

Duck Flats Natural History Tour

Meet at the office of Anadyr Adventures for a pre-trip safety briefing, equipment fitting and a short paddling lesson. After launching from the small boat harbor we spend the next several hours paddling around Duck Flats and Old Town Valdez. You will visit the Mineral Creek Islands, home of black oystercatcher and arctic tern nesting sites, see harbor seals hauled out on rock outcropping and bald eagles nests in the adjacent Sitka spruce forest. Duck Flats is a bird watchers paradise, a nursery for juvenile salmon, nesting ground for mallards, galdweall, widgeons anf teals, and an important destination during spring bird migration. Our journey continues to Old Town Valdez where your guide will give you a short history of the town, Gold Rush and the 1964 earthquake. After 2 1/2 to 3 hours of leisurely paddle we return to the Small Boat Harbor.

- No experience necessary.
- Easy
- Age limit: none
- \$75/person
- group size: 2 - 8 members

Gear List for Duck Flats Tour

Our half day kayak tours can be done in the same clothes used for other outdoor activities in Alaska. Like all activities outdoors certain principles will help you be warmer and more comfortable. These include:

- 1) Layered clothing is recommended. Depending on the weather, 2 to 3 layers would be good.
- 2) Synthetics or wool are preferable to cotton.
- 3) If it's raining or threatening to rain, raingear is recommended. We have a limited amount of raingear but if you have your own bring it.
- 4) A hat is recommended.
- 5) A pair of gloves is recommended on rainy or cold days.
- 6) Sunglasses , sunscreen, and a water bottle or hydration pack is recommended
- 7) Depending on the time of year, insect repellent may be needed.
- 8) You are welcome to bring cameras, binoculars and other personal gear.