



Dear Guest,

We have put together this Pre-Trip information packet to help you on your journey to and from the Goodnews River Lodge. Please take a moment to review our list of Contact Phone Numbers, Hotel and Restaurant Suggestions, Guest Itinerary and Gear Checklist.

Contact Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

Goodnews River Lodge

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Lewiston MI 49756

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Charter Company

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4841 Lakeshore Drive

Anchorage, AK 99502

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Getting To and From the Goodnews River Lodge

All Guests of the Goodnews River Lodge will be transported to the Lodge via TransNorthern's Super DC-3 or similar airplane direct from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to Goodnews Bay. TransNorthern's flight will leave from the Lower concourse from Gate L-2 just to the left of baggage claim.

Here's a link to the map of the airport:

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/travelerInfo/southTerminal.pdf> -

Have your Taxi or Hotel Shuttle drop you off at the Taxi Stand by Baggage Claim, cross the street, enter baggage claim, and follow the signs left towards the "A" Concourse. You do not have to go through the security lines upstairs to reach your Gate.

Flight check in time is 8:00 A.M. Your name will be on the Manifest for the Goodnews River Lodge flight at the Gate. You do not need a ticket to board the flight, nor do you need to go to any ticket counter. The Gate Attendant will check you in and weigh your baggage. Please limit your baggage weight to 50# plus your carry on. A current departure time will be provided by the Gate Attendant. Normal departure time (weather permitting) is 9:00am, with arrival at Goodnews Bay estimated at 11:30am.

At the end of your stay the charter will get you back to Anchorage at approximately 3:00 pm (weather permitting). Try not to schedule a flight home prior to 7:00p.m.



Your Stay in Anchorage

Your trip to the Goodnews River Lodge requires an overnight stay in Anchorage. Here are a few suggestions for Hotels and Restaurants. Be sure to check for Internet specials offered by most hotels for a guaranteed reservation. Rates shown are a guide only and not guaranteed.

Hotels-Downtown

Captain Cook Hotel

5th Ave. & K St.

Anchorage, AK 99501

907-276-6000 or 800-843-1950

Average Rate: \$250+

Marriott Anchorage Downtown

820 West 7th Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99501-0219

907-279-8000 or 800-228-9290

Average Rate: \$250+

Fairfield Inn and Suites

5060 A Street

Anchorage, AK, 99053

907-222-9000

Average Rate: \$220



Comfort Inn Ship's Creek

111 W Ship Creek Ave
Anchorage, AK, 99501
907-277-6887
Average Rate: \$200

Copper Whale Inn

440 L St.
Anchorage, AK 99501
866-258-7999
Average Rate: \$210

Anchorage Grand Hotel

505 W. 2nd Ave
Anchorage, AK, 99501
907-929-8888
Average Rate \$195

Days Inn Anchorage Downtown

321 E. 5th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501
907-276-7226
Average Rate \$150



Hotels-Airport

The Lakefront Anchorage

4800 Spenard Road
Anchorage, AK 99517
907-243-2300
Average Rate: \$250+

Comfort Suites Airport

2919 W. International Airport Road,
Anchorage AK 99502
907-243-8080
Average Rate: \$200+

Puffin Inn

4400 Spenard Rd
Anchorage, AK 99517
907-243-4044
Average Rate: \$160

Quality Inn and Suites

4615 Spenard Road
Anchorage, AK 99517
907-243-3131
Average Rate: \$170



Restaurants-Fine Dining

Club Paris

417 W. 5th Ave.

Anchorage, AK, 99501

907-277-6332

Alaska's oldest steak house, Club Paris has an old-fashioned feel. It's dark and smoky up front in the bar, where Anchorage folks have been meeting for more than four decades. You can get tender, flavorful steaks of all kinds, including a 4-inch-thick filet mignon. Also on the menu are sandwiches (lunch only), salads, and fresh seafood.

Jens'

701 W. 36th Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99503

907-561-5367

This dining spot may be in a midtown strip mall, but it's exquisitely decorated -- featuring Alaskan art -- and features a Wine Bar and serves fine food. The dinner menu changes daily and includes Alaskan salmon, halibut, and rockfish. Other specialties are rack of lamb, tenderloin of veal, and their justly famous pepper steak. Head chef Jens Hansen's heritage shows through at lunch when the Danish specials appear, along with soups, salads, pastas, and vegetarian meals.

Orso

737 West 5th Avenue

Anchorage, AK, 99501

907-222-3232

Orso- "The Place to Be" Head Chef Harry Paul prepares a wide range of Alaska's finest seafood such as Copper River King Salmon and Alaskan King Crab, tasty pastas, exquisitely grilled meats, and home made deserts.



Their wide ranging menu changes with the seasons, insuring the freshest of preparations. An extensive wine list features over 150 wines.

Simon and Seafort's Saloon & Grill

420 L St.

Anchorage, AK 99501

907-274-3502

Voted the best steakhouse in Anchorage by Business Insider, the 8-oz chargrilled filet mignon served with smoked mushrooms and truffle oil, mashed Yukon potatoes and a brandy mustard sauce is not to be missed. Executive Chef Leah Gallagher combines wild Alaskan seafood with traditional American cuisine. And with the panoramic view overlooking Cook Inlet of Mount Susitna and the Alaska Range, Simon's, as it is known to the locals, is a pretty idyllic spot. Their extensive wine list will be sure to satisfy even the most sophisticated tastes.

Restaurants- Casual

Thai House Restaurant

830 E. 36th Ave.

Anchorage, AK

907-563-8616

Authentic Thai cooking, quick and friendly service in an unpretentious setting. Standard offerings include fresh rolls, pad thai (spicy cooked noodles with shrimp, chicken, and eggs), and tom kha gai (a flavorful soup of coconut milk, chicken, lemongrass, and ginger), along with something you aren't likely to find in Thailand: stir-fried curry Dungeness crab.



Humpy's Alehouse

610 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
907-276-2337

A casual, neighborhood alehouse in downtown Anchorage that serves excellent food at reasonable prices, along with a fantastic selection of draught beers and live music.

Kumagoro Japanese Restaurant

533 West 4th Avenue
Anchorage, AK99501
907-272-9905

The best traditional Japanese restaurant located in the heart of Downtown Anchorage. The Sushi and Sashimi could not be fresher, and it's the only place for Ramen in the city.

Yakitori Sushi House

2834 E. Tudor Road. Ste. B
Anchorage, AK 99507
907-561-7807

Yakitori Sushi House features more than just great sushi. "Yakitori" is skewers of fresh meat, chicken or seafood grilled over a narrow fired grill, accompanied by ice cold beer and Saki. "Yakitori" is enjoyed daily in Japan usually after work and long into the night, and is much more casual than sushi. If you're looking for something a little different, this is the place.



Goodnews River Lodge Gear Check List

Here is what you will need for a one-week stay at the Goodnews River Lodge. We do stock extra rods, reels and waders which are available for your use at no charge. Please feel free to call us with any concerns or questions you may have or if you would like to reserve Rods or Waders. This will help us ensure that you have everything you need for your trip of a lifetime to the greatest river in the world!

Please limit your baggage weight to 50# plus your carry on. To lighten up your luggage feel free to use our waders and boots. Also be aware that a statewide ban on the use of felt soled waders in any fresh water went into effect on January 1, 2012. Please do not bring any felt soled waders to the Lodge. We have an ample supply of waders and boots for all of our guests to use during their stay should you need them. Just give us your size and we will have a pair waiting for you upon arrival.

Clothing Suggestions

Try to dress in layers for maximum comfort. We suggest you wear capilene, under wader wear, or its equivalent under your clothes, and Polar Fleece as your Outerwear. **Good quality rain gear** is a must. Remember that summer temperature in Alaska can vary from 32 to 80 Degrees Fahrenheit in the span of 15 minutes.

Clothing

- Capilene Light or Mid-weight Bottoms
- Capilene Light or Mid-weight Tops
- Expedition Weight Top and Bottom-late season
- Down or Fleece Vest (Optional)



- Balaklava or Buff (For Face And Neck)
- Pair of Fingerless Gloves
- Light Cotton Long Sleeve Shirt (For Warm Days)
- Heavy Fleece Shirts (Or Pullover \ Zip-Up Tops)
- Jeans or Fishing Pants (For Travel or around the Lodge)
- Pairs of Mid Weight Wader Socks
- Capilene Underwear (Briefs)
- Pair of Polarized Glasses, Amber Lens are best. (Mandatory Safety Equipment While Fishing)
- Wool or Equivalent Cap
- Hat or Cap, Wide Brim (Mandatory Safety Equipment While Fishing)
- Hat for Rain, Oiled Canvas, Etc. (optional)
- Good Quality Rain Jacket With Hood- (please keep in your carry-on for the boat ride to and from the Lodge.)
- Medium Weight Jacket (For Travel, Can Be Substituted With Fleece Shirts)
- Gore-Tex (breathable) Full Waders with Gravel Guards if Stocking Foot, and **NO FELT SOLES or studs** if boot foot.
- Wading Boots for Stocking Foot Waders and **NO FELT SOLES or studs.**
- Deck or Hiking Shoes or Boots (For Travel and around the Lodge)

Miscellaneous

- Personal Toilet Kit
- 30+ Sun Block
- Lip Sun Block 15+ or Better
- Waterproof Camera and Film
- Personal Prescription Medications
- Pair Small Binoculars
- Mosquito Head Net If You Do Not Like Repellent



Rod Suggestions

Kings: 9-12 weight Fly Rod with a Floating Line, Intermediate sinking line, and a 400-500 Grain Shooting Head. Heavy Action Spinning or Casting Rod with 15lb-25lb test line, mono or braid.

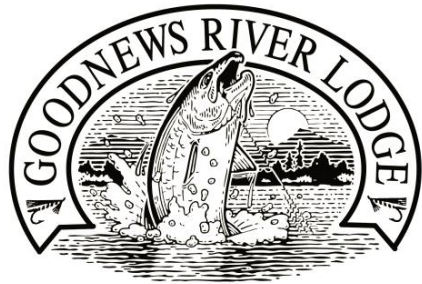
Chums, Sockeyes and Silvers: 7-9 weight Fly Rod with a Floating Line , and an intermediate sink and/or 200gr. sinking line. Medium Action Spinning Rod with 10lb-15lb test line, mono or braid.

Dollies, Rainbows, Grayling and Pinks:

3-7 wt. Fly Rod with a Floating Line. Light Action Spinning Rod with 6-8 lb. test line, mono or braid.

Flies and Lures: All Flies and Lures are provided by the Goodnews River Lodge. However, we know many of our guests prefer to tie their own. Feel free to bring along your favorite patterns, but don't go out and spend money unnecessarily. If you want a list of productive patterns, let us know. Please remember that the River is restricted to artificial flies and lures with a single hook only. No trebles, please.

Additional items available at the Lodge: The Lodge has a supply of Fly Rods and Reels as well as Spinning Rods and Reels, suitable for all species. We also have waders and boots for our Guests to use, all at no additional charge. Please call us to reserve any items that you might need before you come to the Lodge, so we may have them waiting for you in your cabin when you arrive.



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Goodnews River Lodge Guest Itinerary

Here is a brief outline of your week at the Goodnews River Lodge.

Wednesday

Arrive in Camp A complete lunch buffet with all the trimmings will be served upon your arrival. Time to get your Fishing License for your stay. We will deliver your luggage to your tent in order for you to change into your gear so that our guides can get you out fishing when you are ready.

6:00pm Enjoy fresh Hors d'oeuvres, a refreshing drink, and relaxing company in the dining facility.

6:30pm Dinner tonight is served Buffet BBQ-style. After dessert, sit back for Guest Orientation, meet the crew, and discuss tomorrow's fishing strategy with your guide -- they have all the lures/flyes you'll need to catch a trophy.

10:30pm Generator is turned off, allowing for a peaceful night's rest.

Thursday - Tuesday

5:30am Generator operation resumes.

6:00am Fresh, hot coffee is available for the early-risers.

7:00am Enjoy a full breakfast buffet with eggs to order, served from our kitchen. Please take a few minutes before or after breakfast to make yourself a sandwich from our lunch buffet. Don't forget to put your lunch by the front door for your Guide to collect before departing. Our Guides carry hot water for cocoa and tea, hot coffee and cold water for the day's outing. If you would like a soft drink while out on the water please be sure to pack it with your lunch. Please notify your server of your dinner choice from the selection of Entree's posted on the board before



departing.

8:15am Boats depart for a full day of fishing. Tight Lines!

5:30pm All boats return to the dock.

6:00pm Enjoy our Chef's tasty, fresh Hors d'oeuvres in the Lodge dining facility. **6:30pm** Dinner is served! After dinner discuss your fishing options with your Guide for the next day. If you desire a Shore Lunch now is the time to request it. After all, who can resist Fresh Fish with all the trimmings complete with Texas Toast and Cowboy Coffee prepared over an open fire by your guide. You are then free to relax in our Recreation Hall, tie flies or tell tall tales of the one that got away (or didn't). Or, if you still have the strength, wrestle with more fish right out in front of the Lodge before bed

10:30pm Lights out.

Wednesday (Departure Day)

6:30am Generator wakes up. A chance to sleep in!

7:00am Steaming hot Coffee is ready.

8:00am Enjoy a special Breakfast buffet. Make a sandwich at our lunch buffet to help tide you over as you travel on your journey home. At this time you can settle any tabs for licenses, hats, T-shirts, etc. and any gratuity you may wish to leave. Many of our Guests ask us about Gratuities. We pool all of our Gratuities and distribute them to all members of Team Goodnews. Most of our Guests choose to leave a minimum gratuity of \$100 per day for the Staff. They worked hard for you, so please be generous.

Like most fine Lodges, we allow our Guests the right of first refusal to book the same week in the following year before we release space to other Guests. If you wish to make reservations for next year's "Trip of a Lifetime" our Camp Manager will be happy to facilitate easy booking and handling of deposits at this time.



Departure

All good things must come to an end, and Great Fishing is no exception. Think of it as leaving a few fish to catch when you return next year. Please have your luggage packed prior to 9:00am and on the porch of your cabin. This will allow our staff enough time to ensure everyone's gear makes it safely to your awaiting aircraft in Goodnews Bay. Don't forget your hand carry luggage and rain gear! The Camp Manager is in constant contact with TransNorthern and will issue flight time updates as the information becomes available.

Communication Services While at the Lodge

Please remember that our remote location does not allow for the kind of communications services you may be used to at home. There is no cell service available at the Lodge, and your cell phone will not be able to connect with the Alaskan cell provider outside of major Alaskan cities. There is a land line (calling cards necessary, available at the Lodge) for phone communication, and satellite Internet is available to all Guests. The Internet will probably seem slow to you, but is usually sufficient for email communications. Please no uploading of photo's or Video's you may make, no downloading of movies, etc, and no VOIP calls (Skype, FaceTime, Viber), as it will crash the system for all.

Regarding the Taking of Fish

We at the Goodnews River Lodge are dedicated to promoting the idea of limiting our harvest to ensure a copious fishery for our grandchildren. For this reason we are strictly catch and release on all Trout and

Grayling. We do however, allow our anglers to harvest and take home



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25lbs of Salmon (to prove to friends that they actually went fishing!). For those of you who would like to take fish home, we will vacuum seal your catch and pack it in airline approved wax boxes for the trip back home.

We wish you a safe trip home and would like to thank you for choosing to fish at the Goodnews River Lodge.

Tight Lines!

Team Goodnews

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