

Packing List for Wilderness Lodge and Mothership Trips

WHAT CLOTHING SHOULD YOU BRING?

Be prepared for both intense periods of sunshine and for cold rainy days. Prince William Sound has a warm and wet coastal climate, typical of temperate rain forests. Temperatures range between 50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit, but abnormally cold spells can happen when night time temperatures drop to the below 40s. You should come prepared for wet or dry weather. Sea kayaking fortunately is a sport that can easily be pursued while raining provided you are adequately dressed, seas tend to be calmer and wildlife is more easily approached.

We recommend you bring:

- minimum of 2 sets of warm clothes

First Set

- Pants/Long Johns: preferably wool, fleece or polypropylene - they are excellent sources of warmth even when wet. I recommend fleece clothing because it dries very quickly and retains its warmth when wet.

- Upper body:** 3 layers of wool/polypropylene /or fleece, (ie, long john top, shirt, jacket) and a windbreaker.

- Feet:** Polypropylene and wool blend socks with standard high top rubber boots (called break-up boots in Alaska) for getting in and out of the boat, for hiking and tide pooling. Best to bring a pair of socks for each dtrip day with an additional pair in case one gets wet.

We strongly recommend that you bring your own boots, so as to assure proper fit. We also have them available for use. Please let me know the sizes you need in ample time so that we can have them available.

- Hands:** "Pogies" or Neoprene gloves are good. Fleece or wool gloves are also very good with rubberized dish washing gloves to put over them on rainy days.

- Head:** A ski cap and baseball cap.

- Rain Gear:** Good rain gear is essential for protection from both rain and wind. It should fit well and be sturdy if you have a dry suit, paddling pants, jacket and booties- bring them along.

Additional Set:

-This can be additional warm clothes in case you get too cold or wet & should include: a wool sweater, wool or fleece pants (or light weight wind pants), long sleeve shirts (to prevent sunburns), a sun outfit, slacks, wool gloves and/or mittens, wool or fleece hat, and your personal toilet items.

Also bring sun gear:

- sun hat (baseball cap)
 - shorts
 - thin loose long sleeve shirt
 - comfortable camp shoes (e.g.. tennis shoes)
 - sun screen 15-25 rating
 - insect repellent and or mosquito headnet
 - small day pack to take items ashore
 - croakies for sun glasses or glasses
 - water bottle
 - pen, paper and books
- t-shirt
 - thin loose pants
 - sun glasses

Optional Items:

- swimming suit
- camera, film and replacement batteries
- binoculars (preferably armored)
- pen, paper and books
- fishing license: can be purchased anywhere in Alaska by the day, week, month or year