

# Wildman Lake Lodge

## Packing Check List

### For Fishermen



#### What Wildman Lake Lodge Provides:

- ✓ ➤ Comfortable lodging, including, pillows, cozy bedding, towels and daily maid service.
- ✓ ➤ Outstanding meals, hot shore lunches and soft drinks & complimentary “Muktuk” hour.
- ✓ ➤ Jet boat and Airplane transportation from the lodge to the fishing grounds
- ✓ ➤ Experienced Fishing Guides
- ✓ ➤ Fish cleaning, freezing and boxing
- ✓ ➤ Spinning gear and/or rental fly rod
- ✓ ➤ Most importantly the best fishing in Alaska!

#### What You Should Bring:

**As you can imagine, Alaska weather is unpredictable so prepare for the unexpected. Dressing in layers is imperative for comfort. With that in mind, here are some suggestions on what to bring:**

- ➤ A good rain coat or waterproof Wading Jacket
- ➤ Polar fleece jacket or hooded sweatshirt (hooded and wind proof are the best)
- ➤ Medium weight jacket
- ➤ One undershirt for each day
- ➤ 3 shirts of varying weights that can likely be worn several times
- ➤ 3 pairs of pants
- ➤ 2 pair of expedition weight long underwear (for under your waders)
- ➤ One pair of socks for every day, including 2 or 3 pairs of boot socks if needed
- ➤ Fishing gloves, (neoprene, cotton, polar fleece)
- ➤ A waterproof day pack, which you can also use for a carry-on for the flight.
- ➤ One pair of lightweight breathable chest or belt high waders. **(felt soles are banned in Alaska)**
- ➤ Camp shoes – running shoes, short boots or moccasins for after fishing wear
- ➤ One warm stocking hat

#### Miscellaneous:

- ➤ Bug Spray with deet
- ➤ Shaving kit with toiletries
- ➤ Sun Screen and chap stick
- ➤ Hand cream
- ➤ Digital Camera and all the cords!
- ➤ Extra camera batteries
- ➤ More film than you think you need!
- ➤ Video camera and extra battery and storage
- ➤ Binoculars
- ➤ Polarized sun glasses
- ➤ A couple of garbage bags for dirty clothes and boots for the trip home
- ➤ Ziploc bags are handy to keep camera / video clean and dry

Pack your gear into one rolling duffel style bag. Carry your valuable items in your daypack. Baggage capacity is limited on our aircraft, so please keep your total weight under 50 pounds.

# Sport Fishing Gear List

**Kate's Bait** At the lodge you will find that "Kate's Bait & Tackle" stocks our most productive flies, fly lines, leaders and fishing tackle as well as most of little things guests tend to leave behind. We also stock shot shells for bird hunters, a few unique Alaska gifts and an assortment of Wildman Logo Wear.

**Fly Fishermen** We have found that 6 wt. rods are best for Char and Trout and 8 wt. and 9 – 10wt. for King Salmon. Two or four piece travel rods are fine. Spey Rods for Salmon and Steelhead have become very popular. Anti-reverse reels are best for salmon fishing. We use mostly combination fly lines: floating lines with a sinking tip of 10 to 12 feet. Floating lines are also necessary for dry fly fishing for Rainbow and Char as well as top-water *woggin'* for big Silvers. The versa-tip lines are nice and will give you a lot of versatility on the river.



## Our Most Productive Fly Patterns and Sizes

Our most effective Salmon Patterns are large attractors: # 2 up to #4/0 for King Salmon. Bright colors, Red, Hot Pink, Purple, Black and Orange are generally best. We use a lot of Mylar, Flashabou, or tinsel when tying our salmon flies. Weighted bodies or weighted eyes help the fly get down. Salmon like lots of Marabou or Bunny Fur. Char and trout wet flies should be tied on #10 to #8 hook. . We have most of these flies in stock. - **More Alaska flies can also be found at: [www.alaskaflyfishinggoods.com](http://www.alaskaflyfishinggoods.com)** -

### Trout and Char Flies #8 - 10

Egg Sucking Leach - #8  
*Olive/Purple/Black*  
Muddler Minnow - *Brown*  
Bi-Visible & Royal Wulff  
Elk Hair Caddis & Humpy  
Deer Hair Mouse  
Royal Coachman & Adam  
Chironomids – Various Colors  
Nymphs & Emergers #10 to #14

### Silvers, Chum Pinks #2

#2 Egg Sucking Leach -  
*Purple and Pink*  
Alaska-bou  
Bunny Fly – *Pink and Purple*  
Pacific Salmon Buzzer  
*Purple, Pink, Orange, Red*  
Wooly Buggers  
Popsicle & Flash Fly  
Poly-Wogs – Pink

### Kings Salmon Flies #2 – 5/0

Fat Freddy- Pink, Fuchsia  
Lead Head Leaches - Vari-Color  
Ever-Glo Fly  
Outrageous  
**Sockeye Salmon Flies #2**  
Montana Brassie  
Green Grizzly Smolt  
Flash Fly  
Russian River Sockeye Fly

**Lines, Leaders and Tippets** If you plan to bring more than one spool for each fly reel, we suggest a floating line on one and a floating line with a sink tip on the other. Otherwise, we recommend a changeable tip system like the Rio VERSITIP II or just bring your favorite floating line and we will add a sink tip to it when needed. Make sure your spool is full and that your salmon reel is backed with fresh #30 backing and the knots are strong. Regarding Leaders and Tippets, first of all, our fish are not particularly leader shy, especially the salmon. Quite often we just use 10# to #30 leader material, depending what we are fishing. Fluorocarbon is nice, but not really necessary on our river system. For King Salmon leaders: Rio Knotless Tapered 9 to 12 foot leader for Steelhead/Salmon in #20 lb. test. For all other Salmon species: Rio Knotless Tapered 9 – 12 foot Salmon/Steelhead leaders in 16 lb. test. For trout and char: Rio Knotless Tapered 9 foot Trout Leader or similar for these 6 to 12 pound fish.

**Spin-Cast Fishermen** We provide 8 to 9 foot, two piece, spinning rods with open face reels. Line test varies by species: #10 line for Char and Trout, #15 for Sockeye and Pinks, #20 for Chum and Silvers and #30 for King Salmon. If you plan to bring your own equipment, please only bring two piece rods and be sure your reels are wound correctly with NEW line. If you bring lures, you will want to include single hook lures as these are best for releasing our native trout and char, and for releasing salmon.

## Our Most Productive Spinners & Spoons

Blue Fox - Pixie Spoons - 7/8 oz. for King, Chum and Silver Salmon: Red, Pink, Orange, Chartreuse (single & treble hook)  
Blue Fox – Pixie Spoons - 1/2 oz. for Pink Salmon and Char, Red, Orange and assorted patterns  
Blue Fox - Vibrex Spinner # 6 for King Salmon: Body: Red, Chartreuse, Orange & Assorted – Blades Silver and Assorted  
Blue Fox - Vibrex Spinner # 5 for Silvers, Chum & Pinks: Body: Pink, Red, Orange & Assorted – Blades Silver and Assorted  
Blue Fox - Vibrex Spinner #3 **Single hook only for Char & Trout:** Body: Red, Chartreuse, Orange, Silver & Blades; Silver