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**BIG SAND
 LAKE LODGE**

CANADA'S BEST FISHING LODGE OF THE YEAR!
 Manitoba, Canada



46" LAKE TROUT

JUST LIKE BEING IN HEAVEN

My dad and I have been taking fishing trips ever since I can remember. Over time, he's come to prefer fishing for Lake Trout. I'm a Northern Pike guy. Several years ago we were lucky enough to discover Big Sand Lake, a spot that is a perfect fishing destination for both of us.

We typically spend part of our day concentrating on the **monster Northern Pike** which inhabit so many of the bays and weed beds along the miles of shoreline of Big Sand. Big Pike are my passion. Then we take a break to catch **Walleye** for shore lunch. We sometimes catch as many as **fifty in an hour** even though we keep only two

or three for the skillet. Later in the day, we can devote ourselves to fishing for Lakers, something that always puts a smile on dad's face. Eight of the ten largest **Lake Trout** caught in Manitoba in 2015 came out of Big Sand with my dad landing the largest... plus numbers three, four and six on the list.

While catching big Pike is my first choice, I landed the **46" Lake Trout** pictured above on Big Sand this past fishing season. I used a bottom bouncer with a herring rig. We were fishing the sand bars in only 8- to 10-feet of water when the fish gave me a first

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FIVE-STAR MAIN LODGE FEATURING FULLY GUIDED AMERICAN PLAN PACKAGES

5- and 10-day packages and a direct flight from Winnipeg.

Plus, remote outpost camps on four lakes:

Chipewyan Lake • Wolf Lake • Jordan Lake • LeClair Lake

Trophy fishing:

- Northern Pike
- Lake Trout
- Walleye
- Arctic Grayling

Big game hunting:

- Spring & Fall Bear
- Fall Moose

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TAKE YOUR FATHER FISHING

Kim Frazier has gone fishing with his father, Rowland, since as early as he can remember. Rowland would pack Kim and his brother into the car and take off for a weekend family fishing trip. As the boys got older, father and sons switched over to fly fishing, and the trips became more ambitious—Montana and Wyoming, Florida, Alaska, even New Zealand.

Catching Northern Pike on a fly rod became a shared obsession of father and sons. Rowland, always meticulous in planning the trips, did his usual thorough research and announced that Big Sand Lake was an ideal destination for fly fishermen in pursuit of big Northerns. And Big Sand did not disappoint.



really surprised us was the way the Walleye also hammered our surface flies. I have never seen Walleye come up to the surface to grab flies as these did. Amazing!"

Kim and Roland spent every day on Big Sand fishing as many of the lake's bays as time allowed. They even went out after dinner to squeeze in just a few more hours on the water. "Dad is 86 now and hasn't slowed down a bit. We've got a trip planned to Florida this winter, and there may

"Our guide said we caught more big Pike on our fly rods than anyone else this year using what I call hardware equipment," said Kim. "And I know there are many, many more larger Pike in the lake waiting to be caught. However, what

be another New Zealand trip on the horizon. However, Big Sand and those big Pike are going to get another look at our flies very soon."

—Gary Cole



"I hope the season finished up well for you guys and all our friends on the Big Sand Lake staff. The boys and I had our best time ever at Big Sand Lake. And that's saying a lot! Of course, it was a first time up for Sam, but the third for Jake and myself. Cam and Dustin were great guides, and we will certainly request them on our next trip up. Let's talk soon about our next return. Between the Lakers, Pike, Arctic Grayling and even Walleye, we had 15 'Master Anglers' and, let me tell you, the boys can't stop talking about that!"

—Gordon Eanes
Atlanta, GA



Heaven/Keep coming back year after year

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bump. I tried to set the hook but, as so often happens with a predatory fish, he had just hit my bait to give it a knock. I quickly let out line, allowing my bait to stall. He hit a second and third time, bumping and swirling, before I was able to set the hook. Too many fishermen reel in after that first hit and then miss their fish.

Catching a big Laker in the shallows is not infrequent at Big Sand although most of the trout are down around forty feet. In Big Sand, there are so many fish that you might run into a trophy almost anywhere. I fish with 20-lb braided line using a medium to heavy

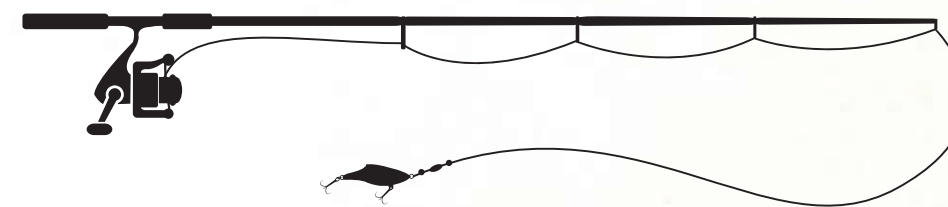
bait casting rod. I don't like really heavy tackle because I want to experience as much of the fish's fight as possible while still giving me a chance to land him. Then we take a photo, as we did with this one, and **release the fish** back into the lake.

For me, being at Big Sand is almost like being in heaven. It's very therapeutic, very rejuvenating. The food at the lodge is awesome. The staff is super friendly, and the cabins are very clean and comfortable. Plus our guide, Blair, like all the guides at the lodge, is terrific. Add it all up and that's why we keep coming back year after year.

—Nick Helble



If you haven't had the Big Sand experience, you haven't been to fishing heaven. Make the decision to come up and fish with us in 2017. Convince some friends or family to come along and share an unforgettable vacation, one that will refresh you, body and soul. Call Rick or Lynda now at 1-800-348-5824 to book your trip.



BIG SAND'S GUIDES ARE THE BEST

At 70 miles long and with hundreds of bays, you wouldn't want to try to fish Big Sand Lake without a guide; someone who knows the lake, who knows the best places and methods for catching the biggest fish. And fishing with a Big Sand guide makes your fishing experience so much better. He'll advise you on tackle; he'll help you land, photograph and release your trophy fish unharmed; he'll expertly prepare the tastiest shore lunch you've ever enjoyed; and he'll make certain you arrive back at the

dock in time to enjoy a cocktail before dinner and even take you back out on the lake in the evening for a few more hours of fishing, if you so desire.

Big Sand's First Nation guides are the best in the business. They pride themselves on their wilderness skills and their ability to consistently deliver a first-rate experience for our guests. And that goes for the rest of our staff as well; from our chef to the ladies who serve the meals and keep our cabins spotless.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Being at a remote lodge on a wilderness lake doesn't mean you're not going to enjoy some fine dining as part of Big Sand Lake Lodge's all-inclusive package. Your day begins with a pot of hot coffee delivered to your cabin by your guide. Then it's soon time for a full breakfast of your choice—eggs your way, bacon, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, muffins, cereal, oatmeal, juice and plenty more coffee or tea.



Shore lunch is the typical mid-day meal on the lake, but sandwiches can be substituted on request. Every evening in the lodge features a different dinner entrée—steak, chicken, pasta, chops—prepared by our expert chef and always accompanied by salad or soup and a tasty dessert. If you're still hungry, just ask. We'll make certain you don't go hungry while at Big Sand.



Daily FLY-OUTS

WE GUARANTEE YOU GREAT FISHING AT THE MAIN LODGE

For guests staying at our Main Lodge on Big Sand Lake, you'll have the option of flying to one of several remote fishing lakes for the day. Accompanied by your guide, you'll depart the floatplane dock at approximately 7:30 a.m. and return back to the lodge in time for supper. This is only an option, as we guarantee you great success fishing at the Main Lodge. The option to fly out with your guide for the day only adds to the memories of your fishing trip, and it is not something you need to do in order to be where the big ones are. If you've never been in a 1946 Norseman flying over the Canadian wilderness before, it's an adventure you'll never forget. Chupka Lake is accessible at the south end of LeClair Lake, and the Walleye and Pike action in these waters demands a day's visit. Longly Lake is a new lake and bound to produce many Pike and Lake Trout. Morand Lake is a 25-minute flight and a hot bed for trophy Lake Trout in June and July. Arctic Grayling enthusiasts will want to venture to the Seal River to experience fishing from a jet boat in the fast-moving waters for these precious trophies.

EVENING FISHING AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!

Now, how great is that?! Fishery biologists have concluded that fish don't stop feeding after 5 p.m. So here at Big Sand Lake Lodge we asked ourselves, "Why should our guests stop fishing?" Leaving the dock at 8 a.m. with your guide, you'll fish all day on Canada's premier catch and release lake. Returning to the lodge around 5:30 p.m., you'll be treated to hors d'oeuvres in the lodge and a complimentary cocktail at the bar. You may want to relax in your private log cabin or sit out on the deck overlooking the vast landscape of the Canadian north. Then head upstairs to our newly furnished game room for a game of pool, ping-pong, darts, or cards. After your home-cooked meal, which is served in our stunning dining room, you'll be approached by your guide asking you if a couple of hours of evening fishing are in your plans. Why not? After all, that's why you're here!

TOP 10 REASONS TO VISIT BIG SAND LAKE LODGE

1

FANTASTIC FISHING

Fantastic fishing for trophy-sized Lake Trout and Northern Pike, countless 4- to 6-pound Walleyes and even the elusive Arctic Grayling, all residing in 70-mile long Big Sand Lake. We're remote, 525 miles north of Winnipeg, meaning our guests are the only fishermen on the over 100,000 acres of pristinely clean Northern Manitoba waters.



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REMOTE OUTPOST CAMPS

Want a wilderness lake all to yourself? We have four even more remote outpost camps where you and your party can be the only ones on the lake. Food packages can be ordered if you want to do your own cooking, or we can arrange a cook and guide on-site.



2

FIRST CLASS

We may be remote but our beautiful lodge, situated atop a glacier esker looking out on the lake, is absolutely first class. Sleeping cabins are clean and comfortable with indoor plumbing and hot showers. Meals (full breakfast and dinner) are served in our spacious dining room. And those mid-day island shore lunches, expertly prepared by your guide, are unforgettably delicious.



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DAILY FLY-OUTS

Daily fly-outs to other lakes can be arranged at additional cost if that appeals to you. However, fly-outs are not necessary for great fishing. Big Sand has all four species in abundance.



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TOP NOTCH GUIDES

Speaking of guides, our First Nation staff of guides is second to none. Friendly and completely knowledgeable, they know Big Sand like the back of their hand.

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PRIVATE AIRSTRIP

Big Sand has its own private airstrip carved into the wilderness. Our chartered Turbo-prop flies you from Winnipeg early on the first morning of your 5- or 10-day stay and then back to Winnipeg at the end of your trip, usually in time to make same-day connections back home.



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VACATION PACKAGES

Customized travel packages and prices are available for corporate groups. Can you think of a better special treat for customers or valued employees? The lodge has a large conference room in case you want to make business part of your vacation plan.



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WORLD-CLASS HUNTING

We have fantastic world-class hunting for Moose and Spring/Fall Black Bear. Thirty-one of thirty-two hunters got their moose this year with rack spans averaging an amazing 52".



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HOSPITALITY

We pride ourselves on our food and hospitality. Begin each morning with a pot of hot coffee delivered to your cabin by your guide. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of your choice in the lodge and then head out for a day's fishing and our world-famous shore lunch. Return in the evening for a cocktail and dinner. Enjoy the rustic bar and lounge as you share the day's fishing stories with friends, old and new. And, if you wish, fish in the evening at no additional charge, a bonus no other lodge offers.



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EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Prices are all-inclusive except for tax, license, bar tab and tips. Once you get on our charter in Winnipeg, everything is taken care of. You know what your vacation is going to cost before you take it, and you know you are going to have the fishing experience of a lifetime on the waters of Big Sand Lake.





A GRAND SLAM HUNTER ADDS A TROPHY MOOSE TO HIS LIST

Chuck Pillivant has been an avid outdoorsman and hunter since he was a teenager. He began trapping for spending money while still in high school and brought down his first deer before he was 20. Now a senior financial executive for a major concrete company, Chuck prefers the bow and arrow but regularly switches between bow and rifle on his countless hunts to Kansas, Montana, Saskatchewan and in his home state of Michigan. In fact, Chuck is one of a handful of hunters who has attained Michigan's grand slam, bagging record book caliber trophy deer, bull elk, turkey and finally bear in 2006.

Wanting to add a moose to his list of accomplishments, Chuck did his research and came to the conclusion that his **best chance of success was Big Sand Lake Lodge**. I was lucky enough to team up with Chuck, he with rifle, me with camera, as we headed out on just the second day of the hunt with First Nation guide, Adam.

Adam ferried us several miles down the lake and beached the boat on one side of an inlet approximately 275 yards across. We waited at water's edge while Adam imitated the cow's call across the water. After less than an hour's wait, a bull emerged on the opposite shore. While a good size, Chuck decided to pass, hoping for something larger. After another thirty minutes, I became aware that this very same moose had traveled all the way around the inlet and was now only thirty feet

behind us and looking me directly in the eye.

I heard Chuck whisper "Don't move." And I didn't. In fact, I was afraid to even click the shutter of my camera. In the meantime, another larger bull emerged at about the same spot as the first one on the opposite shore. While the near bull and I continued to stare at each other, me being definitely more afraid than he, Chuck steadied his rifle on his monopod, fired and brought down the bull on the opposite shore. My moose buddy had by then wandered away just as Chuck fired a second shot, although we later determined that his first shot at 275 yards passed through both heart and lungs.

"You mean you didn't get a photo of that guy behind us," queried Chuck. "You told me not to move," was my feeble excuse. Now Chuck has added another trophy species to his list of hunting accomplishments. I don't ever expect to get that close to a moose again but if I do, I'll have my camera handy.

If you want to get your moose, you can't make a better choice than Big Sand Lake Lodge. Give Rick or Lynda a call at 1-800-348-5824 and reserve your spot as 2017 and 2018 are already filling up.

-Gary Cole

2016 MOOSE HUNTING RESULTS

HUNTER	SIZE	GUIDE	NUMBER SEEN	HUNTER	SIZE	GUIDE	NUMBER SEEN
Dan Klaras	49.75	Kelly	4	Steve Karshbaum	53.5	Kelly	3
Josh Thiel	47.25	Blair	3	Brett Swan	54.75	Blair	17
Jason Kirwin	52.25	Alex	9	Rob Krueger	40.00	Alex	5
Jerald Bouwens	52.50	Delbert	1	Dave Mansell	53.00	Delbert	3
Eric Schuler	47.25	Edwin	1	Dave Nielsen	48.00	Morris	2
Dennis Glatt	58.00	Morris	2	Bill Sumey	60.00	Edwin	9
Linda Murphy	56.00	Shane	11	Richard Zieske	53.5	Shane	4
Brent Gatecliff	51.25	Vaughan	9	Dennis Williams	44.5	Murdock	13
Steve Meyer	58.35	Wilfred	2	Mark Thorndyke	57.00	Hal	23
Allan Alden	50.00	Orson	1	Chuck Pillivant	46.5	Louis	3
Steven Gibbs	56.00	Solomon	16	Larry Heinsch	49.5	Vaughan	5
Don Marg	Pass	Louis	6	Greg Grazzini	55.00	Wilfred	3
Paul Armitage	55.00	Adam	4	Jeff Schaffer	50.00	Orson	21
Eric Zorn	49.25	Hal	8	Chad Schults	51.00	Solomon	8
Bob Stafford	44.00	Murdock	4	Paul Kitching	51.00	Dustin	3
Mike Lutters	41.50	Dustin	2				

REMOTE OUTPOSTS

Is the Main Lodge not what you are looking for? Big Sand Lake Lodge has taken the traditional outpost and raised it to a new level. We give you the best fishing opportunity that Canada has to offer, and all you have to bring is your clothing and fishing gear; everything else is provided.



WOLF LAKE WILDERNESS CAMP

Wolf Lake Wilderness Camp is located at the north end of Big Sand Lake, where the South Seal River picks up its name. Best known for quality Northern Pike and Walleye action, the South Seal River also features some of the best Arctic Grayling action in Manitoba! Many creeks and rivers flow into this system as it gains momentum for its eventual destination of Hudson's Bay. Wolf Lake has many shallow bays and weed beds close to the camp and is also accessible to the north basin of Big Sand Lake, where the Mistay River leads into the river system from the northwest. Wolf Lake is renowned for trophy Northerns, has a constant flow, and in some areas never freezes, even in the coldest of cold. Five boats are kept here all summer. Wolf Lake has one guest cabin for six to eight people, as well as a shower building and a separate kitchen building.

Included in your trip:

- Round-trip air from Winnipeg to Big Sand's private airstrip
- Floatplane trip to and from your outpost
- 16-foot boats with padded seats and backs
- 15 HP 4-stroke Yamaha motors
- All gas
- Bedding
- Food package to be purchased extra
- 5- and 10-day trips available



CHIPEWYAN LAKE OUTPOST

Chipewyan Lake Outpost is the northern most lodge located on the South Seal River system. It has access to three lakes including Otter, Loon and Fox, as well as the South Seal River to the north. This area remains vastly unfished and unexplored with bays, creeks and coves still unnamed and untried. Remember the stories you heard as a youngster about lakes in Canada that were teeming full of big fish? Well, Chipewyan Lake is one such place. Left unspoiled for hundreds of years, Northern Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, and Arctic Grayling are found here in great numbers and great size! Chipewyan Lake has one guest cabin for six to eight people, as well as a separate kitchen building where all meals are prepared along with shower facilities. A camp manager and camp cook are supplied along with all food and bedding.

Included in your trip:

- Round-trip air from Winnipeg to Big Sand's private airstrip
- Floatplane trip to and from Chipewyan
- 16-foot boats with padded seats and backs
- 15 HP 4-stroke Yamaha motors
- All gas
- Food
- Cook and camp manager
- 5- and 10-day trips



LECLAIR LAKE WILDERNESS CAMP

Leclair Lake Wilderness Camp is the true beginning of the South Seal River system and is adjoined to Big Sand Lake at the very most southern end. Best known for consistently producing Manitoba's top Northern Pike every year, Leclair Lake has access to two excellent lakes, all of which have hundreds of great shallow bays and weed beds. Plenty of rock structure also provides ideal habitat for unstoppable Walleye action. Located just north of the camp is North Leclair (Cline Lake) boasting several great bays where trophies are waiting, and it's not uncommon to watch these monsters follow your hook right up to the boat and then gingerly turn away, as if to say, maybe next time! Here your skills are truly tested. This lake is a short portage from the main camp, and the walk is approximately 15 minutes. We do have a four-wheeler to transport your gear back and forth, if required. Six boats are kept here all summer. Leclair Lake has one guest cabin for six to eight people, as well as a shower building and a separate kitchen building where all meals can be prepared. You are on your own, self guiding and preparing your own meals.

JORDAN LAKE WILDERNESS CAMP

Jordan Lake Wilderness Camp is fed from the west and flows northeast via the Kitimiwi River to Kitimiwi Lake and into Big Sand Lake. Best known for quality Northern Pike and Walleye action, the northeast part of Jordan Lake narrows to become the Kitimiwi River where these fast waters are home to trophy Arctic Grayling. This large lake is fed by numerous small rivers and creeks teeming with fish and all of which have great shallow bays and weed beds. Numerous rock structures also provide ideal habitat for incredible Walleye action. Jordan Lake has two cabins for guests and can hold groups of two to 14 people, as well as a shower building and a separate kitchen building where you prepare all your own meals. Jordan Lake Wilderness Camp allows you the opportunity to have an entire lake to yourself. Jordan Lake will accept smaller groups of 2, 3, 4 and 5 people with a maximum capacity of 14. If you're looking for seldom-fished waters, Jordan is your place to go.



RATES FOR BIG SAND LAKE LODGE

2017 (subject to change)

Fishing	5-Day	10-Day	Extras
Main Lodge	\$3,995 + tax	\$5,195 + tax	
Jordan Lake, LeClair Lake & Wolf Wilderness Lake Outposts	\$2,395 + tax	\$3,395 + tax	Cook & Manager extra \$350/day
Chipewyan Lake	\$2,895 + tax	\$3,595 + tax	

Hunting	5-Day	License Fee	
Spring Bear	\$4,295 + tax	\$500	
Moose (one on one)	\$10,500 + tax	\$500	
Combo Hunt	\$12,500 + tax	\$1,000	

Deposits: Fishing: \$1,000. Hunting: 50%. Balances due April 1, 2017. 2.5% due on all overdue accounts. Prices in US funds.

2017 Prime Time Dates (subject to change)

Main Lodge, plus Wolf, LeClair, Jordan and Chipewyan

JUNE	Sat – Thurs	10 – 15	5 Days
	Thurs – Tues	15 – 20	5 Days
	Tues – Sun	20 – 25	5 Days
	Sun – Fri	25 – 30	5 Days
	Fri – Wed	30 – 5	5 Days

Call us for availability

SEPT.	Sat – Sat	23 – 30	Moose Hunt
OCT.	Sat – Sat	30 – 7	Moose Hunt

HOW TO REACH US

Plan to arrive in Winnipeg the evening before your departure to Big Sand Lake Lodge. Our representative will meet you at the Winnipeg International Airport and drive you to your overnight accommodations. If you are driving to Winnipeg, we ask that you telephone us upon your arrival.

Our representative will escort you the next morning to the charter flight bound for Big Sand Lake Lodge. On your return to Winnipeg, our representative will greet your flight and assist you. Your flight connections from Winnipeg to your home should be booked after 4:00 p.m.

GETTING TO WINNIPEG

We recommend our trusted travel agency, Continental Travel Group in Winnipeg. They have access to special 'unpublished' airfares for fishers and hunters. They can ticket you from anywhere in the United States or Canada and will stay in touch with us if there are any unexpected changes to your airline schedule. Call Suzanne Soloway – Toll Free in the US or Canada 1-866-276-8376.



Your American Plan Main Lodge Package includes:

- Shuttle service between airport and hotel
- Round-trip airfare from Winnipeg, MB to the lodge
- Home-cooked meals and daily shore lunch
- Private accommodations in fully modern, spacious log cabins
- The service and experience of our licensed guides
- Comfortable, custom designed 18-foot boats with swivel seats and backrests
- 4-stroke outboard motors
- FREE guided evening fishing



Payment Policy

A deposit is required to confirm your dates at the time of booking. The balance is due April 1, 2017. Overnight stays in Winnipeg, MB are the guests' responsibility, and we would be pleased to recommend and assist with hotel reservations.

Payment Policy Statement

Responsibility: Big Sand Lake Lodge makes every effort to serve our guests, but will assume no responsibility or liability for any hazard of any kind associated with these trips. Neither is any obligation nor responsibility assumed for any political, meteorological, climactic or other event, or the services of transportation companies, contractors or other principals for which Big Sand Lake Lodge acts as agents.

Cancellation Policy: For cancellations received prior to April 1, the trip will be credited to the following year. Cancellations received after April 1, 2017, will not be credited nor refunded.

** In the event that late ice-out occurs, you assume all the responsibility and costs to reschedule your trip for an alternate date later in the season. Subject to our availability. No refunds.

Payments & Deposits: are not refundable. Trip Cancellation Insurance is recommended (optional). We accept cash and check. Visa and MasterCard accepted, service charge may apply.

Family Adventure Begins Here!

- Indoor pool with waterslide, hot tub and exercise room
- Adjacent to Winnipeg International Airport
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- Free parking / local calls / 24-hour airport shuttle
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Private Airstrip at Big Sand Lake Lodge

Location:

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Length:

3450 ft. x 100 ft. (Clay/Sand)
Elevation: 1050' approx.

Communication:

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