

## Blackstone Bay guided day trip with Alaska Sea Kayakers COVID-19, Revised for 2021

Our paddle plan is to depart Whittier docks at (typically scheduled) 9:15AM, chartering to the head of Blackstone Bay, a western fjord of Prince William Sound. We will paddle the tidewater glaciers at the head of Blackstone Bay and offer a short hike at Lawrence glacier, time and weather permitting. We will be paddling 7-10 miles, spending 5-6 hours in our kayaks over the course of the day.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING AND WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE AT OUR FACILITY, ON THE CHARTER BOAT, DURING YOUR SAFETY ORIENTATION AND KAYAK FITTING, AND IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET MAY BE ENCROACHED.**  
**Please see below for more Covid-19 mitigation specifics.**

### **We will paddle, rain or shine. All paddlers should bring:**

1. Lunches and refreshments (we will provide dry bags for stowage)
2. Rain gear (or we will provide.)
3. Water bottles (guides will have refills).
4. Sunglasses and sunscreen. (in case we get lucky.)
5. Wear layers of clothing and socks (synthetic fabrics: fleece, capilene, and polypropylene are best) to be comfortable in temperatures ranging from 40-70 degrees.
6. Camera (if you can't afford to lose it, don't bring it).
7. An extra set of clothing, to be dry bagged and brought on the tour.
8. Brimmed hat (baseball cap).
9. A soft shell or windbreaker is often a nice layer to have.

### **Alaska Sea Kayakers will supply:**

1. Raingear as needed.
2. Rubber boots.
3. Paddling gloves (pogies).
4. Dry bags for extra clothing, cameras, and any additional personal items.

### **General information:**

Prince William Sound is the northernmost tip of the Pacific Northwest Rainforest.

We expect, and prepare for rain, every day.

All trips will require "moderate" exercise. If a person can walk two miles at an average pace (3mph) without experiencing stress or discomfort, they should be able to enjoy any of our kayaking tours. People over 6'5" or 250 lbs. may not be able to get comfortable in a sea kayak.

### **The Tunnel**

Please enter Whittier through the 8:30AM tunnel (or earlier if you wish to breakfast in Whittier prior to departure). Our water taxi pick-up is at 4:30PM and should facilitate departure from Whittier on the 6:00PM tunnel opening.

To see tunnel schedule: <http://www.alaskaseakayakers.com/WhittierSummerSchedule.pdf>

### **Per our Covid-19 Mitigation Plan:**

- 1. We will be practicing social distancing wherever possible.**
- 2. Please bring, and wear a mask at all times except while on the water. If close contact is necessary on the water, masks need be accessible to wear.**
- 3. Please use our available hand sanitation stations as often as needed. (After every tactile encounter is ideal.)**
- 4. A temperature check will be taken from all when we first meet.**
- 5. All will be required to complete a questionnaire regarding symptoms, recent travel, and recent contacts.**
- 6. Our complete Covid-19 Mitigation Plan will be posted at our facility.**