



Naknek River Camp “Septembows” Alaska September 13th- 20th, 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, September 13th. 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.

Breakfast is usually at 7am and we leave the dock around 8am. We spend roughly 8hrs on the water and return back after 4. Dinners will be served around 6:30.

****Please specify any dietary restrictions, allergies or health concerns to the shop upon booking****

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, September 20th 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-

Rods- Recommended that each guest bring a minimum of 2 fly rods. Spey rods will be the preferred tools for this trip, details on what rods to take are below. For single hand rods have a 9 foot 5 or 6wt. That will be great if you choose to do a fly out or go to Brooks Falls

-The Naknek is a big river that holds big fish- quite often in fast water. It is a great river for a spey rod.

- Spey Rods- Full Spey rods are best suited for this time of year. 12'6"-13'6" rods in 7-8wt are what is recommended

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- For your 5 or 6wt a weight forward floating line will be all that is needed. For the Speys it is recommended that you have a floating skagit head as well as an intermediate one. An assortment of 10ft sink tips ranging from t-11 to t-20 will be necessary. You'll be able to cover any run at any water level with that.

Leader/Tippet- Standard tapered leaders in 0X-3X along with corresponding tippets will do most everything for your floating fly lines. You may want to have a few 4X-5X for grayling on dries. For swinging streamers the leaders are very simple....and very similar to what you would use on an intermediate or sinking line: 3-5', 2 or 3 parts and tapered down to .012" to .015" mono or fluorocarbon tippet.

Flies- The Naknek rainbows love natural colors with minimal flash. Black, brown, olive, and tan are great colors. Flesh flies in bright and dull colors are good to have on hand as well. Make sure your swing streamers have a stinger hook in the rear of the fly.

- Leeches
- Sculpins
- Flesh flies
- Basic intruder flies
- Dolly llamas

Other Accessories-

- chest waders and rubber soled wading shoes (studded soles not allowed on float plane) *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-

Spey fishing rainbows on the Naknek: One of the reasons this river has become so famous is because of the fantastic number of trout between 24”-28”. Shots at fish above the 30” mark are caught almost everyday! Something you just don’t find too much in the lower 48. We commonly swing out of 18ft jet boats so that we have the advantage when casting and fighting these big fish. There are areas to wade but you must be an experienced wader. If you talk to any of the guides most of them will say this is their favorite time of the season!

Arctic Char/Dolly Varden: Several fly outs offer great options to target these species and streamers and bead rigs. Some creeks you can find some exceptional size and numbers!

Brooks Rainbows: The famed brooks falls in Katmai National Park boasts some epic fishing this time of year along with the chance to fish alongside the park’s many coastal brown bears. While the rainbows don’t grow near as big as they do on the Naknek they are plentiful and hungry!

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