

Canada

Bell II Lodge

A ticket to British Columbia

There are daily flights from most major airports to Vancouver B.C. The connecting flight takes you to either Terrace or Smithers, from where Bell II's shuttle van brings you to the Lodge (4 hours drive).

Book now!

September and October are prime months for Steelhead fishing at Bell II Lodge.

Prime Spot

Three of British Columbia's largest and most productive watersheds are accessible from the Lodge. The headwaters of the Nass River are located within an hour's flight from the resort. The Bell Irving River is a major tributary of the Nass and the home river of the Lodge. Access to this river is by jet boat, raft and walking. On many of the rivers there is little or no pressure from other fishermen.

Fresh fish

Steelhead are sea-run rainbow trout. They are in superb condition and vary in colour according to gender. Fresh run steelhead are completely silver, hence their popular name: "chromers". Steelhead are renowned as fighters, staging long, powerful runs and dramatic leaps in their attempt to break away from the angler. Steelhead on the Nass River average between 9-12 lb and will have sustained very little, if any fishing pressure at all before you arrive on the river.

Rod and reel

Single handed rod: 9-10 ft, 8-9 weight, both floating and sinking line with at least 150 feet (50 m) of backing on a sturdy fly reel with strong drag system.

Double handed rod: 12-16 ft, 8-10 weight, both floating and sinking line with at least 150 feet (50 m) of backing on a sturdy fly reel with strong drag system.

Fly patterns

Bring your favourite steelhead patterns, both wet and dry.

Steelhead in British Columbia's Wilderness
Thrilling fishing, remote location, spectacular scenery and first class Canadian hospitality are the keywords to Bell II Lodge. British Columbia is home to the highest number of wild steelhead rivers in the world. The Nass River hosts 10'000 – 15'000 Steelhead each season. Are you ready to challenge these magnificent, powerful fighters?



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Big average Steelhead

Steelhead can reach a weight of 30 lb and more. This particular run of steelhead on the Nass River averages 9-12 lbs with 15 lb fish quite regular and fish weighing 20 lbs are landed each season. Steelhead are renowned as fighters, staging long, powerful runs and dramatic leaps in their attempt to break away from the angler. Depending on water conditions and season you will have a chance to fish for Coho salmon and bull trout. Northern Coho average 6-8 pounds but 20 lb fish are no exception.

The Rivers

Bell Irving River is the most perfect fly water with pools typically 3-10 ft deep, relatively fast flowing and up to 400 yards (350 m) long. Most pools have shingle banks, making life very easy for the fly-fisher. The Bell Irving, like most fly-fishing rivers, has a wide variety of pools and runs. It has excellent holding pools and pools for moving fish. Wading conditions are excellent; although Spey casting is a major asset where the forest grows down to the water's edge. Snow covered peaks surround the narrow valley, which in autumn is a blaze of photogenic colour. Upper Nass River: The only way to gain access to this huge water system is by helicopter. We have located a number of

stretches of the main river and its many tributaries, which are ideal for catching the impressive Nass steelhead on fly. Anglers should be familiar with the use of double handed (Spey) rods or accomplished casters with single-handed rods. To be fished effectively, this river requires long casting and deep wading in parts.

The Lodge

Bell II Lodge offers the comforts of a first class lodge with a rustic touch of the Canadian wild. The Dining Room, Lounge

and Bar are the focal point for the unique fishing experiences shared by our guests. The Lodge's creative cuisine prepared with fresh ingredients by the chef will impress and satisfy the most demanding tastes. The cellar stocks a fine selection of wine and spirits. There is a full service bar and satellite TV. A pool table, darts and other games along with a small Library are also at the disposal of guests. The Sauna and Hot Tub, just a few steps away from your room, offer relaxation after a day's fishing.

