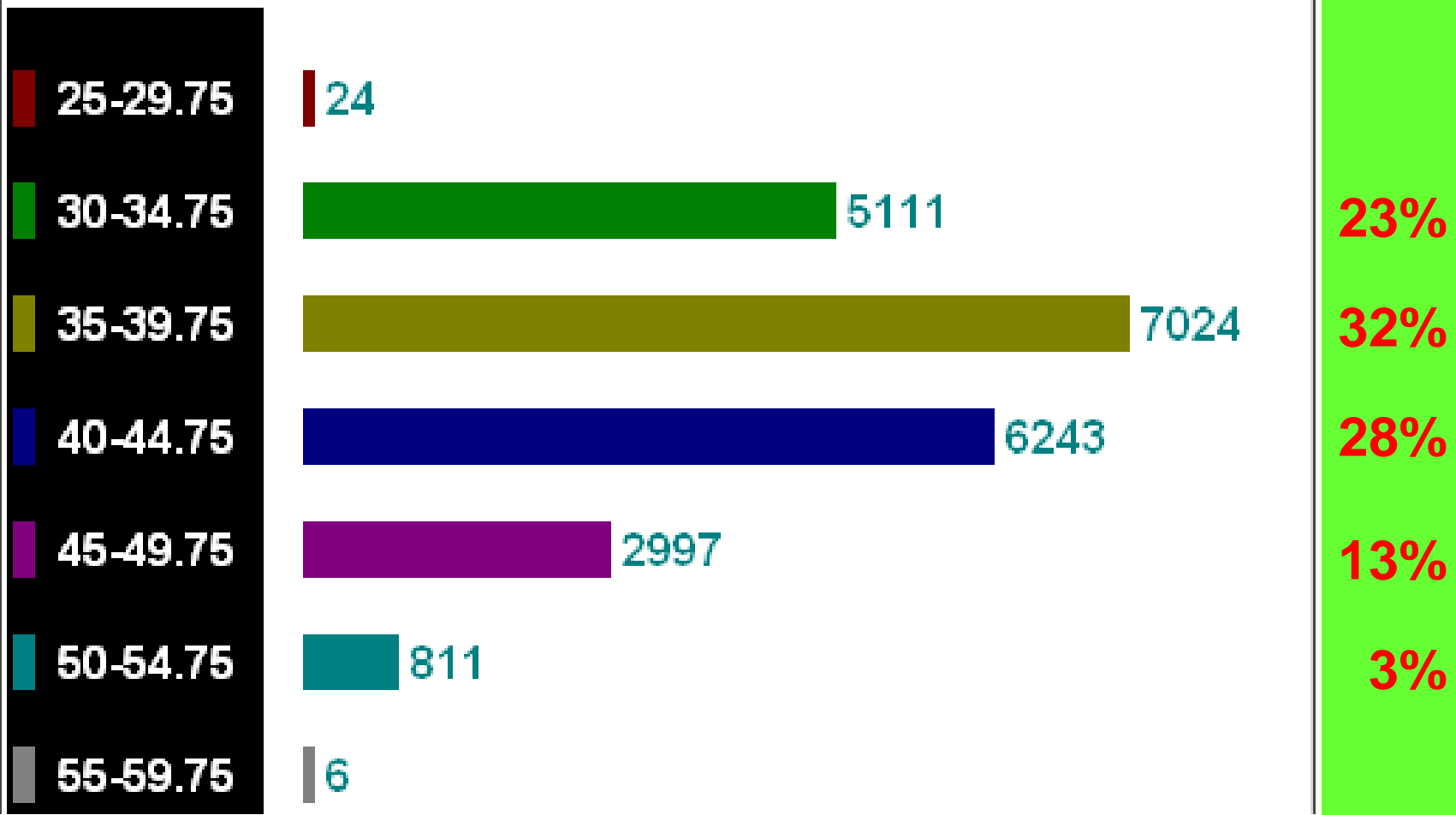


Lunge Log total (since 1970): 22,216!

4184 muskies from Pewaukee Lake

## 5 Inch Breakouts

Jan/18/2010 - 10:00 PM





**Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp**

**How big is it?**

**Let's compare**

**Stevens Bay**

**with**

**Pewaukee Lake**



**Chester  
Island**

1 mi



**So, where are all those muskies?**



# Sabaskong Bay



Young's  
Wilderness  
Camp

1 mi



**Muskies are  
REALLY close  
to camp!**

**•11 muskie  
releases within  
sight of the  
resort!**

**•Plus a smallmouth bass**

# #1 firetiger spinnerbait



# Rock 38



# #2 yellow Bulldawg



# #3 purple Surfin Eddie

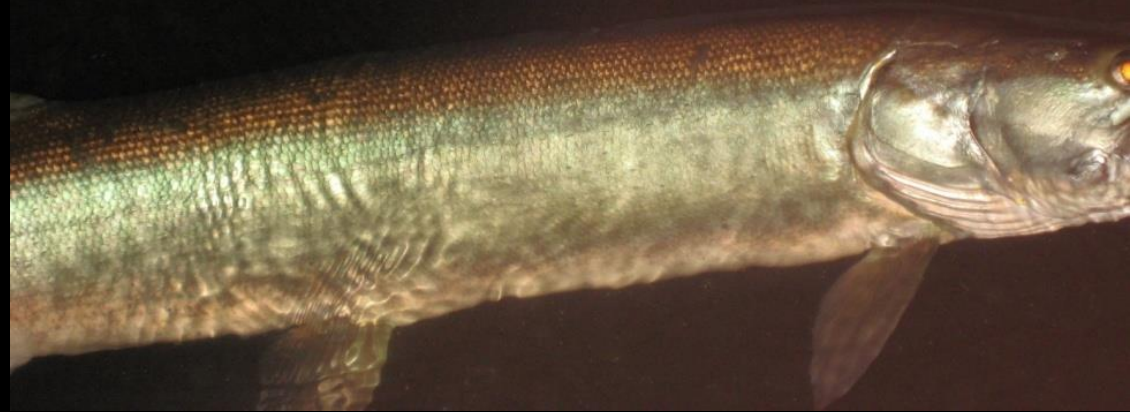


# Rock 38 Complex





# #4 Bumble bee (glow) Bulldawg



# #5 firetiger D2 Cowbell



# #6 Mike's first muskie



# #7 pike Bulldawgs



# #8 orange shallow Bulldawg



# #9 pike Bulldawg



# #10 yellow Big Joe



**19 inch  
smallie**





# Stevens Bay



**Camp**



# #11 green punisher

# #12 natural bucktail

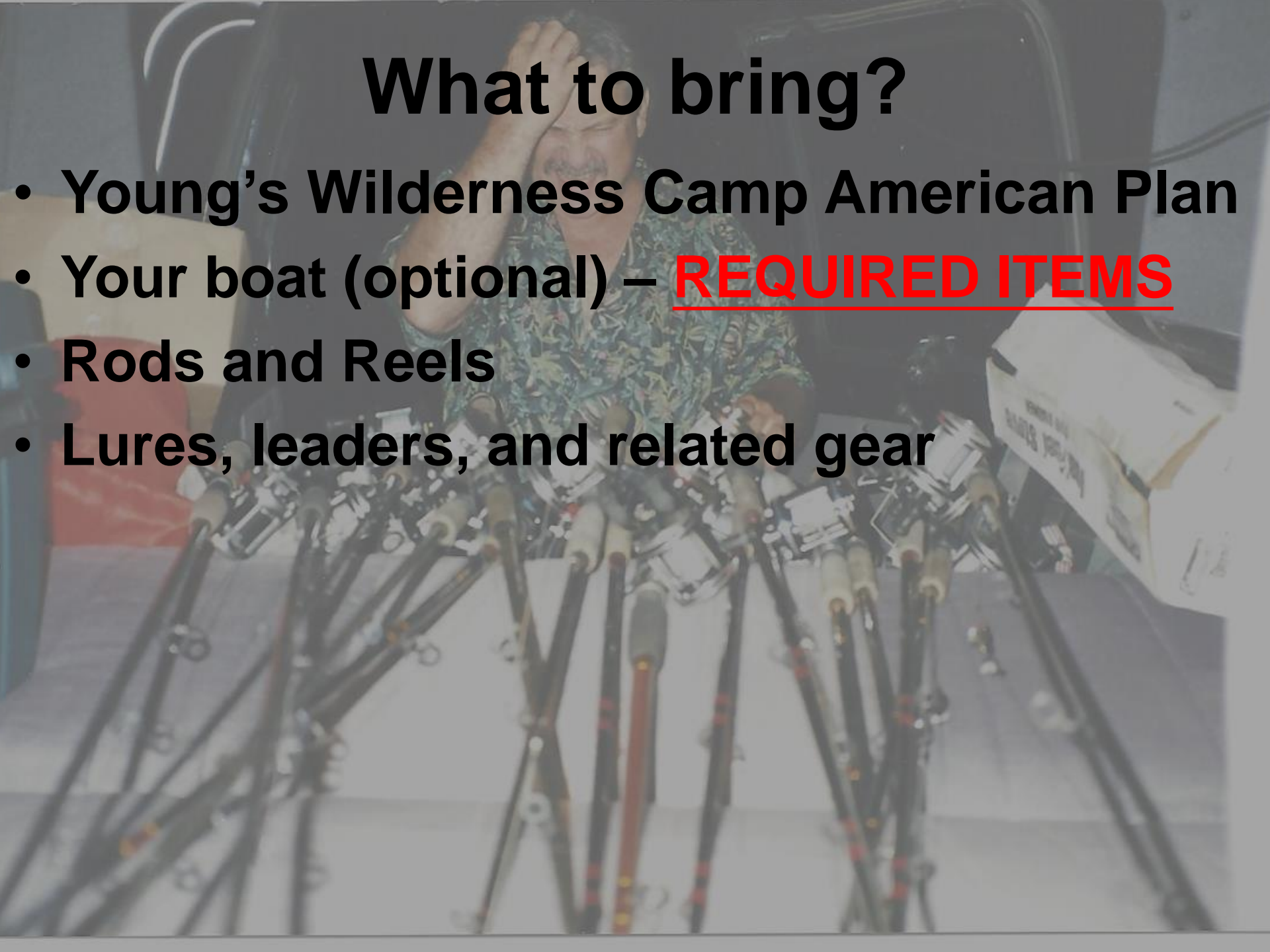


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- Young's Wilderness Camp American Plan
- Your boat (optional) – **REQUIRED ITEMS**
- Rods and Reels
- Lures, leaders, and related gear



# Musky Hunter Magazine's 10 For Canada (June/July 2009)



Twin-ten bucktail  
*Double Cowgirl*



Mid-range bucktail  
*Buchertail 700 series*



Willow-leaf bladed bucktail  
*Mepps Giant Killer Sassy Shad*



Spinnerbait  
*Bait Rigs WilloBeast*



Prop-style topwater  
*Stomper*



Side-to-side topwater  
*Jackpot*



Minnowbait  
*Salmo Skinner*



Glider jerkbait  
*Reef Hawg*



Diver jerkbait  
*Suick Muskie Thriller*



Soft plastic  
*Shallow Bull Dawg*

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- Net
- Release tools
- Maps
- Electronics (i.e. GPS, locator)

# What else to bring?

- **Clothes**
- **Rain gear**
- **Camera**
- **Cooler for the boat**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Insect repellent**
- **Allergy medications (i.e. Epi pen, etc)**





# More things to know

A man wearing a cap and sunglasses is fishing from a boat on a river with rapids. The boat is equipped with fishing gear, including rods and a bucket of lures. The background shows a rocky riverbank and a bridge.

- **Fishing license (conservation vs regular)**
- **Size limits/bag limits**
- **Taking fish home?**
- **July daylight: 5:00am-9:30pm (16.5 hours)**
- **Best times to be fishing**
- **Pace yourself – take breaks**

# Hazards

- **You and your partner – don't get hooked!**
- **Rocks**
- **Sun & Weather**
- **Dehydration**
- **Mosquitos & biting flies**
- **Running out of gas**
- **Being too serious**



# “Think” Patterns

- Weeds (cabbage / coontail)
- Rocks (Boulders vs bald face)
- Weed / rock combination
- Sandy
- Windy points / Calm spots
- Water temperature
- Wood and Downed trees
- Open water
- Cloudy / sunny
- Blades, hair, jerkbaits, topwater, etc.
- **Figure 8** EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

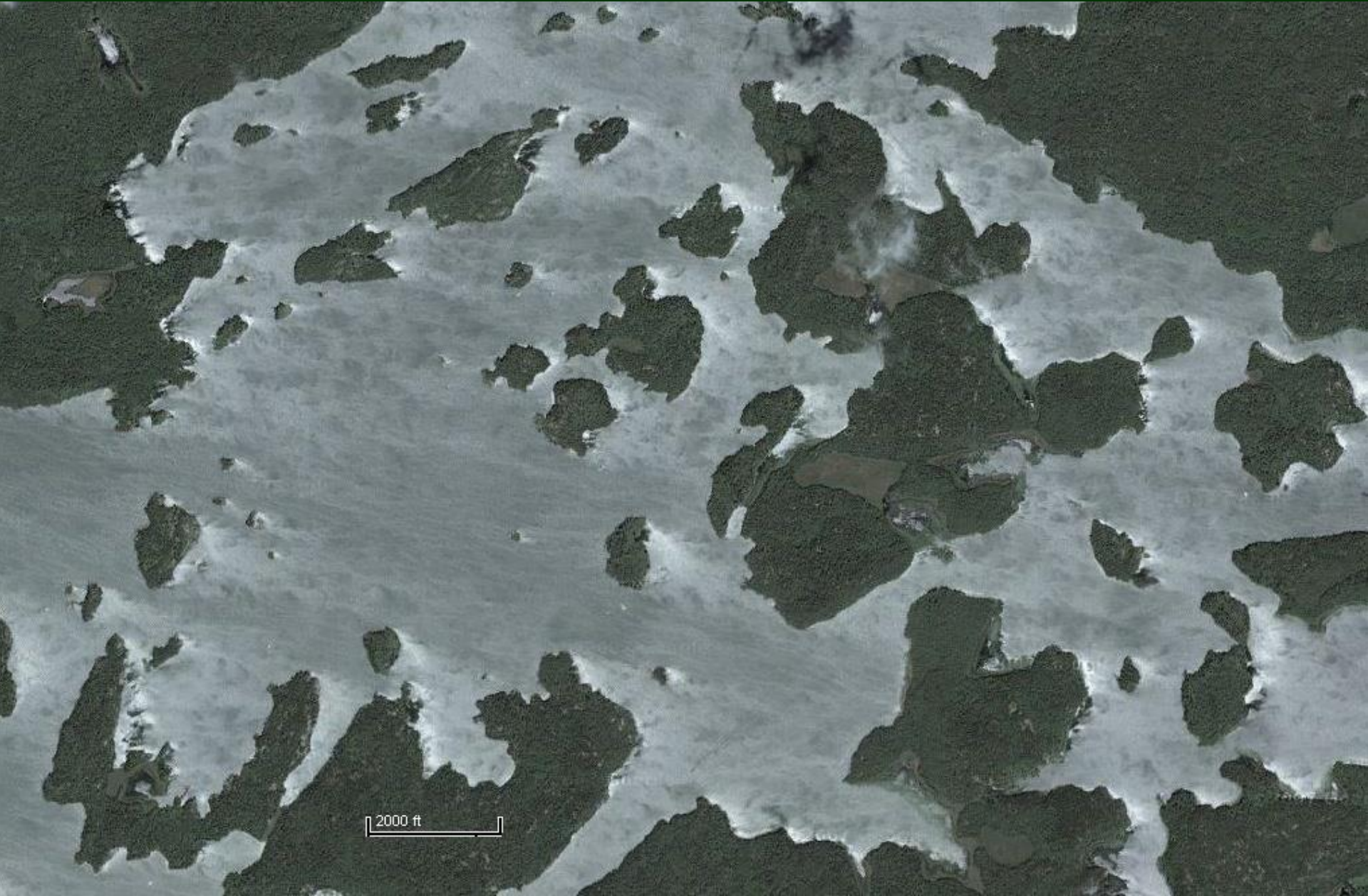
# Stevens Bay and Stony Portage Bay



# Stony Portage Bay



# Just outside Stevens and Stony



# North end of Sabaskong Bay



# Islands in Sabaskong Bay



1000 ft



# Things to do besides fishing

- **Portage to Whitefish Bay**
- **Exploring/scouting**
- **Swimming**
- **Shore lunch**
- **Relax – nap if you're tired**
- **Souvenir shopping (by car or by boat)**

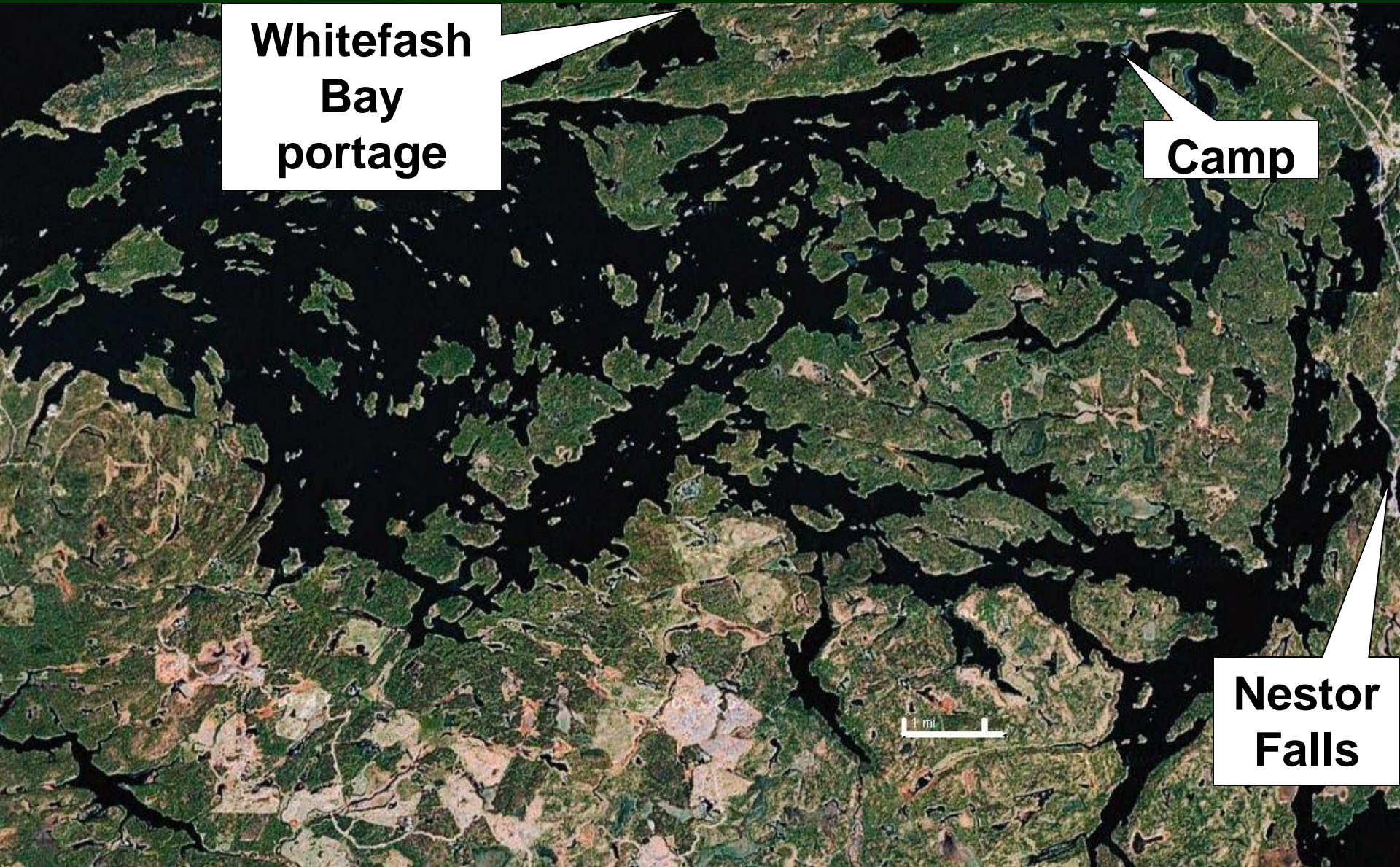
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**Whitefish  
Bay  
portage**

**Camp**

**Nestor  
Falls**

1 mi





# Homework

- Study maps and mark them up
- Study google maps satellite images
- Load LOTW maps on your GPS
- Attend muskie/sports shows
- Network with friends who've been there
- Read books
  - Muskies on the Shield – Dick Pearson
  - Muskie Murders – Ted Vogel
- Watch videos
- Sharpen hooks

A silhouette of a fisherman wearing a cap and jacket, holding a fishing rod, stands on the left side of the frame. The background shows a calm body of water reflecting the warm, orange glow of a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a dark line of trees. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

**Twelve hours**

**1826 casts**

**Two follows**

**One strike**

**Boy, I hope it's this good again tomorrow!**

# D<sup>2</sup>Bucktail Productions



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