

Facilities in *northern Southeast Alaska*

Excellent medical facilities exist in Juneau. All communities have medically trained personnel; however, facilities and pharmacy supplies are sometimes limited in outlying communities.

U.S. Forest Service Public Use Cabins



The U.S. Forest Service maintains many public use cabins throughout the Tongass National Forest. Many of these cabins are located in areas that provide excellent angling opportunities (see Remote Fly-in Lakes, p. 12). Boats are available at USFS cabins on lakes. For cabin information and reservations, contact the USFS at:

**U.S. Forest Service
Public Information Center
101 Egan Dr.
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-8751**

Boat Rentals

A boat is a real advantage when salmon fishing along marine areas—

and a necessity for dependable bottom fishing. Boats of all sizes and types are generally adequate for fishing most areas.

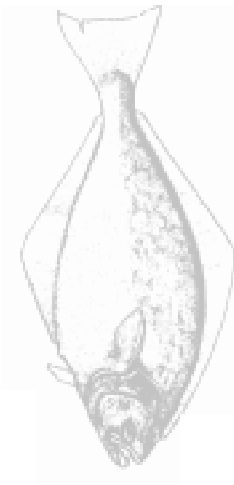
Rental boats for use in marine areas are available in some communities in northern Southeast. In most instances, the number of rental boats available is small, so arrangements should be made in advance.

During the summer season, weather can be expected to keep smaller boats in port occasionally. Because water conditions can change very quickly, boaters should exercise extreme caution.

Fishing Charters, Guides, and Lodges

Saltwater charter services in Southeast Alaska are primarily fish guiding services from boats that serve a small group of anglers. Given the regulatory limit of six fishing lines per boat, no large “party” boats are used in Southeast, where 18 or 20 or more anglers are crowded onto one boat. Charter trips vary in type and

duration from half-day to whole-day to multi-day. Many charter boat operators also guide clients into freshwater areas, but an increasing number of guides take clients only to streams and lakes. There are also sport fishing lodges throughout northern Southeast that cater almost exclusively to sport anglers. These are mostly located away from the major communities. Fishing guides and charters, as well as fishing lodges, can be contacted through the Juneau Visitors Guide and other community visitor centers.



State and National Parks

Whether you are sport fishing or enjoying other recreational pursuits in northern Southeast, you will be visiting one of the most scenic areas in the world. You will want, and need information to help make the most of your trip. Below are principal contacts for further information.

State parks and attractions:

Alaska State Parks
400 W. Willoughby
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 465-4563

Tongass National Forest/Admiralty Island National Monument:

U.S. Forest Service
Public Information Center
101 Egan Dr.
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-8751

Glacier Bay National Park:

National Park Service
P.O. Box 140
Gustavus, AK 99826
(907) 697-2230

Other tourist attractions and related information:

Alaska State Division of Tourism
P. O. Box 110801
Juneau, AK 99811-0801
(907) 465-2010

Community Visitor Centers

These offices can furnish information on commercial services in their communities:

Juneau

Davis Log Cabin Visitor Center
134 Third St.
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-2201

Angoon

Admiralty Island Natl. Monument
P.O. Box 181
Angoon, AK 99820
(907) 788-3166

Gustavus

Gustavus Visitor Center
c/o Bear Track Mercantile
P.O. Box 167
Gustavus, AK 99826
(907) 697-2358

Elfin Cove

(Consult phone book for particular service needed.)

Haines

Haines Visitor Center
P.O. Box 518
Haines, AK 99827-0518
(800) 458-3579
(800) 478-2268 in Canada

Hoonah

Hoonah City Office
P.O. Box 360
Hoonah, AK 99829
(907) 945-3663

Skagway

Skagway Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 415
Skagway, AK 99840-0415
(907) 983-2854

Tenakee Springs

Tenakee Springs City Office
P.O. Box 52
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841
(907) 736-2221



Most property in northern Southeast Alaska is under federal or state ownership, and public access is encouraged. However, some waters are bounded by private property on which public use is permitted by the landowner. If you are in doubt as to land ownership and public access, call the local Division of Sport Fish office for information.

Comfort and Safety

Weather throughout the area is very unpredictable, and if it's not raining, you can be sure that it will be before long. Good rain gear and boots are a must. Short boots are fine for some areas or for use with rain gear; however, hip boots and/or chest-waders are preferable for most shore-based fisheries. If you are camping, be sure to take along an abundance of rain-fly material.

Excellent populations of mosquitoes, white-sox, no-see-ums, and flies inhabit the area and can be depended upon to give you trouble if you do not have a good supply of insect repellent. Sometimes different brands of repellent are needed to deter the various types of insects. Insect-proof tents are practically a necessity, and head nets are needed in some areas.

Brown and black bears are common throughout Southeast Alaska. Seeing one of these magnificent animals can be a memorable part of one's trip; however, bears should be avoided whenever possible. The danger associated with bears is generally overrated, but bears are definitely very unpredictable—and encounters

should never be taken lightly. In some areas, brown bears frequent favorite sport fishing locations and, on occasion, steal fish from anglers. When in bear habitat: (1) make noise so as not to surprise one; (2) do not keep food stored in or near your tent; (3) keep a *very* clean camp; and (4) do *not* camp on a game trail or alongside a stream full of spawning fish.

Common sense is the best bear protection available, but many people carry a firearm for additional protection; large caliber rifles of at least .30-06 ballistics or shotguns with slugs or buckshot are recommended. Familiarity with firearm operation is absolutely essential, as a bear can travel 50 feet in a second.

