



Naknek River Camp “Silver Slammin” Alaska August 16th – 23rd , 2025

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion to the Naknek River Camp in Alaska. We are looking forward to having you along.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact any of us at the shop.

Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 60 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

You should plan on arriving at the King Salmon airport on the afternoon of Saturday, August 16th.. You will be picked up by a lodge representative and taken to the camp where we will have dinner and get ready for the fishing frenzy. We will then fish with guides for the next six days. Weather depending, you'll have the option to add on a fly out trip to hike in/hike out to remote creeks. Costs vary and can be discussed with staff during the week. We will depart on the morning of Saturday, August 23rd back to Anchorage. We will get you to the airport for your departure from King Salmon. Included in the price of the trip is all accommodations and meals at the camp, fishing with boat, guide and lunch. Package does not include airfare from hometown to King Salmon, overweight baggage charges, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, items of a personal nature including fishing tackle.

Flight Information-

Fly into Anchorage (ANC) and then switch over to Alaska Airlines for the final leg to King Salmon (AKN). We prefer that you arrive in King Salmon some time on Saturday after Noon and leave the following Saturday morning. Booking through Alaska Airlines all the way through has been the easiest. They typically partner with American Airlines.

****Once you have your travel plans made, please forward them to Mad River Outfitters so that we can keep track of when everyone is arriving/departing!!!**

Recommended Tackle List-

Please note that the guides will have tackle for you to use should you choose not to bring your own! Waders and boots are a must have

Rods- Recommended that each guest bring a minimum of 2 fly rods. We prefer a 9' 4-6wt for the smaller waters and a 9'-10' 7-8wt rod for the larger waters. The Naknek is a big river that holds big fish- quite often in fast water. It is a great river for a switch or spey rod. We recommend 11' to 13' spey/switch rods for 7 and 8 weight lines, matched with an assortment of sinking tips as well as a floating tip of some sort.

- If you want to bring spinning gear, we recommend a 7'-9' rod designed to handle 6-12 pound line and a reel with 2 spools, one with 8lb and one with 12lb

Reels- Should be anodized, corrosion-resistant saltwater type models, with a high quality drag, that will hold a fly line and at least 125-200 yards of backing

Fly Lines- Weight-forward floating lines are necessary for both outfits. Sink tips will be useful for both but are a must for the larger 7-9 wt outfits.

Leader/Tippet- Standard tapered leaders in 0X-3X along with corresponding tippets will do most everything for your floating fly lines. May want to have a few 4X-5X for grayling on dries. Sinking lines will mostly require a simple formula of 2' 20lb, 1' 15lb (Maxima Ultragreen or Cortland Mono) then to 0X or so tippet

Flies- guides will have plenty of flies and beads for you to use as well! For salmon colors like pink, purple, chartreuse, orange and black are the norm. For rainbows and Dolly Varden in the creek more natural colors like brown/tan, black, olive and white.

- Painted trout beads in dark and natural roe size ms 6mm-10mm
- Small dries/nymphs for grayling
- Articulated hardball leech
- Dolly Llama's
- Sculpin patterns
- Large articulated streamers
- Woolly Buggers/Egg Sucking leeches
- Starlite Leech
- Flesh Flies
- Topwater "Wogs"

Other Accessories-

- chest waders and rubber soled wading shoes (studded soles not allowed on float planes) * NO FELT!
- polarized sunglasses, two pair
- wading staff
- nippers
- strike indicators
- split shot
- fly floatant
- hook sharpener

- needlenose pliers/forceps
- small day pack/backpack (waterproof) for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

Clothing-

- Long underwear
- Layering type clothing system
- Fleece insulation, hats and gloves
- GOOD RAINGEAR!!
- Fishing hat with a long front visor or big brim for sun/wind protection on face, neck and ears

Miscellaneous-

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent/mosquito head net
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require
- Personal items
- Flashlight

For more information, please see www.naknekrivercamp.com

Further Fishing specific info-

Rainbows at Brooks: Brooks is flies only. In June, July and early August, rainbows will eagerly take mice, dead drifted small dries, sculpins and leeches. By mid-August, the bow's switch over to sockeye eggs. The week we are there should be great fishing dead drifting beads and well as swinging streamers.

Silvers: By early August, silvers begin running into the Naknek on each high tide. Both fly and spinning tackle is used when targeting these fish. On the fly we are typically throwing medium to large size streamers in pink, purple, chartreuse, orange and black. Flashy streamers work great as well. For the spinning side of things the same colors but in jigs and spinners work great. You'll have the option to take some of your catch home with you at the end of the week if you choose!

Pinks: The Naknek receives some pinks every year, but on even years, the numbers are much higher. These are a great bycatch during the silver season!

Rainbows on the Naknek: By late August the sockeye salmon that enter the Naknek start there spawning cycle and the big rainbows in the system take notice! Bead fishing out in front of camp can be spectacular. The tail end of the week we are there is typically the beginning of the spawn so targeting the awesome fish may be a great option!

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