



Dear Angler,

Your “Angler’s Paradise” sport fishing trip begins when you board our Katmai Air Navajo Chieftain in Anchorage. *Your check-in time is **one hour** prior to your departure time* (this time is noted in your itinerary). All flights depart from the Katmailand main office (see map) located next to Lake Hood, near the Anchorage International Airport. The local office phone number is 243-5448. *Please note that the plane you will travel on does not have a restroom on board so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!*

The 235 mile flight to the Kulik Lodge airstrip will take you across Cook Inlet and past two volcanoes; Mt. Iliamna and Mt. Augustine. While at Kulik Lodge, you will be outfitted with waders and boots if needed, then it’s off to the float plane for the twenty minute flight to Grosvenor.

Upon arrival at Grosvenor, you’ll be shown to your cabin and issued an Alaska fishing license. Then, settle in and prepare for an afternoon of angling awaiting you just steps away!

During your stay at Grosvenor, you will have jet boat access to several of Alaska’s finest freshwater streams. There will be opportunities to fish for Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, Lake Trout, and Northern Pike. Sockeye and Silver Salmon are each available during a limited time slot: the last three weeks of July for Sockeye, and the first three weeks of September for Silvers. Including fly outs during your stay can put you onto additional salmon and trout throughout the season.

Katmai National Park is one of the last trophy sport fisheries in the world with a 100% native stock. The fish grow and mature slowly due to the short summer season and cold water temperatures, so it is imperative that we do our best to protect this valuable resource. All our hooks are barbless and only single hooks are allowed (no trebles). In addition to releasing unharmed all rainbows, required by law, we also release all freshwater species. Guests may take home a limited catch of salmon depending upon the availability of the fish and the freezer space at the lodge. Upon arrival at the lodge, I will show all guests proper fish handling techniques to ensure the vitality of these wonderful creatures.

While at Grosvenor, wildlife viewing opportunities abound so I strongly recommend you bring your camera or video equipment, binoculars, plenty of film and batteries. Each season we see a variety of animals such as Moose, Alaskan Brown Bear, Bald Eagles, Wolves, Lynx, and Wolverine, sometimes without even leaving the lodge!

I hope this letter answers all of your questions regarding your trip to Grosvenor. Should you still need more information please don’t hesitate to call our office in Anchorage where we’ll do our best to prepare you for an exciting trip of a lifetime to Grosvenor Lodge and Katmai National Park.

Sincerely,

Ray Irvin
Grosvenor Lodge Manager and Guide

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Packing List - Grosvenor Lodge

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so comfortable medium-weight clothes are the normal attire. While fishing we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature. Expect temperatures in July and August to range from 45 - 75 F with lower temperatures possible in June and September.

The baggage weight allowance is 50 lbs. per person. Your clothing and gear should fit into at least two small, soft-sided bags and a rod case. Any excess baggage may have to be flown in at a later time, on a space available basis. Storage is available at the office in Anchorage for items not required at the lodge.

You Should Bring: High quality rain gear, warm sweater or jacket, long-sleeved shirts, warm socks, fleece pants, and polypropylene underwear (for use under your waders). Cool morning boat rides and cool, wet fishing days require warm hats and fingerless gloves. One item that I find indispensable is a waterproof 'dry bag'. It stores extra layers, camera equipment, and other items that you don't want getting wet while in the boats and on the river.

You'll also need some comfortable walking shoes or boots for wearing around the camp, a waterproof pair is ideal. Bring your own toiletries and personal items. Towels are supplied at the lodge for guest use.

Fishing Gear: You'll need line clippers, needle-nosed pliers, insect repellent, sunscreen, and polarized sunglasses. You can bring your own or these items are available for purchase in the small fly shop at the lodge.

Fly Fishing: We recommend a 6-weight fly rod to get the most sport from the Rainbows, Arctic Char and Lakers. Salmon and Pike require a heavier rod, a 7 or 8-weight. Your reel does not need to be the most expensive, just as long as it has an exposed rim for palming. Bring both a floating and a fast sink-tip line and enough backing to fill the spool. We generally use 8 lb. test for tippet material unless we're dry fly fishing, in which case we'll be using a 7 1/2 to 9 ft. 3 or 4x tapered leader. A selection of 6 through 12lb test should cover every situation. We have Sage 7 weight rods and Ross Reels at the lodge.

Fly Selection by the Month: In June and early July the fish feast on baby salmon fry and salmon smolts as well as leeches, sculpins, mice and the occasional insect hatch. Fly patterns for this time of year should include the following: Lefty Deceiver #4-2/0, White Zonker #4-2/0, Silver Fry-fly #8-12, Woolhead Sculpin and Marabou Muddler #8-4 (in black, olive and brown), Egg-sucking leeches and Woolly Buggers #8-4 in black, olive and purple. You can bring your own flies or I will have plenty at the lodge. We also have a fly-tying table for those who wish to tie their own.

Dry fly opportunities may develop towards late June and early July. For these times big, bushy attractor patterns work fine; #6-12. Good patterns include: Humpy, Adams, Sofa Pillow and Elk Hair Caddis.

The Sockeyes arrive about the second week in July. While fishing for these salmon we use Sockeye Johns, Comets in orange and green, and my favorite is the Green Marvel. Leeches and wooly buggers continue to work for the rainbows and we now start to use a few egg and flesh imitations such as Polar Shrimp and Cotton Candy for all the fish (#8-#4).

July is a good time to go after pike in the weedy shallows. Weedless streamers and bass flies are good bets. We use short wire tippet on the leader when fishing for pike.

In August, the 'hatch' is salmon eggs, with the fish feeding on them almost exclusively. It's exciting fishing: nymph-style dead-drifting and sight-fishing much of the time. You'll want a floating line, plenty of strike indicators if you use them, and various sizes of split-shot to keep your offering down on the gravel in fast water. We recommend using the lodge's egg patterns rather than the yarn-style egg such as the Iliamna pinky, which the fish tend to swallow deeper rather than getting hooked just to the outside of the mouth. All our beads will be either free-sliding or pegged no higher than the two-inches above the hook required by law in all of Alaska.

Through September, egg patterns continue to catch fish, but Flesh-flies will be the hot pattern at times. These should be white or ginger in sizes #8-#4. We also get a Silver Salmon run in September. Again, large bright flies are the ticket. Alaskabou and Popsicle in the pink and purple combinations tend to work best.

Spin Fishing: Spin fisherman should pack their favorite light or medium action rods and a good quality reel with at least 8lb test line. Expect to lose tackle to snags! Bring plenty of large spoons and spinners as well as swivels. Almost any color combo will work, but usually silver and orange work best. Remember that all treble hooks need to be replaced with singles or trimmed down to one hook. Also keep in mind that American Creek, one of our main fishing destinations is flyfishing only by Katmai National Park regulations.

Waders: You can save some weight and bulk when packing by using our waders. Some folks prefer their own, the choice is yours (**wading boots with cleats are not allowed at the lodge**). One compromise is to use your own wading boots and our waders. Remember to pick up waders at Kulik Lodge before your flight over to Grosvenor.

Do not bring: Sleeping bags, towels, nylon landing nets, gaffs, creels, or any type of firearm. If you do bring bear mace, be sure to inform you pilot as it can't be packed inside the planes. **We do not recommend bringing bear mace.**

Available at the Lodge store: All the right flies and lures, some leaders and tippet material, insect repellent, sunscreen, various souvenir shirts, t-shirts and hats.



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