

Reserve 2019 & 2020 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 2019 or 2020.

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



ARGENTINA HOSTED TRIP WITH ALEX AND HEATHER

This is our 3rd annual trip! Join Alex and Heather Oberholtzer at Patagonia River Guides (PRG), Trevelin, Argentina - November 24 - Dec 1, 2018 for an unforgettable fishing experience in the Argentine Andes. PRG is a full service, deluxe lodging and fly fishing operation located in Patagonia.

This is where we go to get inspired! Call Heather for details..



Crystal Creek LODGE
King Salmon, Alaska

Field Notes
Spring 2018

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



Lodge Upgrades this Spring

Crystal Creek Lodge is undergoing a facelift. Although we are constantly working on lodge and property upkeep, we waited 18 years to give the lodge some needed upgrades – so we're overdue for a little nip and tuck. We're adding a beautiful new front door with custom stained glass artwork, new wood floors, slate flooring and new carpet throughout. Your home away from home will become even more inspiring!

Cheers for 30 Years!

It's the 30th anniversary for the Lodge. What an amazing journey it's been. Anniversaries are opportunities for reflections of the years gone by and positive aspirations for the years ahead. Since our first season in 1988 we have hosted thousands of guests. Hundreds of great staff have passed through and left their mark. Be they guest or staff, all have left behind and taken away an impression. Thank you all!



Back in 1988 we were a bunch of rookies, new to the business and energized to build a revolutionary idea of luxury fishing lodge. It seemed we'd thought of and had everything, except a plan and a reputation. 64 people booked for the 1988 season and only 1 paid full price. The remainder were practically give-aways. Onward and upward we went from those humble beginnings. I think we now catch more fish in a day than we did the entire 1988 season.

Our Mission Statement is "Inspirational Alaskan Adventure, Exceptional Hospitality". Our purpose is to inspire others through hospitality, adventure and interaction with nature. As we embark upon the next 30 years, we ask: what's next? I invite you to be with us as we invent the future!



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2018 BRISTOL BAY SOCKEYE SALMON FORECAST

The world’s greatest sockeye salmon fishery keeps getting bigger. Forecast numbers released by the Alaska Department of Fish Game predict another colossal sockeye salmon run in Bristol Bay, Alaska in 2018. A chart-topping total of 51.28 million sockeye salmon (range 40.68–61.88 million) are expected to return to Bristol Bay. This is 18% greater than the most recent 10-year average of Bristol Bay total runs (42.71 million) and 41% greater than the long-term mean of 33.78 million fish. All systems are expected to meet their spawning escapement goals.

The sockeye and other salmon represent a massive transfer of marine biomass from the Pacific Ocean into the boreal uplands of Bristol Bay. The salmon will contribute immense amounts of nitrogen to feed the plants. Did you know that trees that lining the waterways grow at a rate three-times higher than areas without spawning salmon? Every animal in the region benefits, including bears, wolves, eagles and more; every other animal specie that inhabit this one-of-a-kind ecosystem. And the good news for CCL guests is that the salmon biomass will also feed our legendary Rainbows, Grayling, Dolly Varden and Char.

TAKING A STAND FOR SALMON

For the better part of a decade, fishermen in Alaska and across the Lower 48 have been working to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska—one of the world’s most important places for wild salmon and trout—from the threat of the proposed Pebble Mine. To date this effort has played out at the federal level. Recently the Environmental Protection Agency suspended its decision to advance Clean Water Act protections for Bristol Bay, while signaling that the Pebble Partnership should move forward with the permitting process. The permitting schedule is aggressive, and the mine could be federally permitted at record speed—posing a grave threat to the Bristol Bay fishery.

At this point it’s clear: we can’t rely on federal safeguards to protect the abundant wild fish runs we depend on in Alaska. It’s time to pursue state-level protections for critical watersheds like Bristol Bay. The 60-year-old state law that currently governs permitting of development projects in Alaska’s salm-on habitat needs to be strengthened—to create clear habitat protection standards, provide greater public scrutiny for major development projects, and establish a limit on the amount of damage to salmon habitat that can be approved under state law. Such an update would ensure fish habitat isn’t sacri-ficed as the state grows, and would expand protections for all salmon watersheds in Alaska—including Bristol Bay.

Stand for Salmon is a statewide campaign led by businesses, tribes, fishermen and conservation groups (including our friends at the Wild Salmon Cen-ter) working to strengthen Alaska law to ensure fisheries remain strong over the long term. For the sake of Bristol Bay and the rest of Alaska’s incredible salmon and trout streams, we ask that you join us in following the Stand for Salmon campaign and support this effort with a financial contribution. Read more, sign the pledge, and make a gift at standforsalmon.org.

BOWS, BEARS & BEERS



3rd Annual Bows, Bears & Beers September 30 thru October 5, 2018

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 third annual Bows Bears & 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 and 2017 BB&B guests repeatedly hit close to or over the 30” mark on wild rainbow 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 = \$8,500.00/person
3 days on the Naknek / 2 days flying out = \$7,000.00/person