

Lake Creek River Guides, Wilderness Place Lodge

Lake Creek, Alaska

Float Trip Packing List & Travel Recommendations

Note: We provide any needed fishing equipment, flies, tackle...

The following is a list of recommended clothing, personal articles and outdoor gear for your float trip on Lake Creek. It is a sample list and represents items mandatory to assuring an enjoyable river adventure.

Dress in several layers so that as the weather changes from cool to warm and sunny, you can be comfortable with minimal inconvenience. Our weather can vary from chilly and wet (dipping down to 45 to 55 degrees at night) to warm days above 80 degrees, requiring sunscreen. And remember that at our latitude of about 62 degrees, we have over 20 hours of daylight in June and July!

Travel Light! When traveling by float plane, baggage space is limited so avoid hard suitcases and bring only duffel bags or soft luggage during travel. We will provide you with 100% waterproof NRS river bags which you will be re-packing your gear into prior to departure on the float trip. We need to limit you to this one bag, although it is a substantially sized bag! This helps your guides correctly pack the rafts. Please, no additional bulky back packs.

Day Clothes: Necessary float trip apparel – limit each item to one apiece unless noted otherwise	
Waterproof Jacket	Keep handy just in case
Long sleeve T-shirt	Light weight synthetics or wool, but who has wool anymore? Offers warmth in the morning and protection from the sun in the afternoon.
Short sleeve T-shirt	The foundation of your layering system, new synthetic materials wick moisture away from the body, dry quickly and are comfortable.
Fishing Vest or fanny pack	To store and keep fishing tools, gear, flies and lures handy and/or to hold camera, etc.
Bathing suit	Can double as shorts if needed – on warm days, you may prefer to travel with shorts/sandals by raft and “wet wade” rather than wearing your waders
Breathable Waders	Gore-tex/Supplex. Something light and comfortable as this will be your daily uniform.
Wading Belt	To secure chest waders
Wading Shoes	Please, no studded boots – soft felt-soles will do just fine
Gravel Guards	Keeps rocks and sand out of your wading shoes
Moisture-Wick Socks	Lightweight wool, capeline, etc., wick moisture away from the feet to help prevent blisters, cold, and athletes foot.
Wading Sandals	Some kind of sandal with rubber toe guard – in case you prefer to wet wade

Stocking Cap	For potential cool/wet mornings – preferably wool
Light Gloves	Because you never know
Bandana	The all purpose item. Keeps sun off your neck, face and ears
Wide-brimmed Hat or ball cap	Protects your face and the back of your neck from sun exposure.
Other Gear	Fishing pliers, nippers, etc.
Sunglasses (polarized)	Polarized protection is essential. Use glasses strap to keep your shades on your person at all times

Night Clothes: Stay in your protective dry-bag until we are at the campsite so you always have warm and dry clothes to wear.

Fleece jacket	The ubiquitous fashion choice of outdoors people everywhere.
Short sleeve T-shirt	The foundation of your layering system, new synthetic materials wick moisture away from the body, dry quickly and are comfortable.
Baselayer Pants	Medium weight long underwear will suffice (can be worn under waders as well)
Fast Drying long pants	Synthetic “windbreaker” material – light, packable and dries quickly
Wool or quick drying Socks	Lightweight wool is best – no need for thick winter socks – any kind of moisture-wicking sock will also suffice
Lightweight Nylon hiking boots or shoes	Preferably something that dries quickly if wet
Underwear	Boxers or Briefs?
Stocking Cap	Wool, fleece, whatever keeps your head warm.
Bug shirt or insect repellent	Bug shirts are a very effective way to prevent biting insects from getting to your skin. DEET products are effective at keeping biting insects like mosquitoes away.
Rain Suit	Two piece, full coverage suits with hoods.

Non-Clothing Items you must provide for the float trip:

Sun Block	The sun is powerful in Alaska (believe it or not), especially on the water
Flashlight	AA battery type are generally the right size. Headlamps are great.
Journal / pencil	Optional. To record your thoughts.
Camera	Optional. To record your sights.
Mini binoculars	Optional. To see the sights a little better.
Toothbrush	You should probably leave that electric one at home.
Toothpaste	Goes on your toothbrush

Any needed medications or pills	Rx, aspirin, vitamins...
Other Personal Toiletries	Biodegradable soap/shampoo, q-tips, tissue, etc.
Ziplock Bags	To store toothbrush, soap, etc.
Brush or comb	If it is important to you
1 litre water bottle	We treat the water on all float trips with an ionized treatment system.
Backpacker's towel	Optional. A synthetic chamois absorbs several times its weight in water. Wring out to dry.
Small Pillow	For comfort's sake

We wish you a pleasant trip to Alaska! We are sure that your float trip on Lake Creek will be an adventure of a lifetime! If you wish to spend some time in Anchorage during your visit to Alaska, it is imperative that you make hotel reservations well in advance. We recommend that you plan to overnight in Anchorage the night before traveling to the lodge in order to avoid any inconvenience caused by airline or baggage delays traveling from your home. Don't hesitate to phone or email us if you require any further information or assistance in planning your trip.

Remember, pack smart and light. You want to stay dry and be comfortable on your trip.

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