

Gold Creek Shoreline Tour

Meet at 7a.m. at the office of Anadyr Adventures for pre-trip safety briefing, paddling lesson and equipment fitting. Launch from the small boat harbor across from our office. Paddle out into scenic Port Valdez across the mouth of Mineral Creek and the shoreline of Blueberry Hill. Spend the next 3 hours paddling the rugged coastline between Valdez and Gold Creek. See towering mountains with snow covered peaks, hanging glaciers and glacial valleys. Once arriving at Gold Creek, take time to beachcomb and enjoy your lunch overlooking beautiful Port Valdez. We recommend this tour for fit paddlers with some paddling experience.

After lunch, take an optional hike into the ancient rain forest and see waterfalls tumbling out of a steep basalt gorge. This is part of the popular Valdez to Shoup Glacier hiking trail built from Exxon Valdez Oil Spill restoration funds. An alternative to hiking is fishing for salmon either from shore or your kayak. From midJuly until September this is a great kayak fishing paddle. After enjoying the beach we go back to our kayaks, embark upon your return journey to Valdez. Possible wildlife encounters are: harbor seals, sea otters, sea lions, marine birds and black bears.

- No experience necessary.
- Price: adult: \$ 104
- moderately strenuous
- Total tour time 6 hours
- Group size: 2-8 participants
- Minimum age 8

Day Trips

What Clothing Should You Bring?

The basic principles of layering for outdoor activities apply to Sea Kayaking in Alaska.

We recommend: 2 sets warm clothing – Be ready for rain or shine!

Base Layer or Undergarments: top and bottom layer, made preferably of wool, silk, capilene or polypropylene. They are excellent sources of warmth even when wet. This thin layer wicks moisture away from skin, keeping you warm and dry!

Upper Body: midweight insulation layer of wool, capilene, or fleece.

Lower Body: base layer should be sufficient under rainpants, however a pair of fleece, or nylon travel pants are always a good option. Leave those jeans at home!

Feet: wool, smart wool, synthetic, or neoprenesocks. We provide high top rubber boots for all participants, however, if you have your own, we suggest you bring them to insure proper fit and maximum comfort.

Hands: wool, synthetic or neoprene gloves. Neoprene is always preferred in rainy conditions. "Pogies", which are coverall mittens that attach to the paddle, are also good.

Head: 80% of your body heat escapes from your head. Be sure to bring adequate headwear. A wool or synthetic hat is recommended. A wide brimmed hat is also nice to protect you from the rain or sun.

Rain Gear: There is no substitute for quality rain gear. We do provide basic rain gear if yours is inadequate.

Second Set:

This can be any additional clothes in case you get cold or wet.

Also bring:

Sack Lunch

Water Bottle

Sun glasses (and holders such as croakies or chums) Sun screen

Insect repellent

Toilet paper

Optional: camera, film and binoculars (preferably water proof)

***We will provide you with dry bags for your lunch, clothes, and gear!**

Warning: Cotton is inappropriate for paddling. It holds water and will keep you cold!

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