

Alaska's



World Class Hunting & Fishing Lodge

FISHERMAN'S HANDBOOK

Traveling to:

Rainbow Bay Resort

Lake Iliamna, Alaska

Arriving Lodge: _____

Departing Lodge: _____

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ITINERARY & FLIGHT INFO

Rainbow Bay Resort trips begin at Anchorage normally fly into the Anchorage International Airport on Friday afternoon, spending the night at one of the many hotels in Anchorage. At 7:30 am Saturday morning, guests will take a cab to the Lake Clark Air charter service Merrill Field in north Anchorage for the hour flight to Rainbow Bay Resort on Lake Iliamna located 180 air miles southwest of Anchorage. The following Saturday, guest will make the return flight on Lake Clark Air from the lodge arriving in Anchorage around noon. Below is the travel itinerary for your trip to Rainbow Bay Resort!

Trip Itinerary

Fri	Arrive at Anchorage International Airport and take a cab to your hotel for the night.
Sat:	7:30 a.m. Take a cab to Merrill Field arriving at the Lake Clark Air office. 9:00 a.m. Depart Merrill Field on Lake Clark Air charter. 10:15 a.m. Arrive at Pedro Bay on Lake Iliamna where the personnel of Rainbow Bay Resort will meet you, transporting you and your gear to the lodge located just a 10 minutes from the airstrip. You will then get settled into your room at the lodge and relax.
Sun:	Fish
Mon:	Fish
Tues:	Fish
Wed:	Fish
Thurs:	Fish
Fri:	Fish
Sat	Depart Pedro Bay on the Lake Clark Air charter flight around 11:00 am arriving at Merrill Field in Anchorage around noon. You will then take a cab to Anchorage International Airport for the flight home.

Flights in & Out of Anchorage International Airport

Most anglers arrive at Anchorage International Airport on Friday afternoon, spend the night at one of the many fine hotels in Anchorage (see list of which are below). Do not book a departure flight from Anchorage for home earlier than 4:00 pm on the last Saturday of your trip as inclement weather may delay your Lake Clark Air charter flight arrival into Anchorage from Pedro Bay. Anchorage International Airport has walk in freezers and you can check your fish while you await your departure flight to the lower 48. You will need to claim your fish box from the airport freezer and check it on you departure flight as baggage. As the aircraft holds are not heated, your fish should remain frozen until you arrive at the airport of your final destination. Try to book your flights into and out of Anchorage as soon as possible to ensure the flight schedule you desire at the most advantageous prices, as summer in Alaska is the height of the tourist season.

Anchorage Hotels

Listed below are recommendations for Anchorage hotels. Be sure & make your reservations as early as possible to insure you have a room, as the summer months are the height of the Alaskan tourist season!

Hotel Captain Cook	907-276-6000
Millennium Hotel	907-243-2300
Holiday Inn	907-248-8848
Westcoast Intn'l Airport Inn	800-544-0986
Super 8 Motel	907-276-8884
Merrill Field Inn	907-276-4547
Marriott Courtyard	800-228-2800
Barrett Inn Best Western	907-243-3131

Lake Clark Air Charter Flights

Rainbow Bay Resort will make your charter reservations for you!

Lake Clark Air (LCA) is a private charter service that operates 8 passenger, twin engine Navajo aircraft between Anchorage and Rainbow Bay Resort. LCA operates out of Merrill Field, a private airstrip located on the north side of Anchorage. Plan on arriving at the LCA office at Merrill Field at 8:00 am on Saturday morning as the charter flight is scheduled to depart Anchorage for Pedro Bay on Lake Iliamna at 9:00 am. The flight is about 1 hour and offers great vistas of the snow covered Alaskan Range and breathtaking glaciers. Be sure to dress warm for the flight and have your camera with you as well as your raingear in case there is rain on the 10 minute trip from the airstrip at Pedro Bay to the lodge. There is a limit of 50lb of baggage/person on the LCA charter flights, plus a charge of 75 cents/pound for all luggage over 50 lbs/person. LCA has a flat fee of \$25.00 for each fish box of frozen fish due on your return to Anchorage from the lodge. **The round-trip charter cost is \$350.00- \$400.00/person, they accept cash, check or Visa/MC.** Clients will pay of this charter flight upon arrival at the Lake Clark Air office. Rainbow Bay Resort will make the LCA flight reservations for you!



Suggested Clothing Lists

The weather during the summer in the Bristol Bay area of southwest Alaska can vary from a warm sunny 75° to a cold rainy 45° day. This area is not far from the Bering Sea and as the old saying goes, “if you don’t like the weather just wait a few minutes.” Layer your clothes so that you can add or subtract layers as the weather changes. You will want to bring a light backpack with you daily with your rain gear and possibly a wool sweater to ensure your comfort while in the field. *Bring Polarized sunglasses!*

Good Rain suit (we recommend Gore-Tex)	1 light down jacket
2 sets of light cotton or silk long johns	1 medium weight wool sweater
2 pair of wool socks (padded)	2 long sleeve shirts
2 pair of cotton socks (padded)	Tennis or deck shoes for use at lodge
2 pair of wool or Levi jeans	Warm cap & fishing gloves (fingerless OK)

Fishing Equipment List

Rainbow Bay Resort has a complete inventory of fishing equipment that we furnish to our clients at no additional cost and includes hip boots. Should you wish to bring your own fishing equipment we welcome it. *On lures & flies remember only single hooks are allowed in Alaska, double or treble hooks on lures are illegal!* **We recommend that you bring chest waders, Gore-Tex works best, if you have neoprene you need not buy new ones!** We also recommend you bring needle nose pliers or hemostats & nail clippers.

Spinning Equipment

The equipment listed below is for everything but King Salmon. Kings will weigh upwards of 50 lbs and you need pretty heavy bait casting equipment to “play with them.” We furnish this heavy equipment at the lodge, but if you wish to bring your own equipment for the Kings to break, contact us.

Light wt spinning rod (1/8 – 1/8 oz)	Mepps Spinners #1, 3, 4 & 5’s
Light wt reel loaded with 8 lb line	Vibrex Spinners # 1, 3, 4 & 5’s
Medium to heavy spinning rod (3/8 – 3/4 oz)	Pixie Spoons 3/8 – 5/8 oz.
Medium wt reel loaded with 17 lb test line	Dare Devil Spoons 3/8 – 5/8 oz.
Chest Waders (Gor-Tex recommended)	Black Crappie jigs 1/8 – 1/8 oz.

Fly Fishing Equipment

Fly fishing equipment is kind of personal and although we have fly fishing gear at the lodge we suggest you bring your own if you have it. Bringing a fly vest is a good idea if you use our equipment or not, as we do not furnish them. We do furnish flies at the lodge, but bring some of your own to try if you wish.

5 - 6 wt fly rod for Trout & Grayling	Single & double egg patterns size 4 & 6
8 – 9 wt fly rod for Salmon & Pike	Pink & Red
Floating & Sink Tip fly lines	Bunny or Egg Sucking leeches size 2 & 4
6 – 8 & 12 – 17 lb test leaders	Black & Purple
Royal Wolfe dry flies size 12, 14 & 16	Muddler Minnow size 2, 4 & 6

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Do you have phone service at the lodge?

A. The lodge does have satellite phone service our clients can use. *It is the most convenient for clients to bring "Prepaid Calling Cards" as this makes the long distance charges less than if you have to reimburse the lodge for long distance calls.*

Rainbow Bay Resort Phone #907-850-2241

Phone #2 907-850-2234

Q. Is there a computer at the lodge we can check &/or send e-mail on?

A Yes there is a computer you can use at the lodge for e-mail. jspippen@aol.com
Make sure you know how to get to your e-mail server from a computer other than yours!

Q. Is there a computer at the lodge we can download pictures from our digital camera on and burn a CD.

A The computer at the lodge does have this capability. Make sure your digital camera has a large memory card (512 meg or 1 gig), which will allow you to take a large number of high resolution pictures during your stay at the lodge. We will copy clients pictures daily and give everyone a CD with all the best pictures from the week on it.

Q. Can we purchase film or camera batteries at the lodge?

A No, the lodge does not have film or camera batteries available. Be sure and bring plenty of film for your camera (we recommend you bring 64 or 100 ASA for bright light conditions & 400 ASA for low light and lodge shots). It is always good to bring an extra battery for your camera, as they never go dead unless you are somewhere where you cannot get another one!

Q. What about liquor?

A The lodge provides a complimentary selection of beer & wines for your convenience. If you desire liquor (hard stuff) you will need to bring that and any mixers you desire.

Q. Do you offer trip insurance?

A We do not offer trip insurance, but it something to consider. Our policy is that trip deposits, balances & airline tickets paid are not refundable unless we can find a replacement angler to take over any unpaid trip deposits &/or balances due. For trip insurance info, go to Google.com on your computer and type in "Trip Insurance" as the search words. You will find a number of companies that offer trip insurance you can purchase online. They offer a variety of options of what you can and can't insure on a trip.

Q. What time are meals served?

A Breakfast will be ready at 7:15 am and dinner is served at approximately 7:30 pm. We cook shore lunches when possible, if not you will be furnished with a sack lunch.

Q. Does the lodge have a washer & dryer?

A Yes, the lodge staff will do laundry for you as needed.

Q. What about fishing licenses?

A Rainbow Bay Resort is an Alaska license vendor and you will purchase your fishing &/or hunting licenses & tags upon your arrival. A 7 day non-resident fishing license is \$55.00, should you fish for King Salmon in June or July you will also need to buy a \$35.00 King stamp too. Children under 15 years of age do not require a license.

Q. Do we fish the day we arrive at the lodge?

A Yes, you will fish Saturday afternoon after lunch if you wish by doing a short fly out trip or by boat trip from the lodge.

Q. What are the fishing hours?

A Approximately 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Q. How many fishermen per guide?

A Generally we provide one guide per each two fishermen. Occasionally on a fly out, the pilot will guide 4 fishermen.

Q. What are the catch limits?

A The catch limit depends upon your fishing skill. We practice catch and release on the Rainbow, Arctic Char & Grayling. You can keep 2 – 5 salmon &/or Halibut per day, depending on the species and the stream in which we are fishing that particular day..

Q. What if I want to have a fish mounted?

A Again we practice catch & release on Rainbow & Char. Should you want to have a mount made of a particular fish, we recommend a graphite or fiberglass Fish Clone mount. You simply need to take a picture of your fish, measure the length & the taxidermist can make the Fish Clone to match the photograph. The old skin type mounts deteriorate in just a few years where the new Fish Clones look good & last virtually forever.

Q. Smoking and/or canning of fish?

A Anchorage has several companies that will provide this service and will ship the products to you.

Q. What about getting our fish home?

A The lodge provides a wax cardboard box especially made for this purpose. Each day your guide will clean, vacuum pack and freeze your salmon &/or halibut and at the end of your trip your box of filets will be hard frozen and ready for your trip home. The box holds 30 – 40 lbs of fish. The box will be counted as part of your 50 lbs baggage allotment on the Lake Clark Air Charter flight. You could be charged around \$25.00 for transporting the box of fish on the Lake Clark Air charter service to Anchorage.

Q. What is the customary tip for guides and staff at the lodge?

A Tipping is optional at Rainbow Bay Resort (this is not the case at some lodges). Our staff pools all the tips received and divides them between all the staff. A recent article in the Alaska Angling Guide suggests \$500.00/guest as a guideline for gratuities to Alaska Sport Fishing Lodge staffs for a satisfied guest. This is representative of the average tip left by our guest in the past. You may leave your gratuity with any of the lodge management; it will be greatly appreciated by the staff at the lodge.

SAFETY INFORMATION

You should be aware that there are inherent dangers and risks associated with any wilderness adventure, including but not limited to: the hazards of traveling in natural terrain, boating, aircraft, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities and due to the forces of nature. We strive to look out for your safety and with your assistance you should have a safe & uneventful fishing trip. You will be required to sign a release and indemnity form at the lodge before your fishing trip begins.

We hope this handbook has provided the information that you will need to plan your trip. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call or e-mail us and we will be happy to respond to your further questions.

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