

# Pre Trip Planner



Here is what you will need for a one-week stay at the Goodnews River Lodge. We do stock extra rods, reels, waders and boots which are available for your use at no extra 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 nothing to worry about once at the lodge. Contact us at (989) 786-5570

Please limit your baggage weight to **50lbs or less**, plus a 10lb carry on. (Baggage weight over the limit may be assessed an additional charge.)

## Clothing Suggestions:

**Layers are your Friend.** We suggest a base layer of Capelene or Merino Wool, top and bottom. A fleece or wool-blend mid weight layer on top of that, and on cold days you can't beat a down or primaloft vest to round it all off. Vests are great for retaining core warmth, without losing much mobility.

**Rain:** Yes, it rains in Alaska, and sometimes a lot. It may be raining when you exit the charter flight when arriving into Goodnews. For that reason we suggest a pair of rain pants you can access easily in your carry on, and as for your fishing jacket, **Gore-Tex** is king. No DWR finish, or "water resistant" jacket will stand up to 6 1/2 days in AK.

## **Clothing:**

- \*Merino Wool or Capilene Light or Mid-Weight Bottom
- \*Merino Wool or Capilene Mid-Weight Top \*Down or Primaloft Vest or Jacket
- \*Liners and multiple pairs of Cotton or Merino Wool Socks \*Gore-Tex Rain Coat (Have in your carry-on for the ride to Camp)
- \* Polarized Glasses (2 pairs are better than 1) \*Beanie and or Hat
- \*Buff
- \*Fingerless Gloves
- \*Heavy Fleece Shirts
- \*Jeans or Fishing Pants (For around Camp)
  
- \*Waders
- \*Wading Boots (Studded boots are not needed and are not allowed in Lodge)
- \*Wading Staff (Optional)
- \*Deck Shoes or Hiking Boots for around Camp.

## **Miscellaneous:**

- \*Personal Toiletry Kit
- \*30+ Sun Block
- \*Chapstick
- \*Waterproof Camera or GoPro
- \*Personal Medications
- \*Binoculars
- \*Mosquito Net
- \*Bug Repellant

## **Rod Suggestions:**

**Kings:** 9-12 Weight Fly Rod with a Floating Line, Sink Tips T10, T12, & T14 in 12ft sections. A 25ft 400-500 Grain Shooting Head. Heavy Action Spinning or Casting Rod with 20-30lb test line, mono or braid.

**Chums, Sockeyes & Silvers:** 8-10 Weight Fly Rod with a Floating Line, Sink Tips T8, & T10 in 6ft sections. If you plan on throwing a Popper or Gurgler for Silvers we suggest picking up one of Rio's "Outbound" Floating lines, and match it with your corresponding rod. This line allows you to throw those "kites" without much effort. Medium Action Spinning Rod with 15-20lb test line, mono or braid.

**Dollies & Rainbows:** 6-7 Weight Fly Rods with a Floating Line. Again, if you want to predominately skate mice, you might want to look into that Rio Outbound Floating Line. However, this line is not great for Indicator Fishing with beads and or Flesh. If you have an extra spool you can switch them out easily. But if you only have 1 line, make it a standard WF Floater.

**Grayling:** 3-5 weight Fly Rod with a Floating Line. Lightweight Spin rod with 6-8lb mono line.

**Flies and Lures:** All Flies are tied by our Guides in the off Season at no extra charge to you. Lures are provided by the 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 would like a list of productive patterns, just let us know. Please remember that the River is restricted to artificial flies and lures (Rainbows we prefer barbless as they are resident fish) and single hook only. No trebles.

**Items Available at the Lodge:** TheLodge 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 extra 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.

## **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. We will deliver your luggage to your tent in order for you to change into your gear after lunch.

**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

**6:30am** 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

**7:00pm** 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, battle it out on our new Foosball or Ping Pong table, 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 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 phone available for you to use to call home, 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 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 waxed boxes for the trip home.



## Getting To and From the Goodnews River Lodge

All Guests of the Goodnews River Lodge will be transported to the Lodge via private charter aircraft provided by TransNorthern 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.

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 50lbs plus a 10lb carry on. (baggage weight above the limit may be assessed an additional charge).. 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.