

# CRESCENT LAKE LODGE

## *Alaskan Fishing and Wilderness Adventures*

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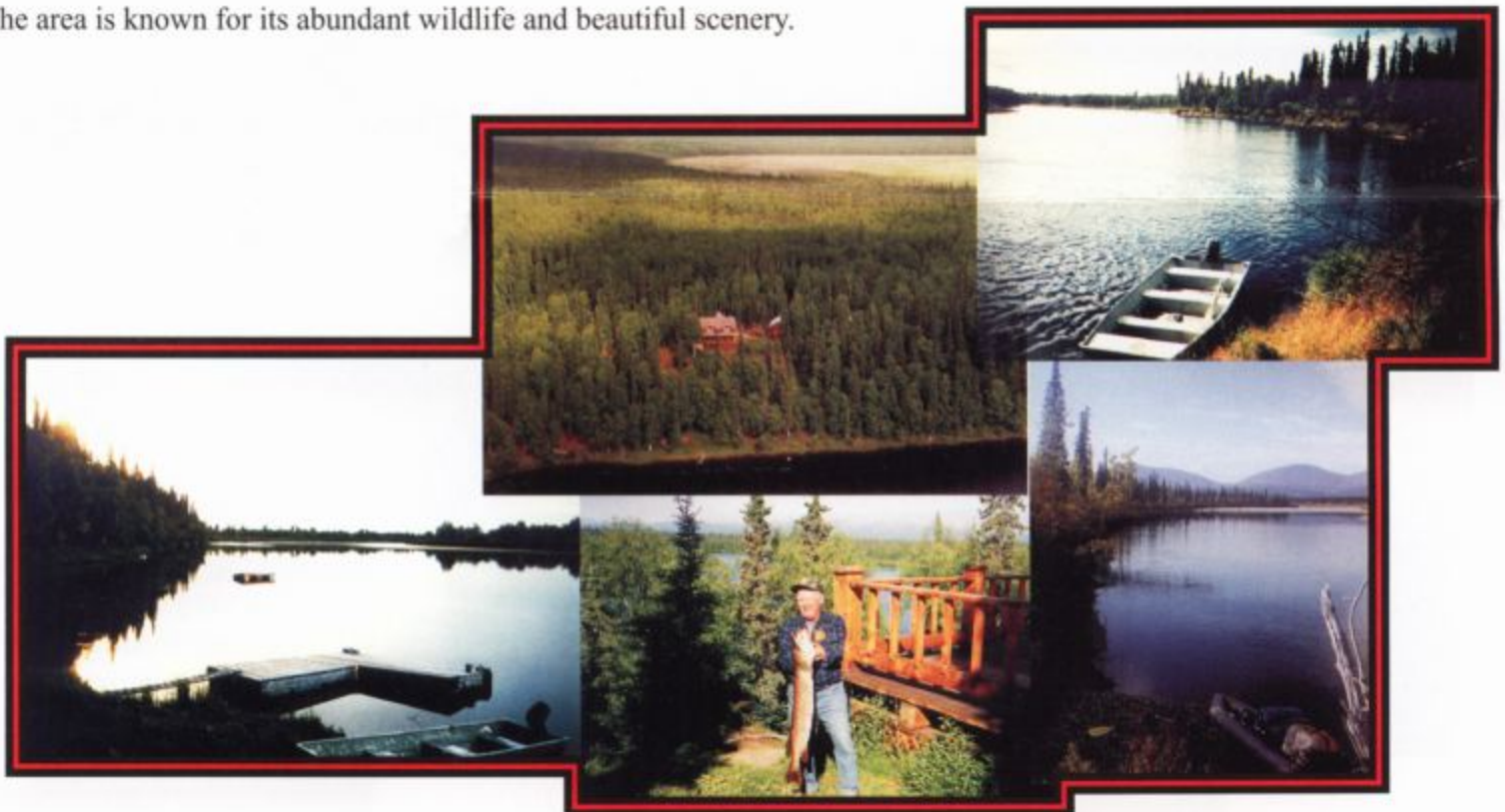


**Crescent Lake Lodge** is located about 250 air miles west of Anchorage, and 50 river miles, (18 air miles), south of the village of Sleetmute, on the Holitna River. Crescent Lake itself is a short portage from the east bank of the Holitna River, with boats moored on both the lake and river. Access from Anchorage is by chartered float or wheeled plane direct to the lodge. Scheduled commercial airline service via Aniak to Sleetmute is another option.

The Holitna River is a remote river system in western interior Alaska. Although this system receives little attention, it supports one of the most productive fisheries in the entire region. The Holitna and its headwater tributaries, the Chukowan and Kogrukluk rivers and Shotgun Creek drain the Kuskokwim Mountains, Shotgun Hills and parts of the Nushagak Hills and Taylor Mountains.

The Holitna's largest tributary, the Hoholitna River, drains parts of the Lime Hills, Nushagak Hills, the Door Mountains and Taylor Mountains before emptying into the Holitna about 30 miles above the Holitna's mouth, which empties into the Kuskokwim River just above the village of Sleetmute.

The area is known for its abundant wildlife and beautiful scenery.



## ***Fish!***

Sheefish • Northern Pike  
Dolly Varden • Grayling • Arctic Char  
5 Species of Pacific Salmon



***Fishing*** in the swifter stretches of the river is good for Grayling, Char and Salmon, with Sheefish and Northern Pike taken in the eddies, sloughs and backwaters.

## CABIN RENTALS

Cabins near the lodge as well as remote cabins are available for rent also - by the day or by the week. Prices on request.

## TRANSPORTATION

In most cases you will fly by commercial airline to Anchorage, Alaska, where you can buy your fishing license and any other equipment you desire to bring on the trip.

The most direct way to reach the lodge is by air-taxi from Anchorage. Depending on how many people are in your party, it may be more cost-effective to fly commercially from Anchorage to Sleetmute via Aniak, where we can pick you up.

We will make reservations for you and co-ordinate your flights from Anchorage to the lodge or Sleetmute and back.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be staying in a cabin near the main lodge where you will take your meals. The lodge is situated on a hill above a lake from where you can see the Choctaw Mountains 15 miles to the west. Swimming, boating, canoeing, hiking and bird-watching can easily be done from the lodge or you can just sit back and relax.

## SPECIES AVAILABLE

### *Salmon*

**Chinook (King) Salmon:** mid-June through July, averages 20-25 pounds; trophy size is 50 pounds.

**Sockeye (Red) Salmon:** late June through July, averages 6-8 pounds; trophy size is 12 pounds.

**Chum (Dog) Salmon:** July through early August, averages 7-9 pounds; trophy size is 12 pounds.

**Humpback (Pink) Salmon:** mid-July through August, averages 3 - 5 pounds; trophy size is 7 pounds.

**Coho (Silver) Salmon:** August through September, averages 7-9 pounds; trophy size is 12 pounds.

## *Fresh Water Species*

**Arctic Char:** best in June and September, averages 3-5 pounds; trophy size is 10 pounds.

**Dolly Varden:** excellent all season, averages 1-2 pounds; trophy size is 3 pounds.

**Arctic Grayling:** excellent all season, averages 1-2 pounds; trophy size is 3 pounds.

**Northern Pike:** excellent all season, averages 5-7 pounds; trophy size is 15 pounds.

**Sheefish:** excellent all season, averages 7-11 pounds; trophy size is 15 pounds

## RECOMMENDED FISHING EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING

- Rods & reels
- Fishing tackle
- Binoculars for sight-seeing/bird-watching
- 5 shirts (2 heavy ones)
- 3 pairs of pants
- 3 sets of long underwear (*tops & bottoms*)
- 1 sweater (*wool or polyester*)
- 1 warm jacket or parka
- 6 light socks, 6 heavy socks
- 3 pairs of gloves
- 1 wool cap or hat
- 1 pair camp boots or waders
- 1 pair hip boots or waders
- 1 rain suit or  $\frac{3}{4}$  length rain jacket or both
- 1 pair lightweight hiking boots (*optional*)
- 1 pair rubber knee boots (*optional*)
- 1 mosquito head net
- 3 small bottles of repellent
- 1 toilet kit & necessities
- 1 sheath knife or pocket knife
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- 1 sharpening steel or stone
- 1 small flashlight
- 1 camera with film
- 1 sleeping bag rated to 20°F

**Personal items:** reading glasses, novels, magazines, medicine, etc.

Landing nets are provided.

*Make sure your coat is warm. It can get chilly in the boat. If you have sensitive skin, you may need to purchase a special brand of insect repellent.*

## CRESCENT LAKE LODGE FISHING & RESORT INFORMATION

### OTHER SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

|          |                          |
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| Canoeing | Trekking                 |
| Kayaking | Small game/bird watching |
| Swimming | Photography Expeditions  |
| Hiking   | Cross-country skiing     |
| Camping  | Snowmobiling             |

### SUMMER

The rivers are our roads out here. Boats are the main mode of transportation. Sight-seeing from a boat or canoe is a real treat. In the summer months, you travel lakes that few people ever see. Bald eagles, osprey, swans, geese, ducks and shorebirds are abundant this time of year. You'll also see beaver and otter in the water as well as moose, caribou and bear on the banks.

### WINTER

Travel on trapping trails through the forest and over tundra. Camp in remote cabins or tents. Learn how to set a net under the ice. The winter is beautiful and because of the low humidity, it's often quite comfortable even in subzero weather. The lakes and rivers are frozen and because of this, mobility is much greater than in summer months, making this season the favorite of the locals. Ptarmigan, grouse, furbearers and big game animals can be seen in their natural setting.

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### FISHING TRIP PRICES

Prices for non-resident fishing licenses vary from year to year. Trips are a minimum of 7 days. Guide & boat are included in the prices below:

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| Basic price per day per person              | \$350 |
| Basic price per day per non-fishing guest   | \$250 |
| Group rate for 3 or more per day per person | \$300 |

### RESORT PRICES

All trips are a minimum of 5 days. Prices include meals and lodging. Depending on what kind of activities you plan, additional costs may apply.

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| Basic price per day per person               | \$300 |
| Group rate for 3 or more per day per person: | \$250 |

### BOOKINGS & DEPOSITS

Bookings for resort activities are available year-round. For fishing trips bookings are available from mid-June through August.

A deposit of one-half of the cost of the trip is required to guarantee your reservation. The earlier you send your deposit, the better. We should receive your deposit no later than 3 months prior to your arrival. The balance is due upon arrival at the lodge. If you wish, you can add days to your trip subject to our schedule.

## CLIENT INFORMATION

This information is for prospective clients, to answer frequently asked questions and to clarify information you have read in the brochure, or seen on our website.

### **Anchorage**

We have associates in Anchorage who can arrange a Bed and Breakfast for you at about \$95 per day. They can also drive you from the airport to your hotel, to buy licenses, tags, and gear, and then to the airport for flights to and from the lodge. Cost for this service is about \$25/hour, which is very reasonable when compared with the cost of a taxicab. We can give you the name, phone, and fax number for these people and can make arrangements for them to help you.

If you prefer, you can make your own arrangements for lodging and transportation in Anchorage. Most hotels offer limousine service to and from the airport.

### **License Fees**

#### **Resident license fees:**

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| Resident sport fishing license .....                        | \$10.00 |
| Resident sport fishing license for the blind .....          | 0.25    |
| Resident hunting and sport fishing license .....            | 39.00   |
| Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license ..... | 53.00   |

#### **Nonresident license fees:**

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| Nonresident 1-day sport fishing license.....   | \$10.00 |
| Nonresident 3-day sport fishing license .....  | 20.00   |
| Nonresident 7-day sport fishing license .....  | 30.00   |
| Nonresident 14-day sport fishing license ..... | 50.00   |
| Nonresident annual sport fishing license.....  | 100.00  |

#### **Military license fees:**

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| Military sports fishing license.....                        | \$15.00 |
| Military sport fishing and small game hunting license ..... | 40.00   |

### King Salmon Tags:

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| Resident king salmon tag ..... | \$10.00 |
| Nonresident 1-day tag.....     | 10.00   |
| Nonresident 3-day tags.....    | 20.00   |
| Nonresident 7-day tags.....    | 30.00   |
| Nonresident 14-day tags.....   | 50.00   |
| Nonresident annual.....        | 100.00  |
| Military.....                  | 20.00   |

(Nonresidents anglers under the age of 16 do not need a King salmon tag.)

### Regulations for Holitna River Drainage

| <u>Species</u>                       | <u>Daily bag, possession, and size limits</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| King salmon                          | 3 (only 2 over 28 inches) May 1st – July 25   |
| Other salmon                         | 5 no size limit                               |
| Arctic char/Dolly Varden (all lakes) | 5 no size limit                               |
| ( flowing water)                     | 3 no size limit                               |
| Arctic grayling                      | 2 no size limit                               |
| Sheefish                             | 2 no size limit                               |
| Northern pike                        | 5 ( only 1 over 30 inches)                    |
| Other fish                           | no limit                                      |

### Weather/Flying

Client should arrive in Anchorage at least two days before their booking dates and also allow two days after the booking, in case of weather problems affecting flight plans. We generally make the arrangements for clients' flights between Anchorage and the lodge. Unpredictable weather is one thing that no one likes, but it must be accepted. The weather affects flying safety and rain can affect the water quality for fishing. The best we can do is to work around it.

### Charter Flights; Flying from Anchorage to Lodge and Return

We make the arrangements for flights to and from the lodge and we'll communicate this information to you before you leave home. We will give you the name and phone number of the air taxi, and the time you are flying to the lodge. Our associates in Anchorage will also have this information. You notify the the air taxi of your arrival in Anchorage so they can confirm the time your flight leaves for the lodge. Clients bear the costs of these air taxi/charter flights. If there are three or more clients flying at the same time, a charter flight to the lodge is the most direct and cost effective, at about \$880.00. When you use an air taxi you pay for the flying time – So much per hour – so you are also paying for the plane to return from Anchorage. We try to coordinate the schedules so the clients are arriving at the lodge on the same day others are leaving. In this way the flight is shared between 6 or 8 clients instead of 3 or 4. This doesn't work for every flight, but we try.

There are also daily flights from Anchorage to the nearby village of Sleetmute via Aniak, from where we will bring you to the lodge. If only one or two clients are traveling, sometimes this is a more economical means of travel. Cost for this varies between \$350 and \$400. There is a baggage limit of 40 pounds, with overage costs at about \$.75/lb. Try to keep your personal baggage to a minimum. Look at the list in the fishing information in the fishing information brochure and decide what is most important to you. Of course warm, dry feet, hands, and head are the main concerns. It can get chilly on the river on cloudy days. It's better dress in "layers", rather than having one heavy coat.

### **Fish Care**

Fish are cleaned, cut, and frozen at the lodge and packed in freezer boxes. There are meat lockers in Anchorage where your fish can be kept frozen until your departure from Anchorage. Some hotels provide this service for their guests.

### **Registered Guide & Outfitter**

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