

**LAKE CREEK RIVER GUIDES
PACKING LIST FOR STANDARD 6 DAY / 5 NIGHT FLOAT TRIP**

Note: For your convenience, we provide all fishing equipment, flies, tackle, dry bags, meals, beer and wine, breathable waders, wading boots, sleeping bag, camp pillow and sleeping pad, so all you really need to bring are your personal clothes and effects! If you wish to bring any of your own fishing or camping equipment please!! let us know in advance, so we can adjust the gear pack accordingly and save space if possible.

Plan for the Weather: Dressing in several layers is important as the weather changes from cool to warm and sunny, removing or adding layers allows you can be comfortable with minimal inconvenience. Our weather can vary from chilly and wet (dipping down to 40 or 45 degrees at night) to warm dry days above 80 degrees, requiring sunscreen. For the most part, our area has excellent weather, but come prepared for all possible conditions. And remember that at our latitude of about 62 degrees, we have over 20 hours of daylight in June and July! You can check the local weather before coming at www.weather.com and viewing zip code 99667.

Travel Light! When traveling by float plane and raft, baggage space is limited so avoid hard suitcases and bring only duffel bags or soft luggage for your trip. Nearly all your clothing and gear for a week's float should fit inside one 15" by 30" duffel bag and one smaller bag. You will arrive in Anchorage and head to the Coast International Hotel (or elsewhere if you have made other accommodation arrangements). Your dry bag will be at the hotel awaiting your arrival. Inside your dry bag you will find your waders and boots, a sleeping pad, camping pillow, sleeping bag and liner. You will be wearing your waders and boots on your float plane flight out to Lake Creek, so please remove these from your dry bag and try on your waders and boots the night before your float trip. In the event that they do not fit, size changes can be arranged with the lodge staff. You will need to pack the remaining space in your dry bag with the items listed below that you will want to have on our 6 day rafting trip.

Remember that space is a VERY valuable commodity on these trips, so try to be prepared, but don't pack more than needed. Below is an example of what space you will have in your dry bag to fit all your gear for the trip.

NRS 3.8 Heavy Duty Dry Bag
Capacity: 3.8 cubic feet /109 L



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You will put the remaining personal items (electronics, wallet/passport and change of clothes) in your **travel** duffel. You will bring **both** the dry bag and your travel duffel/carry on with you to Rust's Flying Service (Rust's) on the first day of your trip. You will depart Rust's and make a brief landing on the Yentna River (the terminus of our float trip), where our lodge staff will greet you, offload your duffel (it will be stored in our secure cabin at Wilderness Place Lodge- where we will take out on the last day of your trip). Your plane will then leave the Yentna and fly up to Lake Chelatna where we will commence our adventure!

We recommend several stuff sacks/compression sacks to organize clothing into. You don't have to follow this exact recipe, but this should serve to give you an idea of how to put together your wilderness gear.

Day Clothes: Necessary float trip apparel – limit each item to one apiece unless noted otherwise:

PLEASE NO COTTON!!!!!! Cotton is heavy, dries slowly and takes up a lot of valuable space. Some examples we regularly find clients inadvertently bringing on floats include cotton hoodies, socks and jeans.

Stuff sack 1 (*This bag will be your go to bag in the event of inclement weather*):

- rain coat
- light-weight rain pants (optional)
- fleece jacket
- gloves
- beanie
- one pair of mid-weight synthetic long johns

Stuff sack 2:

- light weight synthetic long johns (tops and bottoms)
- light weight wool/synthetic socks x 2 pair
- mid-weight wool/synthetic sock x 2 pair (you will wear one pair of the aforementioned socks under your waders on Day 1)
- Underwear (recommend 2 pairs), swimsuit (board shorts or skort)

Stuff sack 3:

- long sleeve fishing shirt x2
- Quick-dry pants x1 pair
- t-shirt/sports top x 2 (you will likely wear one t-shirt and one fishing shirt on Day 1).
- One light-weight fleece top
- One pair of fleece pants/jogging pants (for sleep wear or around camp)
- One pair of camp shoes (we like short Uggs or crocs)
- One pair of sandals (we recommend Chacos or Dr. Keen style closed-toe sandals).
- One pair of neoprene wet-wading socks with built in gravel guards (there are many different options available but here is an example of <http://www.redington.com/fly-fishing-waders/wet-wading-sock>)

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Stuff sack 4:

- Toiletries (small travel containers of shampoo, body soap, toothpaste etc).
- Toothbrush
- Small back packers towel (if needed)
- hair brush/comb, sunscreen (prefer spray types so you don't get scent on fingers).
- **Bring your MEDICATIONS!!!!** Please bring 3x the amount of any and all meds (both prescription and over-the-counter medications that you take regularly OR occasionally)- this includes TUMS, antacids, aspirin, acetaminophen, allergy meds etc. Your trip leader brings an extensive med kit but don't plan that they will have your specific medications in the back country- be prepared!! Please **do** contact us prior to the season to let us know your medical status, so that we can try to have appropriate back up medications for your conditions. Also, if you use any medical devices, bring 3x the amount/batteries you will need.
- Feminine Products

Ziplock bags make for great small dry bags and organizers- if you bring a book/journal and /or playing cards, put them in a gallon ziplock. You can also use ziplocks to organize your toiletries.

Other miscellaneous items: digital waterproof camera (and spare battery), head lamp (early June and July trips won't use very much as we have approximately 22 hours of daylight), ear plugs (in the event that your tent mate snores), personal fishing gear (please let us know what you plan to bring so that we don't bring more than needed). Hat, Buff/Bandana, polaroid sunglasses (we recommend amber lenses for sunny conditions and yellow lenses for overcast weather and mornings/evenings). If you use a wading staff regularly, bring it along.

Please also bring along a copy of your fishing license (including King stamp for King Salmon floats (June 15 - July 13)), flight itinerary, travel insurance and emergency contact info.

Beverages on float: We bring a 5-gallon pony keg of Alaskan micro-brew beer on the standard float and will often bring two or three kegs on extended floats when we have a gear boat. We also bring boxed red and white wine based on the quantities indicated in your pre-trip questionnaire. We do not have a hard liquor license, so we cannot supply spirits. If your group has any spirits they like to drink, we suggest bringing it along in a plastic bottle, hip flask or nalgene. Glass and raft trips don't play together well.

We do not bring along soda's or mixers unless requested on your questionnaire so please let us know if you would like these and approximate quantities. We filter all drinking water on the trip using a Katadyn Base Camp carbon filtration system.

Again, just to summarize...

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LCRG will provide a tent (one per two guests), a sleeping pad, a sleeping bag and bag liner, a camping pillow, all fishing equipment, waders and boots. If you are an avid backpacker or fisherman, and have your own gear that you wish to bring, please let us know well in advance of your trip, so that we can adjust the dry bag pack accordingly and save on unnecessary space and weight.



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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, to avoid any inconvenience caused by airline or baggage delays traveling from your home. Remember, pack smart and light. Please feel free to contact us anytime as you are going through the packing list if you have additional questions or require some additional assistance with planning your trip.

And most importantly before you leave home, please make sure to fill out the online guest questionnaire so we can address any dietary, medical or equipment needs prior to your arrival:

<http://www.wildernessplacelodge.com/float-trip-questionnaire.html>

Thank you and we'll see you in Alaska!

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