

Fishing Day Trips - continued

Klutina River

The Klutina River claims some of the largest king salmon in the Copper River region. There's intermittent class III white-water, limited road access and tight eddies that help keep the angling pressure down on this river, one best king and red salmon fisheries in Copper River Country. The sockeye salmon fishing is challenging with big runs and a longer season. The "Copper River Red" is the all time favorite with Alaskans and fine restaurants in the Northwest for taste.

King Salmon - June 15 - July 31

Sockeye Salmon - Late June - August 30

Half day fishing - \$159 per person.

Full day fishing - \$269 per person, includes lunch.



Tonsina River

Tonsina river is very similar to the Klutina in king and sockeye salmon run timing and numbers, but that's where similarity ends. This fast glacial fed drainage like the Klutina has a lot more class III and several class IV rapids that have kept the number of anglers willing to challenge the whitewater very low. Our whitewater expertise makes this trip a fun mix of whitewater and fishing with virtually no one else around.

This run is 23 miles so we only offer full day trips with fishing. Typically 8 to 10 hours with lunch and snacks.

The river is also the last drainage in the upper Copper River Basin with a good silver salmon run. We'll be exploring these fighting coho and rainbow opportunities here in late August and September.

Full day fishing - \$299 per person, includes lunch.

River Classifications

Below are the American Whitewater Affiliations whitewater classifications along with our professional opinion for suitability.

CLASS I: Easy. Fast-moving water with riffles and small waves. Suitable for age 5+, including physically challenged.

CLASS II: Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels. Occasional maneuvering may be required, but rocks and medium sized waves are easily avoided. Suitability same as Class I.

CLASS III: Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Large waves and strainers may be present, but are easily avoided. Injuries while swimming are rare. Suitable for those who don't mind getting splashed, same as Class I & II.

CLASS IV: Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. Depending on the character of the river, it may feature large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages demanding fast maneuvers under pressure. Risk of injury to swimmers is moderate to high, and water conditions may make self-rescue difficult. Suitable for those 12 and older, in good physical condition and comfortable with the remote prospect of swimming.

CLASS V: Obstructed or very violent rapids which expose a participant to above-average endangerment. Drops may contain large, unavoidable waves and holes or steep, congested chutes with complex, demanding routes. Rapids may continue for long distances between pools, demanding a high level of fitness. Swims are dangerous and self-rescue difficult. Suitable for those 16 years and older, who are comfortable with the prospect of self rescue, able to swim and in good physical condition.

CLASS VI: These runs often exemplify the extremes of difficulty. Experts only! Rescues may be impossible.

What is Provided

Rain gear, rubber boots, life-jackets, fishing wader and all fishing gear (fishing trips).

What to Bring

Layers of warm clothing, warm hat & warm socks made of modern synthetic materials or wool preferred.

Reservations Recommended.

Call 888-822-3967, toll free in USA.

Military & Group Discounts

Contact our office for rates.

Cancellations & Refunds

Day trip cancellations made at least 5 days in advance will receive full refund, for groups of 10+ at least 14 days notice for full refund. In the event we cancel, you will receive a full refund.

Copper River Country

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Alaska River Wranglers

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Copper River - Scenic Float!



This easy 4 to 5 hr. river trip is suitable for ages 5 and older. Float by established bald eagle nesting sites and fish wheels in action, all while in view of the major peaks of the Wrangell Mountains. Learn about the natural history of the area while keeping an eye open for bald eagles, moose and bear who frequent the shore.

Price: \$99 adult, \$70 children 5 - 12 yrs.

Klutina River - Class III



Starting with an awesome 14 mile backcountry drive along the rim of the Klutina River Canyon, we'll stop at the best views of the river below and the surrounding country. Your guide will review the natural history of the area and its colorful gold rush history. This is an easy and fun class III whitewater run that is ideal for first-timers and experienced rafters. We also offer paddle rafting for those wishing a more challenging experience. Age minimum 10 yrs.

Price: \$99 adults, \$70 Children 12 - 10 yrs.

Tonsina River - Class III & IV



Similar to the Klutina River except there's some class IV whitewater and no road access between the put-in and take-out. This 23 mile, 6 to 8 hour trip has some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities of any river in the area because there are no jet boats and people to disturb them. It's also full of salmon to attract wildlife. Ideal for first timers, and with paddle raft options for those who enjoy challenges. Minimum age 12 yrs.. Picnic lunch included.

Price \$199 adults, \$169 children 16 to 12.



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For information on multi-day river and fishing trips, please visit our website.

Fishing Day Trips

In the Copper River Country, we have some of the finest fishing in Alaska without crowds and their associated pressure on fishing experiences and resources.

We practice and encourage sport fishing techniques that are endorsed by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game so the future fishing here will prosper.

All fishing gear is provided on these trips. If you prefer to use your own, please bring it.

Fly-fishing even for king salmon and a necessity for red salmon is our specialty; instruction included.

Gulkana River - Salmon Fishing!



The Gulkana is one of only 25 rivers in Alaska to become a "National Wild and Scenic River" with outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish, wildlife, historic and cultural values. Our fishing excursions focus on the excellent king and red salmon fishing along the lower river. The slower water on this segment, before entering the Copper River, provides a greater area to fish and hone fly-fishing skills.

King Salmon Fishing - Starts early June and peaks late June till closure in mid July.

Sockeye Fishing - Starts mid June and peaks late June till mid August.

Price: \$159 - Half day, \$269 - full day.