

If you Plan to Fish

Here are some things for you to consider. Although the weather is quite mild in the summer the mornings can be brisk on the river in early hours. We board boats to go fishing about 5:30 AM to arrive at the choice fishing spots by 6:00 so dress in layers so that you can peel off as the day warms. Temperatures vary from low 50s to high 70s.

THINGS TO BRING.

Some items to have are #30 sun block, bug repellent, gloves (neoprene are best), your favorite fishing hat and especially eye protection should your buddy flip his lure in your direction. Some folks bring their fly rod for bank fishing, 7 to 10 weight is recommended. Binoculars are always good to have along. Rain suits can come in handy since it can rain anytime.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

When you fish with our guides we will provide all of the tackle and lures or bait. You may want hip boots and tackle if you plan to fish from the banks after your guided charter. Hip boots can be purchased locally for around \$20. I usually have a few pair available to loan but no guarantee I can have your size. With our rooms we provide coffee and tea and the cabins come equipped with a full kitchen so you may cook whatever you crave.

CLOSE TO TOWN.

The lodge is 15 minutes from Soldotna where you will find a variety of restaurants, shops and stores. The town of Kenai is another 10 to 15 minutes beyond that with additional sources.

TRANSPORTATION.

You will most likely want a car so you can avail yourselves of the town facilities. We suggest that you rent in Anchorage and drive to the lodge, about 2 ½ hours driving time through beautiful mountains with magnificent vistas. Upon your return trip you can deliver you fish with your luggage directly to the airport where will they keep it cold. Alternately you can fly from anchorage to Kenai (about 20 Minutes) and rent your car there. Reservations are necessary. Highways are excellent.

During the drive from Anchorage you may see Dall sheep along the cliffs just outside Anchorage, Moose, bear, eagles and maybe even a beluga whale or two. Take your time driving around the Turn Again Arm . Some things you might want to see are the town of Girdwood and their gold mine. Portage Glacier has a very interesting visitor center just a few miles off the main highway and just across that turnoff is the Kenai Wildlife Rescue facility with most of the animals of Alaska on display (all alive). This is a must see if you can take the time to stop. You tour the animals from your car or get out for a better view.

HOUSE RULES.

All cabins and rooms are smoke free please.

Check-in is available after 3:00 PM most days and check-out is 12:30 (exceptions may be arranged)

STATE RULES

Age 16 and over requires a fishing license (and a king stamp to fish for kings)

Your license may be purchased on line at www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/license for 1 day, three day, one week, etc. Or you can buy it after you arrive at the lodge.

Here's looking forward to lots of Shrooms.

Welcome to Alaska Sports Lodge

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Welcome to Alaska. In case you have not seen these attractions I want to mention some of some of the things you can see on the way to our lodge from Anchorage.

From Anchorage take the New Seward Highway south around Turn-Again Arm. Take time to watch for Dahl sheep as you leave the city. Look up to your left on the cliffs above the highway. Turnouts are located for you to park and glass the cliffs. You might even see Beluga whales as you drive along the Arm.

There are some interesting things to see along the way so plan on taking your time. In Girdwood you may want to visit the old gold mine and just look over this small village. It bustles in the winter with skiers.

Continuing south you next come to Portage glacier turn-off where there is a very informative visitor center that describes the glacier and how it was formed as well as some history of early settlers and gold seekers. The center is several miles from the highway and well worth the visit. Just across the highway from the Portage glacier turnoff is a wonderful wild animal park with most of the Alaska wildlife live for you to observe and photograph. Bears, Moose, Caribou, Eagles. Musk Ox and more. Be sure to visit the gift shop if just to look around.

Back on the highway continue toward Seward. You will travel through Turn-again Pass and see a truly wonderful alpine valley. Drive on until you see the turnoff to Homer. This road will take you to Cooks Landing in a beautiful valley surrounded by majestic mountains. Keep your eyes open for Moose and Brown bear, sometimes right on the highway. Moose seem stupid at times and may simply run into your path creating a hazard. Be Alert! As you drive on you will come into Sterling and cross the Moose River Bridge. You are almost at the lodge. Cross the bridge and take the first Street to your left across from Mikes Welding Shop. This is Greatland Street. Drive about ¼ mile until you see our sign and the Big Sky sign. We share a driveway so keep left as you turn into the drive and come down until you see the lodge and our cabins on the Kenai River. Come up onto the deck on the right side of the main building and come through the sliding glass doors into the house. We will be waiting to greet you.

Bring raingear and sunblock and whatever foray gear you will take with you. We will provide salmon for a potluck one evening in the main lodge building. We do not have adequate laundry facilities but there is a very nice one nearby where you can wash your own or leave it for them to do.

Welcome to the Alaska Sports Lodge.
Best Regards,
Bill and Jerri White