

## Reserve 2017 and 2018 Dates

Don't let this opportunity slip away. People are making plans to travel and reservation requests are once again steady. Please call soon to reserve space for 2017 or 2018.

Thank you for your support by referring Crystal Creek Lodge to your friends!



## Argentina hosted trip 2017 with Alex and Heather

Join Alex and Heather Oberholtzer at Patagonia River Guides (PRG), Trevelin, Argentina - December 9-16, 2017 for an unforgettable fishing experience in the Argentine Andes. Patagonia River Guides is a full service, high end lodging and fly fishing operation located in Patagonia. Experience the best fly fishing Argentina has to offer. This is our 2nd annual trip and is not to be missed! Please call Heather for details.



Crystal Creek  
LODGE  
King Salmon, Alaska

Field Notes

Winter 2017



Crystal Creek Lodge is endorsed by The Orvis Company as an exceptional vacation experience.



## One Minute Alaska Vacation

Got a minute? Take a minute every other month to enjoy a video vacation with your friends at Crystal Creek Lodge. The One Minute Alaska Vacation is a semi-monthly email blast created and edited exclusively for Crystal Creek Lodge. Each episode features a tantalizing minute of fishing, fun, and adventure. Sign up or try a sample though the link on our home page.



## It just keeps getting Better and Better

2016 Season; best season yet since our founding in 1988, the year Dan came to Alaska to become one of the first three guides of Crystal Creek Lodge! From those (very) humble beginnings to now, when we have eight guides among our 22 total talented and amazing staff to serve our 16 guests. We hear time and time again that it's the people, both staff and guests, which make a trip to Crystal Creek Lodge so special. Just add our unique and inspiring lodge, our central location on the Naknek River, our four beautiful aircraft and other first-rate boats & equipment, a field program that includes 45 possible fishing destinations and virtually unlimited adventure opportunities and you, as our guest, have a very special experience to be had in Alaska. Enjoy reading about what's new and please keep us in your hearts and minds. See you down the road...



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## The Wayward Walrus of 2016

For the first time in recorded history, about 2500 Pacific Walrus swam down from the Arctic and came ashore at Cape Greig, about 70 miles south of Crystal Creek Lodge. A trip to see Walrus used to be an expedition of two-plus hours of flying. This year, it became a 40-minute jaunt with a quick beach walk. Walrus are historically creatures of habit, using the same beaches for generations. We hope this hauling-out at Cape Grieg becomes a tradition. We excitedly await their return this spring.



The good folks at Bloomberg Publications (Bloomberg Pursuits) did a great written story and video feature of Dan Michels visiting the Walrus and our friend, Twilly Gosuk, a Yup'ik Eskimo ivory carver from Togiak Alaska. To find and see the story & video, do a Google search: "alaska's legal ivory trade"



## Beaver number four gets a new paint job March 1

Last year we reported the arrival of DeHavilland Beaver #4 to our fleet. Extensive refurbishment of the airframe and interior was performed last winter. This fall, we flew the plane, N159AK, to Arizona and are presently detailing the exterior in preparation for its new paint job, about March 1. It will receive a classic Beaver paint scheme to compliment our existing fleet. Watch our Facebook page to see the final result!

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## Whales, Walrus & Wilderness Adventure Tour - June 9-14 2017

How about seeing Bristol Bay in a new light? Join us in the dazzling light of June to see the Bristol Bay region in a way few ever see. While Rainbow Trout season opens June 8, consider this an adventure trip punctuated with fishing. We are pulling out the stops and offering extra flying to those who desire to see the rare sights of Southwest Alaska. You will be crossing our entire region north, south, east and west. There are some truly extraordinary places to visit and adventures to experience. Choose from this menu for starters:

- View resident Beluga whales and families of migratory Minke and Finback Whales
  - View Pacific Walrus at their haul outs
  - View Brown Bears grazing and clam digging close up at the fantastically beautiful Pacific Coast
  - Stroll inside the gigantic crater of Aniakchak National Monument - the least visited place in the entire National Park system
  - Hike the Kanatak Trail and follow 10,000 years of history surrounded by extraordinary beauty.
  - Visit an authentic Yupik Eskimo village, get a cultural tour and buy walrus ivory art from the artists
  - Visit the amazing Richard Proenokke Cabin in Lake Clark National Park
  - Camp out at our Ugashik Narrows Cabin and fish until midnight!
  - Oh, yeah: Fish for Rainbow Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling at several great locations
- \$9,000.00/person**

## American Creek Concession, Katmai National Park

Crystal Creek Lodge was recently selected through a competitive prospectus process issued by the National Park Service to be one of only six concessionaires to fish American Creek in Katmai National Park. The American Creek is a prolific Rainbow Trout and Dolly Varden fishery. As part of this Concession, we will be allowed to park a boat at the lower end of American Creek, near Coville Lake. We are always promising our long-time guests a constantly changing menu of new adventures. Here is yet another great place.



## Alagnak river boats: new fishery for CCL guests

But wait, there's more! We will also be placing boats on the Alagnak River to fish its prolific salmon runs and Rainbow Trout population. The Alagnak is designated a USA National Wild and Scenic River. At scheduling time, just ask our head guide Alex: "Send me to the Alagnak!"



## 2nd Annual Bows, Bears & Beers September 23 thru October 3, 2017

Fish with the bears while catching MONSTER Rainbow Trout by day, sample delicious Alaska microbrews; on the house; by evening. Sound good? We thought so. Announcing the second annual Bows Bears and Beers! Fish three days on the legendary Naknek River for some of the biggest Rainbows of the season and three days of fly-outs to any of our fishing or adventure locations. Waterfowl hunts also available. All of our 2016 BB&B guests repeatedly hit close to or over the 30" mark on Trout, some daily! Wine lovers be advised: our wine list of over 50 great labels will still be available.

**2 days on the Naknek / 3 days flying out = \$8,250.00/person**

**3 days on the Naknek / 2 days flying out = \$6,750.00/person**