

True Wilderness - Remote, Wild & Beautiful

Experience the Mighty Yukon



Lodge Owners: Sam & Tamara Clark
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Wilderness Lodge & Roadhouse

****small, family run & year-round home of owners Sam & Tamara****

Escape the crowds & relax on 'The River'

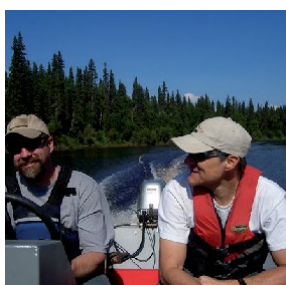
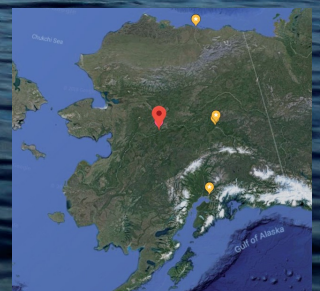
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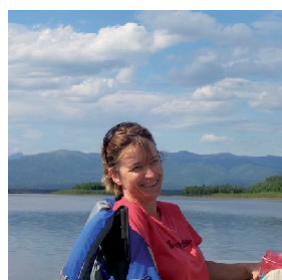
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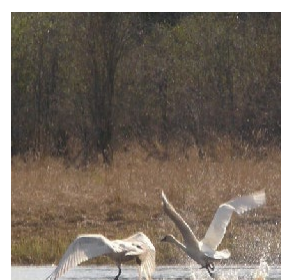
Step off the road system & into the 'Alaskan Bush'

"BEST LODGE
ON THE
YUKON RIVER"

FALL GUEST 2018



Just want to go for a boat ride & relax?...we can do that



Trumpeter Swans - Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge



Casual fishing for Northern Pike, Sheefish & Grayling

Scenic Yukon & Nowitna River Day Trip

Great for Sightseeing, Fishing, Wildlife Viewing & Photography



Description

Enjoy this once in a lifetime excursion up the mighty Yukon to the 'Wild & Scenic' meandering Nowitna River. Located within the Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge, the spectacular "Novi" comes alive during our Midnight Sun Summer Months with thousands of migratory songbirds and waterfowl. It is also well known for great wildlife viewing, an elegant Kokrine Mountain Range backdrop and exceptional fishing for Northern Pike and Sheefish (the Tarpon of the North). What do we enjoy the most out of this trip? The fact that it's still 'old Alaska' and relatively inaccessible for the average Alaskan (not to mention visitor)... so most of the time, we have it all to ourselves.

On this trip, you'll find yourself in the heart of Gold Rush country where Gold Rush history and native Athabascan culture and lore abound. You may observe moose, bears, wolves, beaver and river otters, Trumpeter Swans, ducks, geese, cranes, raptors, owls, king fisher, song birds and other migratory birds.

Additional Information

An exceptionally unique opportunity to experience the true Alaska away from crowds on the most inspiring section of the Yukon River. This trip is perfect for individuals as well as families and small groups. It can also be customized for varying interests and abilities.



Explore Creeks & Sloughs Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge



Great for Photography, Sightseeing & Wildlife/Bird Viewing

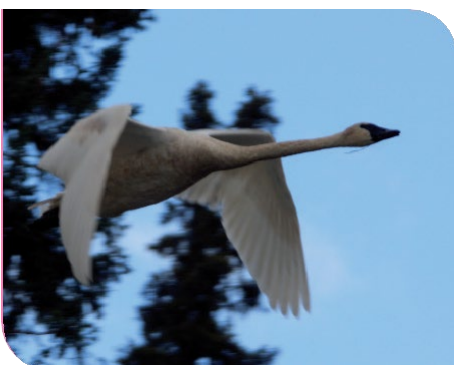
Description

Sneak into the backwaters of Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge with us by boat for an intimate view of her ecology, wildlife and migratory bird inhabitants. Spend the day exploring wetland creeks & sloughs where we can take short easy walks to immerse ourselves in giant grass lakes and meadows, look for delicate wildflowers, pick berries, explore tracks on mudbars and watch expectantly for wildlife and birds that can appear at a moments notice.

On this trip, you may observe Trumpeter Swans, the Red Tail Hawk, other migratory birds, waterfowl, moose, bears, wolves, fox, beaver, owls and the secretive Northern Pike (to name a few). For guests who would like to experience the Refuge with us from our bird blind, we would be happy to set it up in a prime location for you.

Additional Information

Delve into the wonders of the Middle Yukon River Valley with us in detail on this trip. It's the perfect opportunity for the ecotourist, birder, family and photographer wishing to be immersed in the sights, signs and smells of the pristine natural world that still exists in the Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge. This trip is for individuals as well as families and small groups. It can be customized for varying interests and abilities



Horner Hot Springs



Great for those interested in an easy hike, local culture, history & relaxation

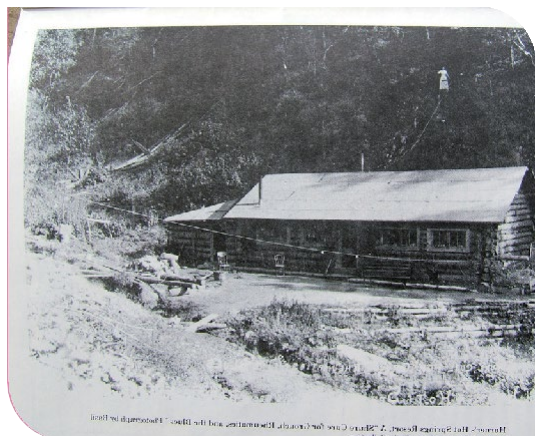
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We'll run the boat upriver on the Yukon for a short boat ride to the Hot Springs trailhead. From there, we'll park the boat and hike in about 3/4 miles into the springs which has one simple tarp lined tub. The tub is filled by a pipe which runs directly from the spring to the pool.

Additional Information

Horner Hot Springs was once the site of a Roadhouse built in 1914 where summer and winter travelers would stop for some relaxation and to cure "grouch". Locals have taken it upon themselves to maintain the pool even though the roadhouse is no longer in existence.

- This trip can be combined with other options - just make sure to let your guide know of your interest.



Melozitna (Melozi) River



Great for Sightseeing, Fishing, Wildlife Viewing & Photography

Description

We'll travel down the Yukon to the Melozitna River. At the mouth of the "Melozi", depending on time of year and water levels, there is good fishing for Northern Pike and Sheefish (the Tarpon of the North). Once we get away from the influence of the Yukon there is very good Arctic Grayling fishing with the occasional Dolly Varden.

Additional Information

On this trip, there are good opportunities to see Bears, Moose, Eagles, and Peregrine Falcons. The lower Melozi canyon is spectacular with exceptional picnic areas where we can break for lunch and fish at the same time.



Yukon River Island Tour



Great for Sightseeing, Bird/Wildlife Viewing & Photography

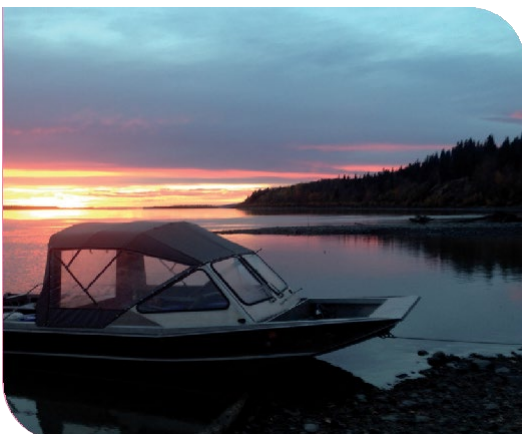
Description

Hop in the boat for a short ride on the Yukon River. Keep your eyes open for wildlife and birds on islands near the lodge and stop to check out mud/gravel bars for animal tracks. This is a fantastic opportunity for people with limited time availability to be immersed in the Yukon River's amazing landscape and get a taste of river life.

Additional Information

Perfect for the individual or group with limited time availability. An exceptionally unique opportunity to experience the true Alaska away from crowds on the most awe inspiring section of the Yukon River. This trip is perfect for individuals as well as families and small groups. It can also be customized for varying interests and abilities.

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ABOUT US

Your hosts, lodge owners Sam and Tamara Clark, homesteaded and built Yukon River Lodge the 'old Alaskan way' with the help of family & friends. Starting with a tent on the river bank in 2005, they built their dream and year-round home out of the wilderness. They are the 'real deal' and love to help lodge guests comfortably experience Alaska's hidden gem - the inspirational wilderness that makes up the heart of the Yukon River Valley.

Sam and Tamara welcome you to come escape the crowds on the road system and experience the power of 'The River'. You'll find that their combined experiences in Alaska over the last 20 years and before that, in Maine, make your visit unique and full of stories about what it takes to live and thrive year-round in the Alaskan Bush. They are both down to earth and enjoy sharing their Alaskan home with guests. They have 3 friendly Alaskan Huskies who love company.

Accommodations

The lodge has a main Great Room overlooking the river where guests enjoy relaxing by the woodstove, as well a breakfast bar and more formal dining area where guests can enjoy our home cooked meals and socialize in the evening hours. If the weather is conducive, one of our favorite things is to hang out by the fire pit in front of the lodge and relax by the river.

We have set periods during the summer where full service packages are available - including guided day trips and full meal service. Make sure you book early to guarantee your spot as space is limited. Outside of those times, depending on availability, we may be able to offer shuttle pickup to/from Ruby, Bed & Breakfast services and guided day trips. When full meal service is not available, B&B guests may be able to cook for themselves in the lodge kitchen. If guests are interested, we are also considering offering prepackaged meal and Alaskan snack boxes for sale. Please let us know if that is something that you'd like to pre-order and we'll have it ready for your stay.

The lodge has 3 guest rooms - 2 with a private shower & sink, and 1 with a shared shower & sink. There are two twin beds in each room with the option for an additional cot. Due to our remote location and the difficulties/realities that exist with maintaining full septic systems in the wilderness, we do not have toilets inside the lodge. Instead, we enjoy a more sustainable option and love experiencing the wonders of nature on our way to clean & tidy outhouses located a short walk from the lodge.



YRL Lodge Owners
Sam & Tamara



Looking Upriver



Firepit in front of the Lodge



Lodge Great Room



Lodge Dining & Breakfast Bar

Breakfast 7:30-8:30
B&B check in after 3pm
B&B check out time 11am

Summer Package Options

2019- 4 Night / 3 Day Package (price does not include airfare)

\$2700 per person (4 person rate)

\$3000 per person (3 person rate)

\$3600 per person (2 person rate)

2019- 3 Night / 2 Day Package (price does not include airfare)

\$2025 per person (4 person rate)

\$2225 per person (3 person rate)

\$2625 per person (2 person rate)

Summer Booking Date Ranges for Full Service Packages:

Sunday, June 16th - Sunday, June 23rd, 2019

Sunday, July 14th - Sunday, July 21st, 2019

Sunday, August 11th - Sunday, August 18th, 2019

Please contact us for availability.

Reservation Policy

We require an initial deposit of 50% of your Total Full Service Package at the time of booking. The remaining balance is due by April 15th, 2019.

****Please note, the 50% Full Service Package deposit above does not include airfare reservations that we make for guests, refer to information below for flights arrangements.**

All guests are required to sign a waiver and acknowledge our lodge policies prior to their stay. We reserve the right to accept or deny a reservation to anyone at anytime for any reason.

Flight arrangements

We can arrange flight reservations and charters to/from Ruby (on wheels) or via floatplane/helicopter direct to the lodge. Prior to booking, we will need to know how you would like to fly in, and then we will confirm potential availability with the air service. Once we have confirmed that your dates are available, we will require full payment up front in order to book your flight reservations. Flight reservations may not be refundable, depending on Airline cancellation policies. We will do our best to provide a refund for you, less a 20% rebooking fee, if you cancel flights, however we DO NOT guarantee that we will be able to refund airfare. We recommend all guests purchase travel insurance to cover flight/travel cancellations.

Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your trip, monies paid will be refunded (less at 20% rebooking fee) **ONLY** if we are able to rebook those dates.

All rates are subject to change until paid in full.

We do not provide refunds for cancellations due to 'Unforeseeable Circumstances' (events, circumstances beyond our control, such as but not limited to terrorism/war or natural or biological disasters). We recommend that all guests purchase travel insurance prior to their stay. Travel insurance should cover changes in plans, emergency medical care and evacuation.

Additional Details

- Breakfast is served at the lodge from 7:30 to 8:30 unless other arrangements have been made. We are happy to send you off with breakfast to go in the boat if you and your guide have decided to depart from the lodge earlier than 9am.
- We pack a lunch to go and snacks for your day on the river.
- All trip options are weather & river condition dependant. Guides will access the weather prior to heading out in the morning in order to determine the safest day trip options for our guests.
- All guests wanting to fish must pre-purchase a fishing license online or at the lodge prior to their day of fishing.
- Our boat is a Wooldrige Alaskan XL. Coast Guard regulations restrict us to 6 passengers or less at a time.
- The boat shuttle from Ruby to the Lodge is approximately 30min.
- On Wright Air all commercial passengers are allowed 40 lbs of checked baggage, over that the charge for extra baggage is \$1.75/lb (as of Jan 2019-rates may be subject to change).
- Flight time from Fairbanks to Ruby is approximately one and a half hours. We are located approximately halfway between Fairbanks and Nome, about 240 miles west of Fairbanks. Once you fly over Fairbanks and Nenana you are off the road system completely and fly over wilderness until you reach Ruby. Most flight routes fly you over the Nowitna River on the way to Ruby.

What do Packages Include?

Lodging/Housekeeping

3 family style home cooked meals

Basic fishing gear (if you're intersted in fly fishing, please bring your own)

Safety equipment

Basic wifi (note: due to our remote location there may be breaks in service)

Boat Shuttle to/from Ruby on arrival & departure days

What is not included in package pricing?

Staff/Guide Gratuities

Fishing License required by the State of Alaska, if fishing

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In September we offer:

Fuel at the River for Boaters
&
B&B/Roadhouse Services

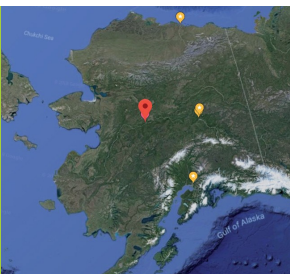
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Come experience 'the Mighty Yukon'

<https://www.YukonRiverLodge.com>

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