

## Passage Canal guided day trip with Alaska Sea Kayakers Covid-19 Revised, for 2021

We will meet at our facility in Whittier for our (typical) 10AM start time, returning to our Whittier facility 3:30-4:30PM (Or a little longer depending on how far we range. This is a flexible paddle plan.)

After outfitting into appropriate outerwear for the day, we will paddle from Whittier harbor, exploring either or both shores of Passage Canal (the westernmost fjord of Prince William Sound) as sea conditions allow. We will paddle 7-10 miles, being in kayaks 4.5-5.5 hours over the course of the day. We will stop for lunch, and again to stretch legs somewhere along the way, if desired.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING AND WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE AT OUR FACILITY, AND 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 bag for camera, lunches, and additional personal items.

**General information:**

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**

Whittier can be accessed by car through a reversible **one-way** toll tunnel (\$13 for cars). Please enter Whittier through the 9:30AM tunnel for our (typical) 10AM start time. To see tunnel schedule: <http://www.alaskaseakayakers.com/WhittierSummerSchedule.pdf>

### **Weather**

We will paddle rain or shine, but, high winds can keep us off of the water. On the day of your tour, call (877) 472-2534, toll free, to check weather and sea conditions before driving to Whittier. This call will also serve to confirm your reservation.

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

- 1. We will be practicing social distancing wherever possible.**
- 2. Bring your own lunches, refreshments, and water bottles. (We will supply dry bags for stowage.)**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. Please use our available hand sanitation stations as often as needed. (After every tactile encounter is ideal.)**
- 5. A temperature check will be taken from all when we first meet.**
- 6. All will be required to complete a questionnaire regarding symptoms, recent travel, and recent contacts.**
- 7. Our complete Covid-19 Mitigation Plan will be posted at our facility.**