Kenai Riverside Fishing
2021

The Kenai is Home to Great Fishing

Discover for yourself why the Kenai River enjoys a worldwide reputation for its June and July runs of salmon. An annual run of over 500,000 sockeye migrate through the river. In addition, August and September hold some of the most hard-fighting silver salmon, wild rainbow trout and exciting Dolly Varden fishing found anywhere.

The Kenai River stretches 82 miles, from Kenai Lake to Cook Inlet and includes upper, middle and lower river sections. The upper Kenai includes 16 miles of Alaska's most productive sockeye salmon, rainbow trout and Dolly Varden fishing waters.

A few miles downstream, a section known as the lower Kenai flows over 50 miles from Skilak Lake to Cook Inlet and produces some of Alaska's finest silver salmon and king fishing.

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Fish

It doesn't take 40+ years to know where the fish are, but it sure helps.

Since 1977, Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA) has guided guests down the Kenai River on fishing trips they'll remember for a lifetime. Our experience on both the upper and lower portions of the river has earned us the reputation as the fishing leader on the Kenai. All summer long, we go after salmon (sockeye, silver and king), rainbow trout and Dolly Varden, focusing on the species that are in season. Try a day in Resurrection Bay fishing for silver salmon and other ocean species—or ask about charters for halibut.

Our guides are friendly, know the river like the back of their hands and take care to outfit you with the best quality gear and equipment. They'll teach you their special angling techniques—tips and tricks honed over the years. Whether you are an accomplished angler, recreational fisherman or just starting out, we'll help put you on the fish and get 'em in the boat.

Fly fishing at its best...

As our guides and returning guests know, there is no greater thrill than to catch a huge rainbow trout, Dolly or silver on the fly while they voraciously feed in late August and September. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game designated the non-motorized upper Kenai River as a trophy rainbow zone and our guides lead the way in finding these prize fish. Try your hand at fly fishing all season long, and if time allows, be sure to plan a few late season days to go after the big ones.

Stay

Cozy private cabins, hearty meals, warm hospitality...it is a vacation after all!

Our beautiful Kenai Riverside Lodge is the perfect place to enjoy a fine meal and trade stories at the day's end. Enjoy hearty home cooking with a gourmet flair in our main lodge, then relax with a tasty Alaska micro-brew or a glass of wine in our lounge. When you fish with AWA, all meals, snacks and lunch on the boat are included in your stay.

After dinner, take advantage of the lodge grounds: warm up in the wood-fired sauna, stroll along a nature trail or relax on our expansive new deck overlooking the river. Your private cabin will welcome you home, nestled in a wooded setting just a short distance from the river's edge.

Expand your vacation to one of our other wilderness lodges!

Raft your way down the Kenai to our remote, boat-in only lodge on Skilak Lake! **Kenai Backcountry Lodge** is a historic lodge with 9 cabins nestled in the woods surrounding Skilak Lake. Hike the Cottonwood Trail, enjoy the lakeside setting; disconnect from life's 'to do' list and reconnect with family and friends. **Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge** is our boat-in only lodge set deep in Kenai Fjords National Park. Experience a marine wildlife cruise and take in the beauty of seacoast Alaska. Kayak, canoe and explore this remote wilderness wonderland. Ask your AWA sales representative how you can seamlessly include a stay at one or both of these lodges with your Kenai Riverside Fishing itinerary.

Explore

Stay and play at Kenai Riverside Lodge – fun for the whole family!

Bring your non-fishing friends and family along on your trip, and we'll show them a great time with scenic rafting trips and guided hikes in the Chugach National Forest. Come together in the afternoon, share stories of your day's adventures and enjoy meals and lodge amenities together. Our 2-hour float trips follow the upper Kenai River and offer great wildlife viewing opportunities and wilderness views. Or, spend the day on the water! Our Canyon Raft Trip is a 7-hour float, with a small stretch of Class II+ bumps for a few splashes of excitement along the way. Your guide will prepare a shoreside picnic lunch and provide naturalist interpretation along the way. Watch for bears, moose, eagles and more.

Our Boats

Drift Boats—Many anglers consider drift boats to be the ultimate river craft. We feature 18-foot models custom-designed for the Kenai River that fish up to four anglers. These boats are the best for accessing the “drift-only” waters of the upper Kenai.

Power Boats—We utilize a variety of craft for ocean trips, depending on the species we’re targeting, and we use 21-foot Willie Predator boats on the lower Kenai.

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Sample all-inclusive Fishing Packages

Our all-inclusive fishing packages range from 2 days and up. Our experts will help you design the perfect itinerary for your trip!

6 Day/7 Night Salmon/Trout/Halibut — Experience the best of Alaska fishing in this week-long package. You'll have plenty of time to fish for the in-season species of salmon, rainbow trout and Dolly Varden. Complement your freshwater experience with a charter day trip into Alaska's productive marine waters in search of huge Pacific halibut. This package includes 6 full days of fishing.

5 Day/6 Night Salmon/Trout — This is our most popular package. Chase kings or silvers on the lower Kenai and float the upper Kenai for rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and in-season salmon. From June through September we will maximize your experience to take advantage of the best fishing available. This package includes 5 full days of fishing.

3 Day/4 Night Salmon/Trout — If you are short on time but want excellent Alaska fishing, our shorter packages are just right. Many guests find these packages pair well with other lodge stays or pre-planned itineraries. Enjoy the same amenities that our longer packages include and 3 full days of fishing.

What's Included? — Our packages include round trip transportation from Anchorage, all meals, snacks and private cabins with attached baths. Your trip components include up to 8 hours per day of fishing, the best tackle, gear and the service of our top-notch guides. Each day, we'll fillet and vacuum pack your fish, box it and freeze it in preparation for shipping. Packages do not include the cost of shipping your fish, fishing license, beer/wine or gratuities to staff.

What to expect with AWA? — Your trip begins with your call to our expert staff. They will assist you in planning your trip and getting all the details settled. On the day of your arrival, we'll be there to greet you at the airport or hotel. Sit back and take in the splendor of Turnagain Arm and the Chugach National Forest as we bring you to Cooper Landing, home of the Kenai Riverside Lodge. Settle into your cabin, enjoy a delicious meal and get some rest! Your first day of fishing begins very early (AWA is known for being 'first on the water') and starts with a hearty breakfast, hot coffee and a mug to go. Fish up to 8 hours each day of your itinerary, on the waters and for the species you planned to include. Traveling with non-anglers? No worries; they will be guided on their selected activities while you fish. On your final day, we will shuttle you back to Anchorage after breakfast, arriving by noon to the airport or local hotel.

What You'll Catch

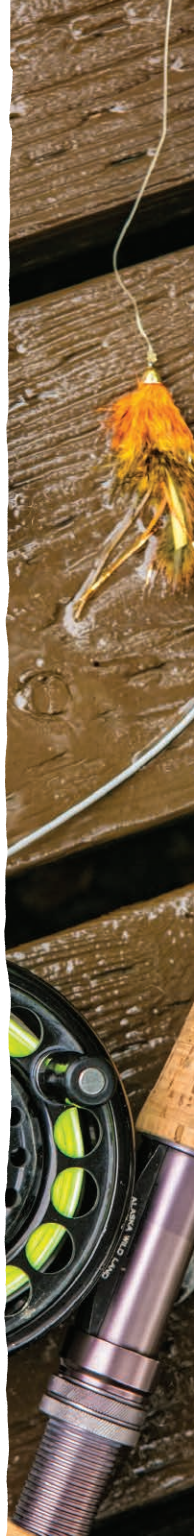
Coho (Silver) Salmon
Average Size: 8-12 lbs.
Available: August-September, peak in August
These hard-fighting fish can be caught on the Kenai or in Resurrection Bay.

Sockeye (Red) Salmon
Average Size: 8 lbs.
Available: June-August, peak in June-July
This species offers frequent hookups and fast action on light tackle. Our guests enjoy taking these delicious-tasting salmon home with them for good eating!

Chinook (King) Salmon
Average Size: 15-25 lbs.
Available: June-July, peak in July
It's not unusual for our guests to catch a 40 to 60 pounder (the world record of 97 pounds was caught on the Kenai River in 1985). Take your turn at this once-in-a lifetime fishing experience.

Rainbow Trout
Average Size: 12-18 inches
Available: All season, peak in September
The Kenai River is home to some of the largest native rainbow trout in Alaska. The excitement of hooking one of these prized fish is worth the trip to Alaska in itself. Our permits and experience allow us to fish limited access areas of the river.

Dolly Varden (Char)
Average Size: 12-18 inches
Available: All season, peak in September
Along with trout, the Kenai is home to a large population of Dollys. These fish make the Upper Kenai a fly or spin fisherman's paradise.



Kenai Riverside Lodge

Welcome to Kenai Riverside Lodge, your home while fishing with AWA. Enjoy a private cabin with attached bath and porch; savor hearty meals in our main lodge.

Fish Processing and Licenses

Your all-inclusive Kenai Riverside Fishing packages include on-site fish processing. We will fillet, vacuum pack and freeze your fish each day. We also box and prep the fish for you to take on your return flight. Overnight express shipping is available at standard rates.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game requires all anglers possess fish licenses on their person at all times. At the time of reservation, our team will outline the easiest way to acquire your license. This fee is not included in your package cost.

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Kenai Riverside Fishing Pricing

TRIP	LENGTH	COST
Salmon / Rainbow Trout	2 days / 3 nights	$1945
Salmon / Rainbow Trout	3 days / 4 nights	$2875
Salmon / Rainbow Trout	4 days / 5 nights	$3725
Salmon / Rainbow Trout	5 days / 6 nights	$4495
Salmon / Rainbow Trout / Halibut	6 days / 7 nights	$5145
Salmon / Rainbow Trout / Halibut	7 days / 8 nights	$5850

Reservations— Call 1.800.478.4100 to reserve your dates. Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of required deposit. We accept checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

We're Open— Early June through September annually.

Payment schedule:	Amount due:
Amount due per person:	
121+ days prior to departure	$1000 or 50% of trip total, whichever is less
At 120 days	50% of total
120 to 61	50% of total
At 60 days	Final payment due
Within 60 days	100% of total

Reservations made within 60 days of departure must be guaranteed with MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Late payments may result in releasing your reservation and rebooking is subject to availability. Cancellation fees apply. Upon receipt of your initial deposit, we will mail you written confirmation and a travel insurance application. Kenai Borough Tax varies based on the number in your party and the number of nights you stay with us. Seasonal fuel surcharges, when applicable, are not included in trip price and are subject to change prior to trip departure.

Cancellation and changes— Trips operate rain or shine. Our policies go into effect at the time of booking and upon receipt of deposit. Written cancellations and changes must be received in our reservations office to be valid. Non-appearance for program will result in no refund. Again, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

If the cancellation or change occurs, the per person fee is:

121+ days prior to departure
The fee is $300 or 10% of trip total, whichever is less

120 to 91 days
The fee is $600 or 20% of trip total, whichever is less

90 to 46 days
50% of total trip cost

Within 45 days
100% of total trip cost

Refunds— Requests for refunds must be directed in writing to the agency that sold you the program. No refunds will be made on individual features, transfers or sightseeing voluntarily omitted by the participant. No refunds for unused services will be issued. Refunds for cancelled flights or changes in reservations will be made in accordance with the rules of the carrier.

Fish bag limits — Please note bag limits set by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are subject to change at any time to protect the viability of fish species. We may establish even stricter company policies regarding catch limits or release policies to follow best practices for the continued sustainability of certain species. For instance, we adhere to a "catch and release" only policy for rainbow trout and Dollys. We strongly support regulations designed to result in the sustainability of this outstanding resource.

Important Disclosures— Alaska Wildland Adventures (AWA) owns and operates the Kenai Riverside Fishing Program. It does not control certain other third-party entities which may provide goods and services for your trip. The costs and scheduling of travel, accommodations, and associated services, unless otherwise specified, are the responsibility of our guests, and any delays, cancellations, or other travel alterations affecting a guest's itinerary will be the sole responsibility of the guest. AWA will not assume any additional costs and shall not be liable for any delay, damage, injury, death, or loss of any kind whatsoever due to the acts, omissions, or negligence of any third-party service or transportation providers. AWA reserves the sole discretion and right to adjust pricing, programs, scheduled dates, and itineraries in the event certain conditions outside of its control threaten the health, security, and safety of its employees, guests, or property, including those caused by 'force majeure' events (including but not limited to war, acts of terrorism, pandemics and epidemics, civil strife, labor conflicts, and natural disasters), changes to national or global economic environments, acts of governmental authorities, and any other conditions resulting in the frustration, impracticability, or impossibility of undertaking AWA activities. In the event of a cancellation or major itinerary change due to such events, AWA will best assess the amount of available refund or credit toward a future trip with AWA. In any case, AWA cannot guarantee any refund amount due to cancellations beyond our control and strongly recommends that all guests purchase travel insurance.

Two dollars a day for conservation— AWA contributes annually to Alaska-based nonprofit efforts for environmental and fisheries protection. As a consumer you can elect to participate in our "Two Dollars A Day" program by making a voluntary contribution of $2 per person per day of your trip with us. This amount will be added to your final invoice. If you choose, you may deduct the amount from your final payment. Donations made to this program will be equally divided among:

Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance, Cook Inlet Keeper, Kenai Watershed Forum, Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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