

ARCTIC GRAYLING GUIDE SERVICE

Wilderness Fishing, Inc.

Arctic Grayling Guide Service is an interior Alaska, Fairbanks based sport fishing business. We are family owned and have provided quality fishing trips since 1984. Our goal is to provide you with the best trip at an affordable price. Please visit our website listed below for additional information, photos, and useful links. Please e-mail us if you have any questions.

Unguided Trips (Overnight/Multi-day)

For the true experience of wilderness fishing, this trip is recommended. Fishing and exploring a beautiful creek and more time to fish are some of the benefits of an overnight/multi-day trip.

This trip package includes overnight lodging in a comfortable remote cabin located on the banks of a spring fed stream. The cabin is fully outfitted with sleeping bags, pads, propane lantern and cook stove, woodstove, cooking utensils, and some staples (coffee, cooking oil, paper plates & plastic utensils, flour, etc., food not included). You may purchase all required food in Fairbanks before you are transported to the fishing area. Overnight trips are evening drop-off, evening pick-up. All of your fishing equipment is provided. We have three cabins in three different areas. Two of the cabins sleep six people and one sleeps three people.

One Day Trips - Guided

What better way to compliment your visit to Alaska than to spend a day fishing with an experienced Alaskan fishing guide. Let us show you the most productive and beautiful fishing areas the interior of Alaska has to offer.

The morning of your trip, we will transport you from Fairbanks to a spring fed stream system that has a natural population of Arctic Grayling (and salmon in season). Your guide will show you how to catch Grayling, on spinning gear or artificial flies. Fishing occurs well away from the crowds in a secluded area where you can enjoy the real Alaska. We provide you with all the gear you need. Please bring adequate clothing and a lunch. We also sell fishing licenses: current rates: (non-resident) 1 day: \$20; 3 day: \$35 and 7 day: \$55. King Salmon Stamp: \$10.

The Area You Will Be Fishing

You will be fishing spring fed creeks located between Fairbanks and Denali National Park. Our overnight cabins are located on the banks of these spring-fed creeks. The main creek is approximately 14 miles long with naturally occurring Arctic Grayling, and King, Silver and Chum Salmon in season.

Whether your trip is guided or unguided, you will find that the creeks are fun to explore. If you and your party are not familiar with fly fishing, don't worry, we supply all the gear (in addition to spin gear). With a quick primer on

fly fishing, you will be on your way to catching Grayling or Salmon. To maintain this quality fishery, we practice catch and release for Grayling and female King salmon.

Choosing Which Time To Come

The following is a month by month description of what to expect. It will help you select which dates to schedule your trip:

Species/Seasons

	June	July	August	September
Arctic Grayling	X	X	X	X
King Salmon	-	X	-	-
Silver Salmon	-	-	-	X
Chum Salmon	-	X	-	X

X= Species Present

JUNE

Fishing for Arctic Grayling begins the first week of June. At this time, groups of Grayling are starting their spawning run to the headwaters of interior Alaskan streams. The longest day of the year is June 21, with over 21 hours of daylight. This is one of the driest and mildest summer months to be fishing in interior Alaska. Grayling are voracious top-water feeders and are easily located as they take insects from the streams surface.

JULY

King (Chinook) Salmon start appearing within the first week of July. Their run will continue until the first week of August. An average King Salmon will weigh from 12 to 30 lbs., with an occasional 35 lb. (or heavier) fish being landed.

Our King fishery is unique in that you can see them in the water as they chase and take your fly or lure.

Warmer weather prevails during this month and the Grayling will be feeding heavily on the stream's surface. Although Grayling will chase nearly any lure presented to them, they are especially susceptible to dry flies.

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AUGUST

King Salmon are caught as late as the first week of August, followed by several schools of Chum Salmon that are moving upstream.

Grayling are feeding more on sub-surface insects, especially during cool mornings and evenings. Lures, nymphs and flies attract Grayling during this period.

SEPTEMBER

Fall starts showing its colors by the first week of September. During this time, Silver/Coho and Chum salmon are entering the area streams in great numbers. These September runs, are the largest salmon runs of the year for interior Alaska. Both species of salmon will aggressively grab spoons, streamers or flies. The gear and tackle we provide is specialized for interior Alaska fishing and will enable you to take advantage of their aggressive behavior. Although male Silver salmon are in their spawning colors, they are very aggressive and are known for putting up a good fight. Female Silver salmon still retain a silver color with a reddish/pink stripe. Some of them have the colors of a large rainbow trout. As far as eating quality, the males are still edible and can be frozen whole, filleted or smoked. The fish in these streams are all naturally occurring.

What to Wear and What to Bring

For all months, bring warm clothing as a back-up. June and July are generally warm but occasionally the mornings and evenings may be cool during the jetboat ride. Bring a hat and polarized sunglasses. A pair of polarizing sunglasses are very helpful for cutting glare and spotting fish. Don't forget your camera for your guide to take a photo of you and your catch.

Accommodations

We have three remote, streamside cabins available. The larger two cabins sleep up to six people and the third cabin sleeps three. The cabins are several miles apart so a quiet stay is assured, with only one party per site.

Although bears have been seen over the years, there has never been an incident where anyone was hurt. Contrary to popular opinion, there is not a bear behind every tree in Alaska.

If you are booking an unguided or multiple day trip, we can furnish a can of pepper spray if you are concerned about curious bears.

Cabins are outfitted with sleeping bags and pads, propane cooking stove and lights, woodstove, cooking pots and pans and staples for preparing your food. Please let us know if you have any special requests.

Overnight Lodging in Fairbanks

Motels

Best Western	1-800-780-7234
Holiday Inn Express	1-877-863-4780
Sophie Station Hotel	1-800-528-4916
Hampton Inn	1-907-451-1502
Alpine Lodge	1-800-455-8851

For a free information package on Fairbanks and the surrounding area, call the Fairbanks Visitor and Information Bureau at **1-800-327-5774**; or request one online at **www.explorefairbanks.com**.

Taking Fish Home With You

The easiest way to do this is to bring a small to medium sized cooler with you. You can pack your camera or other items in the cooler on the way up. Before you leave, we will clean and package your fish in Ziplock freezer bags. We keep your fish on ice until you get back to Fairbanks. From that point, you need to make arrangements to keep it frozen or contact Interior Alaska Fish Processors in Fairbanks (907-465-3885). Airlines recommend using Blue-Ice/Gel-Ice. (They do not accept wet ice and dry ice must be declared, with a 5 lb. limit.) **CAUTION:** Prices for this service are very pricey.

There are other ways to ship your fish home, but we have found the above method works the best. Keeping Grayling is not recommended as they do not freeze well. Please e-mail or call for further information if you plan to take your catch home. Please note that only male salmon may be retained. Grayling may not be retained.

The following airlines fly between the continental US and Fairbanks, Alaska:

Alaska Airlines	www.alaskaair.com	1-800-426-0333
Northwest	www.nwa.com	1-800-225-2525

Reservation Requirements

Reservations are advisable. A \$100 deposit is required per group to confirm your reservations. Deposit payments will be confirmed in writing. Balance is due on arrival. Please make checks payable to: Wilderness Fishing, Inc. We accept personal checks, travelers checks and money orders.

Although we have been in business over 25 years, we do not accept credit cards.

In the event of a cancellation, deposits will be refunded only if we receive notification from you at least 30 days prior to your scheduled trip date.

Please call or e-mail any questions you have. Our trips are customized according to your schedule and tastes. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer.

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PRICES FOR

GUIDED DAY TRIPS

(updated 4/8/12)

FOR GRAYLING, OR GRAYLING-SALMON COMBINATION TRIPS

Seasons:

June through September Grayling

July-King Salmon – September-Silver Salmon

	<u>2 People</u>	<u>3 People</u>	<u>4 People</u>	<u>5 People</u>	<u>6 People</u>
1 Day	\$365 ea.	\$345 ea.	\$335 ea.	\$320 ea.	\$310 ea.

- * Fishing gear, including hip boots, is provided on all guided trips. Fishing licenses and salmon stamps may be purchased directly from us.
- * Children 6-13 years of age, are \$100 each, with two or more adults.
- * Call or e-mail us for rates for groups of more than 6.
- * Call or e-mail us for rates for combination trips (One day guided trip, then stay at cabin, unguided).

Rates include: Round trip transportation from any location in Fairbanks, (or meet us in Nenana) all guide services, and all fishing equipment including hip waders.

Groups may be combined to fill guided day trips. If you desire a personal trip for you or your group it can be arranged for an additional cost (i.e. purchasing the boat for the day).

Please note: All prices, dates, times, places, trips, transportation and travel are subject to immediate change and/or cancellation without any prior notice. Adventuring, including fishing, is potentially dangerous. Participation is at your own risk. There is danger in everything you do and every place you go. No one can guarantee your safety. You are responsible for yourself, your dependents, your actions and your decisions. All travelers should have trip cancellation and medical evacuation insurance.

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PRICES FOR

UNGUIDED TRIPS

(updated 4/8/12)

FOR GRAYLING AND SALMON

June - September

	<u>2 People</u>	<u>3 People</u>	<u>4 People</u>	<u>5 People</u>	<u>6 People</u>
1 Day, 1 Night	\$285 ea.	\$280 ea.	\$275 ea.	\$265 ea.	\$255 ea.
2 Days, 2 Nights	\$355 ea.	\$345 ea.	\$335 ea.	\$325 ea.	\$320 ea.
3 Days, 3 Nights	\$450 ea.	\$440 ea.	\$430 ea.	\$415 ea.	\$405 ea.

- * Overnight and multi-day trips are scheduled for evening drop and evening pick-up, i.e., we typically leave Fairbanks at 6 pm or we can meet your party in Nenana at 7 pm. Nenana (on the Parks Highway, 50 miles south of Fairbanks) is our put in point, and is half way between Denali Park and Fairbanks.
- * Evening drop-off and pick-up trips to secluded, comfortable streamside cabins.
- * Fishing gear, including hip boots, is provided on all unguided trips. Fishing licenses and salmon stamps may be purchased directly from us.
- * Cabins are outfitted with sleeping bags and pads, propane cooking stove and lights, woodstove, cooking pots and pans and staples for preparing your food. NOTE: These remote cabins do not have running water or electricity. Drinking water is provided.
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