



Naknek River Camp “Silver Slammin” Alaska August 15th – 22nd , 2026

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 90 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

You should plan on arriving at the King Salmon airport on the afternoon of Saturday, August 15th.. 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 22nd 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 for guides and staff, items of a personal nature.

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

Daily itineraries will vary depending on what you want to target that day. Breakfast will be at 7am at the dining hall. We'll usually have things like eggs, bacon/sausage, biscuits and gravy, french toast/pancakes and oatmeal. When we're fishing the Naknek proper or taking boats across the lake to various creeks we'll depart from the dock at 8am and usually end our fishing days around 4pm. If you choose to add on a float plane fly out trip to the week, departure times from the dock will vary depending on weather and pilot schedules. Fly outs are not included in the trip and will be an added cost should you choose to do one. Prices fluctuate year to year with AV gas prices so we'll find out exact costs for each destination when we get there.

When we are on the Naknek we'll come back to the lodge for a hot lunch typically around noon. For fly outs and across the lake adventures we'll pack in lunches. Dinners will be at the dining hall at 6pm and will include appetizers, hearty proteins/sides and homemade desserts

Accommodations: The riverside cabins are booked as double/triple occupancy with private showers and bathrooms in each. They'll have towels, bedding etc but you'll need to bring your own toiletries and shower essentials

Tipping-

Tipping of the guides and camp staff is greatly appreciated! The best way to do it for guides is daily at the end of each day. Tipping at the end of the week is totally fine as well just let your guide know that is what you'll be doing. Typically we recommend \$100 per angler per day. Of course the sky's the limit for an exceptional guide! Cash is preferred but most can take Venmo or Zelle. Should you need cash there is an ATM in King Salmon we can run you to.

You can tip the camp and kitchen staff at the end of the week by card or cash to Phyllis (Jim Johnson's wife). Around \$200 is pretty typical. If you have any more questions about this, don't hesitate to ask the host.

Flight Information-

Fly into Anchorage (ANC) and then switch over to Alaska Airlines for the final leg to King Salmon (AKN). Booking through Alaska Airlines all the way through has been the easiest. They typically partner with American Airlines. When booking flights and afternoon/evening arrival and a morning departure is preferred if available.

****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 and flies for you to use should you choose not to bring your own! Waders, boots and raingear are a must have but most of the other gear is completely optional.

Rods- We prefer a 9' 4-6wt for the smaller waters and a 9' 7-8wt rod for the larger water where we will be targeting the silver salmon.

- If you want to bring spinning gear, we recommend a 7'-9' medium to medium fast action rod

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. These rainbows and salmon are strong and very fast so quality equipment is a must!

- Spinning reels in the 2500-4000 size paired with 10-15lb braid are perfect for the Naknek. We'll run a leader of 15lb fluorocarbon off the braid to our jig/spinner.

Fly Lines- Weight-forward floating lines are necessary for both outfits. Sinking lines and sink tips will not be necessary

Leader/Tippet- Standard 9ft 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 silvers a 7-

9ft 0X- .012" bass type leader will be ideal. For sinking type lines we of course use 4' tapered leaders either store bought or 3 part hand tied formula (Brian/Flip formula) ending in .012" or so.

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. When we fish the smaller creeks we will typically fish the guides' painted beads to match what the spawning salmon are dropping.

- 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 (3-5in)
- Wooly Buggers/Egg Sucking leeches
- Starlite Leech
- Flesh Flies
- Twitching Jigs
- Size 4 and 5 Vibrax Spinners

Other Accessories-

- chest waders and rubber soled wading shoes (studded soles not allowed on float planes) * NO FELT!
- polarized sunglasses (green mirror or amber lenses)
- 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 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/beads only. In June, July and early August, rainbows will eagerly take dead drifted dries, sculpins and leeches. By mid-August, the bow's switch over to sockeye eggs. The week we are there should be great for fishing dead drifting beads and 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!

Chums: Hard fighting and very willing to bite! Big Creek (tributary of the Naknek 12mi down from camp) receives a great number of chums each summer along with good numbers of silvers. It can be productive to take at least half a day to go look for silvers and chums up this creek. The guides will let us know if it's been fishing well.

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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