



Dear Guest,

Your travels to Brooks Lodge begin when you board a Peninsula Airways aircraft bound for King Salmon. Please call PenAir at (907) 243-2323 to confirm your departure time 24 hours prior to your departure date or reconfirm online at [www.virtuallythere.com](http://www.virtuallythere.com). Please check-in with PenAir *90 minutes* prior to your departure at the Ted Stevens International Airport - Domestic Terminal. Flight times and flight numbers are noted in your itinerary. **PenAir requires all passengers to be checked in and in the boarding area 40 minutes prior to departure time.**

Upon arrival into King Salmon you'll be met by the Katmai Air Service / Brooks Lodge shuttle bus that will connect you to the seaplane service to Brooks Lodge (the local telephone number is 246-3079). Please claim your baggage and give it to the Katmai Air Service shuttle driver.

The flight via seaplane to Brooks Lodge is about 25 minutes. The flight crew will load your carry-on baggage on all Katmai Air flights. Your plane will land on Naknek Lake, the third largest lake in Alaska; the lake is tinted with a most remarkable aquamarine color as a result of volcanic ash and glacial particles suspended in the water.

Upon arrival at Brooks Lodge you will be directed to the Park Service Visitors Center to receive a brief orientation talk presented by one of the friendly National Park Service Rangers. Then proceed to the Brooks Lodge office to check in and be shown to your room.

The Brooks River offers superb sport fishing. Whether you've fished all your life or never fished, you'll enjoy wetting a line on the Brooks River. Rods and waders may be rented at the "Trading Post". Also, fishing instruction, boat and guide service, and fly out fishing may be arranged.

The feature program of the Brooks Camp area is the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes" Natural History Tour. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. Please meet at **8:30am** at the lower platform located across from the floating bridge. The tour departs each morning at **9:00am**. The National Park Service interpretative personnel will be your tour guide, so feel free to ask questions. After the 23 mile drive to the Overlook Cabin you will have time for lunch and to look over the displays and historic photos of the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes". Those interested may hike down with the tour guide to examine the ash and pumice that composes the "Valley" floor. Keep in mind that the hike up and down the trail can be quite strenuous. If you choose not to take the hike you may stay at the Overlook Cabin and wait for the tour leaders return at 3:00pm. You will arrive back to Brooks Lodge around 4:30pm. We recommend that you dress in layers so you can layer up or down as climate or pace dictate. ***A raincoat and comfortable walking shoes are a must.***

Meals at Brooks are always a special occasion. They are served buffet style. Meal hours at Brooks Lodge are: Breakfast 7:00am-8:30am, Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm. During July we offer a Soup & Salad from 1:30pm-3:00pm. From the table you can see Mt. Katolinat and Naknek Lake, and after your meal you can relax by the fire or take a walk along the beach. Also available are **flightseeing trips, canoeing, kayaking, guided wildlife viewing**, Park Service programs with slides or films and a bar for evening entertainment.

We hope this information will help you prepare for your trip.

Sincerely,

Brooks Lodge

## **Brooks Lodge Suggested Packing List**

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so bring comfortable medium weight sports clothes. By dressing in layers, you can add or subtract clothing and be comfortable regardless of the whim of the weather.

***Please note that Katmai is a wilderness park and laundry facilities, cell phone services and internet services are NOT available at the lodge.***

***The following items are a must:***

- Warm Jacket or Sweater
- Walking Shoes or Boots
- Water Proof Raincoat
- Long Sleeve Shirts
- Mosquito Repellent
- Hat or Cap
- Gloves
- Personal Items
- Sunglasses
- Camera & memory cards
- Medicines: These should be kept with you during travel.
- Sunblock

\*\* Examples of optional items you might consider are Binoculars and a Day Pack.

### **" What's in the *Trading Post* ? "**

The ***Brooks Lodge Trading Post*** carries an assortment of items you may have forgotten, souvenirs and rental items for those visiting us at the Brooks Lodge and Brooks Campground.

- Personal Items:***
- Toothpaste
  - Deodorant / Soap
  - Batteries
  - Insect Repellent / After Bite
  - Tobacco
  - Film (*no memory cards available*)

- Food and Beverages:***
- Bottled Water
  - Candy Bars
  - Gum
  - Soft Drinks / Gatorade
  - Other Snacks

- Souvenirs:***
- Hats & Caps
  - Sweat Shirts
  - T-Shirts
  - Coffee Mugs
  - Post Cards
  - Jewelry

- Fishing Tackle:***
- Line and Leader
  - Fishing Licenses
  - Lures
  - Flies

- Rental Items:***
- Rods and Reels
  - Chest Waders
  - Single Burner Stoves
  - Showers and Towels ( for campers )
  - Kayaks
  - Canoes
  - Bear Proof Containers

*Campstove fuel is available - white gas, isobutane/propane & Coleman propane  
Store purchases may be made with Cash, Travelers Checks, MasterCard or Visa.*



## The Bear Essentials:

Visitors to Brooks Camp are required to begin their stay by checking-in at the visitor center for a brief "Bear Etiquette" training course and safety talk outlining park regulations.

### Bear Safety

Do not carry food, beverages, or any other odorous items around Brooks Camp. Eat and drink only in buildings or designated picnic areas. Water is the only beverage you can consume outside of designated areas.

Put garbage in designated indoor receptacles.

Do not leave gear unattended at any time.

Be alert at all times and make noise where visibility is limited. If you encounter a bear, stop making noise once the bear is aware of you.

Maintain a distance of 50 yards from any bear. In case of close encounter, speak to the bear in a soft voice, wave your arms, and back away slowly.

### Food Storage

All food, beverages, fish, garbage, equipment used to cook or store food, or any other odorous items must be properly stored.

### Bear Viewing

Three viewing platforms provide safe and ideally situated opportunities for observing bear behavior. The Lower River Platform is located just across the bridge over Brooks River. An additional .9 miles (1.4 km) of trail (one-way) provides access to the Falls and Riffles Platforms.

### Fishing Around Bears

When bear activity is at its peak at Brooks Camp, both bears and anglers compete for the same resources. Expect to spend much more time out of the water than in, and be prepared to give up your fishing hole to a bear at some time during your trip. It is critical that bears do not learn to associate anglers with fish.

Be aware of your surroundings—learn where bears are likely to appear or "pop-out." If possible, have someone "spot" bears for you.

Stop fishing well before a bear approaches within the designated distance of 50 yards.

The splash of a fish in play attracts bears' attention. If a bear approaches while a fish is hooked, be prepared to cut or break your line and move out of the water until the bear passes.

Fish may not be cleaned at Brooks Camp. If you plan on keeping a fish, kill it immediately, place it in a fish freezing bag (available free at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center) and take it to the fish freezing building near Brooks Lodge.

### Camping

Within 1.5 miles (2.4 km) of Brooks Camp (i.e., the Brooks Camp Developed Area), camping is allowed only in the Brooks Camp Campground (see page 4 for more info).

### Accessibility

While most trails around Brooks Camp and the trail to Brooks Falls are wheelchair accessible, they are unpaved and frequently muddy. Visitors should be prepared to leave the trail in order to avoid a bear.

### Hunting and Firearms

Hunting and firearms are prohibited at Brooks Camp but may be permitted elsewhere (see page 2 for more info).

### Firewood

Please help protect park resources by gathering only dead and downed wood.



### Pets

Pets are not allowed within 1.5 miles (2.4 km) of the Brooks Camp (i.e., the Brooks Camp Developed Area).

### Preservation

Please don't remove any cultural artifacts or natural objects.

### Water Conservation

Please help us in this critical effort by complying with water use guidelines posted around camp.

### Interpretive Programs

Park ranger/naturalist-led activities occur daily. Inquire at the visitor center for times and availability (see page 4 for more info).

### Dumpling Mountain Trail

From Brooks Camp Campground, this moderately strenuous hike climbs 800 ft. (244 m) over 1.5 miles (2.4 km) (one-way) to an overlook with expansive views of Brooks Camp and Naknek Lake. An additional 2.5 miles (4 km) of trail and 1,600 ft. (489 m) of elevation gains the summit of Dumpling Mountain.

### Brooks Falls Trail

Brooks Falls is accessed via an easy, 1.2 mile (1.9 km) trail from the Brooks Camp Visitor Center.

### Cultural Trail

From the Brooks Camp Visitor Center, this easy .25 mile (0.4 km) (round-trip) stroll leads to a reconstructed prehistoric house, or *barabara*.



### "Bear Jam!"

Bear activity at the Lower River may delay crossing Brooks River bridge. Please be prepared to wait in windy and/or rainy conditions and allow yourself ample time to meet meal services and/or your departing flight.

## Brooks Camp Distances

Miles (Kilometers)	Visitor Center	Brooks Camp Campground	Brooks River "The Corner"	Cultural Site	Lower River Platform	Falls Trail Outhouse	Falls Platform	Lake Brooks
<b>Visitor Center</b>	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.2 mi (.3 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.2 mi (1.9 km)
<b>Brooks Camp Campground</b>	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.4 mi (.6 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	1.5 mi (2.4 km)
<b>Brooks River "The Corner"</b>	.2 mi (.3 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.8 mi (1.3 km)	1.1 mi (1.8 km)
<b>Cultural Site</b>	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.4 mi (.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)
<b>Lower River Platform</b>	.3 mi (.5 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	1 mi (1.6 km)
<b>Falls Trail Outhouse</b>	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.6 mi (1 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)
<b>Falls Platform</b>	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	.8 mi (1.3 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	0	1.3 mi (2.1 km)
<b>Lake Brooks</b>	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.5 mi (2.4 km)	1.1 mi (1.8 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	1 mi (1.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	0