



TRAVERSE ALASKA

Water Trip Preparation

Things to expect:

When planning for a water trip, gear can be divided into two categories: gear you'll need while on the water and gear you will want handy when the trip is complete.

We outline gear needed for the water. However, we encourage you to pack a separate post-trip bag with a spare set of warm clothes and any other items you think you may want after the float. Your post-trip bag will stay in a Traverse Alaska vehicle and will not be available to you while you are on the water. We will have it ready for you when your float is complete.

In some cases, clients may elect to do a hike either before or after their float. If you intend to hike *and* float, required hiking gear is also outlined.

What we provide:

- All personal equipment needed for the float including:
 - Rafts and paddles
 - Personal floatation devices
 - Drysuits (to be worn over a comfortable base layer)
 - Drybags
 - Helmets
 - Neoprene gloves
- GPS and emergency communication device
- Basic first aid kit

The next page outlines the required gear for your trip. If you would like schedule a call or video chat with one of our guides to review the gear list or discuss gear questions, please [contact us](#) to set up an appointment.

Required gear while on the water - NO COTTON!

Gear	Needed for	Fabric recommended	Quantity recommended	Examples
Midweight thermal/long underwear	Base layer	Synthetic or wool	1 set, top and bottom	Synthetic: Patagonia midweight crew available in men's and women's , or similar. Wool: Minus33 midweight wool crew in men's and women's , or similar.
Zip up/pullover	Insulating layer	Fleece	1 zip up	Patagonia options in men's and women's , or similar.
Puffy, compact jacket	Insulating layer	Synthetic or wool	1 jacket	Synthetic: Patagonia jackets available in men's and women's , or similar. Wool: Minus33 in men's and women's , or similar.
Warm hat	Insulating layer	Synthetic or wool	1 hat	Synthetic: Patagonia beanie , or similar. Wool: Minus33 beanie , or similar.
Old running shoes or hiking boots	Float shoes	Hiker's choice	1 pair	We generally use old running shoes while floating – to be worn <i>over</i> your dry suit. <u>We do not recommend sandals or crocs for float trips</u> /water crossings as the foot is more exposed. If you are hiking and floating, this will also be the shoe you hike in.

Required gear if hiking - NO COTTON!

Hiking pants	Outer layer	Synthetic or wool	1-2 pairs, depending on trip length	Synthetic: Patagonia pants in men's and women's , or similar. Wool: Icebreaker pants in men's and women's , or similar.
Liner gloves	Insulating layer	Fleece, wool or polypropylene	1 pair	Outdoor Research gloves , or similar.
Hiking socks	Base layer	Wool	1 pair	Darn Tough hiking socks, or similar.
Cap, visor or bucket hat	Sun protection	Hiker's choice	1 hat	
Sunglasses	Sun protection	Hiker's choice	1 pair	