

GRAD TRIP · 2026

Rods, Rivers & Rites of Passage

A weekend in the Rockies with your best friend, your dad, and the fish that started it all.

Where: *Jasper's Eastern Edge · Cadomin, AB*
Basecamp: *Black Cat Guest Ranch · est. 1935*
Guide: *Currie's Guiding · since 1969*

WHY THIS TRIP

Rivers over resorts. Waders over Wi-Fi. One dad, two grads. May the fish be with you: where the streams are cold, the pines are tall, and the lines are tight.

THE ITINERARY

Three stops. No filler.

01 · Saturday — Basecamp

Black Cat Guest Ranch

Roll in before dinner. Wood-paneled rooms, panoramic Rockies out every window, and a porch built for boots up. Family-owned since 1935 — the kind of place where the wifi's slow on purpose.

blackcatguestranch.ca

02 · Sunday — On the water

Currie's Guiding — Full-Day Float

Alberta's oldest guided outfitter. Meet the guide at first light, hit the river with a rod already rigged, and spend the day chasing bull trout, cutthroat, and whitefish through pocket water and long glassy runs.

curriesguiding.com

03 · Bonus Miles — Off the map

Hinton & Cadomin River Country

When the guide day wraps, keep going. Find a pull-off, walk in, fish 'til the light quits. Explore the mountain foothills, a trip to Cadomin with rivers on every side of it — the McLeod, the Cardinal, the Whitehorse. Into the wilderness with mosquito and bear spray and their rods.

Whitehorse Wildland (Alberta Parks)

PACK LIST

Gear & ground rules.

Half the fun is the ritual of laying it all out the night before. Packing the mosquito and bear spray. Tie your ties, grab your hooks, rod and reels.

- [ ] The Rod
- [ ] The Reel
- [ ] The Flies
- [ ] The Boots
- [ ] The Hat
- [ ] The Thermos and Flask
- [ ] The Cooler
- [ ] The Safety Kit (Mom puts together)
- [ ] The Mosquito and Bear Spray
- [ ] Extra Socks

PLAN YOUR OWN

Links for the ones taking notes.

Black Cat Guest Ranch

Basecamp — historic B&B; outside Jasper

Currie's Guiding

Alberta's oldest guided fishing outfitter

Jasper National Park — Eastern Access

Park info via Hinton, AB

Town of Hinton

Gateway town — gas, groceries, tackle

Cadomin & Whitehorse Wildland

Backcountry rivers and hike-in access

Alberta Fishing Licence

Grab it online before you leave home