

What To Bring on a Tour with Kynoch Adventures!

To help answer some of the common questions of what to bring with you on a tour with Kynoch Adventures, we will address all three of our common tours in order of popularity!

Grizzly Bear Tours (August 15 to October 15)

Grizzly Bear tours are offered Late Summer (when the weather can be quite warm) through Mid Autumn (when the weather can turn cool and wet). Based on the time of the season you are joining us be prepared for expected seasonal weather. <u>Environment Canada Weather</u> website will give you an idea of the weather. Please note, the actual area of the Bear Tour (Atnarko) is not listed on the weather site and the weather at the tour location is typically 50% to 75% less rain. Be ready for any weather, as these tours go rain or shine. There are washroom facilities at BC Parks beginning and end boat launches of the tour. Expect approximately 3 hrs between bathroom breaks.

We recommend the following:

- Rain Gear based on weather, it is best to have it available and with you, we can always leave it behind when we start, but please ensure you bring a rain jacket with you to Bella Coola, and rain pants if you have them.
- Wind breaker or shell jacket even if there is no rain, it can get breezy and it is best to have a light shell.
- Rain or sun hat and sunglasses. For your comfort.
- Drinking water is recommended.
- Sunscreen and a small amount of *unscented* insect repellent (although insects are very few on these tours typically)
- Camera and memory card and batteries, etc. Please do not bring Tri-Pods on the boat as they are not permitted. Monopods are permitted as they are much less bulky and intrusive.
- Binoculars if you have them, they enhance the experience.
- Comfortable footwear that will not be harmed if it gets a little bit wet. Typically feet do not get wet on these tours as the rafts are well equipped with comfortable elevated seating; however, it is advised not to wear expensive or fancy footwear! A comfortable runner or walking shoe is best.

The Following Items or Activities are NOT ALLOWED on Bear Tours

- Food <u>of Any Kind is prohibited</u>. Water is permitted (recommended) but no flavoured drinks. Guides will supply light snacks and tea at a designated time on the tour, but guests are not to carry and food or scented drinks.
- Flash photography (flashes must be turned off).
- Smoking is not permitted at any point on these tours, except designated areas. Expect not to be permitted to smoke for the duration of the tour.



Eco Rafting Tours (June 1 to August 15)

Eco-Rafting Tours are family and group friendly tours and operate on the Bella Coola River. We typically do not operate these tours when the weather is rainy, as there is little opportunity for shelter from the rain in the raft. These tours are typically fair to good weather tours, which makes gear selection easier.

We recommend the following:

- We still recommend you bring rain gear to Bella Coola on your holiday, and since you will have it in Bella Coola, please bring it to the tour if rain looks like it is in the forecast. . <u>Environment Canada</u> <u>Weather</u> website will give you an idea of the weather if you bookmark this link and check it a few days before your tour.
- Wind breaker-shell jacket-even if there is no rain, it can get breezy and is best to have a light shell.
- Rain or sun hat and sunglasses. For your comfort.
- Drinking water.
- Sunscreen and a small amount of *unscented* insect repellent (although insects are very few on these tours typically).
- Camera and memory card and batteries, etc. Please do not bring Tri-Pods on the boat as they are not permitted. Monopods are permitted as they are much less bulky and intrusive.
- Binoculars if you have them, they enhance the experience.
- Comfortable footwear that will not be harmed if it gets a little bit wet. Typically feet do not get wet on these tours as the rafts are well equipped with elevated bench seating; however, it is advised not to wear expensive or fancy footwear! A comfortable runner or walking shoe is best.
- Guides will bring snacks and tea for the tour, but guests are permitted to bring small food items or drinks. No alcoholic beverages are permitted, and smoking is not permitted on the rafting portion of this tour, or at river-side stops on the tour.

Hiking Tours (June 1 to October 15)

Hiking Tours are customized to groups experience. Hiking Tours will operate in rainy conditions if the group is prepared. We try to accommodate moving dates for better weather, but at guide discretion owing to safety and comfort, a hiking tour may be cancelled for bad weather. Expect to walk between 3 to 10 km on these tours (or more), depending on the route decided on.

We recommend the following:

- We recommend you bring rain gear you are comfortable and familiar with for hiking activities.
- Small backpack for personal gear;
- Sunscreen, insect repellant, drinking water.
- A windbreaker or long sleeve shirt in case it does get cool.
- No food is permitted on certain tours as they are in bear habitat. Please inquire with your guide prior to departure.

Your Guide will instruct you to bring any specialized or preferred equipment upon booking your tour and deciding your final route and destination.