

Shoup Glacier Day Trip

Meet at the office of Anadyr Adventures for a pre-trip safety briefing, and equipment fitting and a brief kayaking lesson. Load boats on our specialized 'water taxi' and sit back and enjoy. The trip out to Shoup takes about 1/2 hour and is the perfect opportunity to see 'rafts' or flotillas of sea otters and on occasion, the lone Humpback Whale.

Once we arrive in Shoup Bay we'll unload the kayaks and begin our on-water adventure with a history of the area. We'll soon make our way toward the inner tidal basin, which is unique to Prince William Sound. Depending on tides we will either paddle the boats up a tidal rivers to reach the basin, or line them in classic Alaskan explorer style.

Once in the tidal lagoon, our guides will give a talk on the nature of glaciers and the resulting ice which "calves" from the face. Get a better understanding of the geology of the area as our trained guides will relate "the story of the rocks."

One of the main highlights of any Shoup Glacier trip is to visit the Black-Legged Kittiwake rookery. With numbers reaching 20,000, "the kittiwake rock" is an amazing sight. Learn all about this interesting gull species which has become an 'indicator species' for the overall health of the sound.

After paddling for several hours, enjoy your lunch and a refreshing hike up on the moraine (the deposits left behind by the retreating glacier) and get a bird's eye view of the entire area.

To finish off the trip enjoy a slow paddle back to our taxi waiting for us in the outside bay.

-No experience is necessary.

-\$159/person (park entrance fee included)

-easy flat water paddling

-minimum age 6

-group size: 4-8

-total trip time 8 hrs

-actual time on the water 6 hours with frequent stops for wildlife and glacier watching, lunch and optional hike

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What Clothing Should You Bring?

The basic principles of layering for outdoor activities apply to Sea Kayaking in Alaska.

We recommend: 2 sets warm clothing – Be ready for rain or shine!

Base Layer or Undergarments: top and bottom layer, made preferably of wool, silk, capilene or polypropylene. They are excellent sources of warmth even when wet. This thin layer wicks moisture away from skin, keeping you warm and dry!

Upper Body: midweight insulation layer of wool, capilene, or fleece.

Lower Body: base layer should be sufficient under rainpants, however a pair of fleece, or nylon travel pants are always a good option. Leave those jeans at home!

Feet: wool, smart wool, synthetic, or neoprenesocks. We provide high top rubber boots for all participants, however, if you have your own, we suggest you bring them to insure proper fit and maximum comfort.

Hands: wool, synthetic or neoprene gloves. Neoprene is always preferred in rainy conditions. "Pogies", which are coverall mittens that attach to the paddle, are also good.

Head: 80% of your body heat escapes from your head. Be sure to bring adequate headwear. A wool or synthetic hat is recommended. A wide brimmed hat is also nice to protect you from the rain or sun.

Rain Gear: There is no substitute for quality rain gear. We do provide basic rain gear if your's is inadequate.

Second Set:

This can be any additional clothes in case you get cold or wet.

Also bring:

Sack Lunch

Water Bottle

Sun glasses (and holders such as croakies or chums) Sun screen

Insect repellent

Toilet paper

Optional: camera, film and binoculars (preferably water proof)

***We will provide you with dry bags for your lunch, clothes, and gear!**

Warning: Cotton is inappropriate for paddling. It holds water and will keep you cold!