

Western Brooks Range

Kobuk River

Originating in the southern slopes of the Arrigetch peaks and Walker Lake in the central Brooks Range, the Kobuk River flows north of the Arctic Circle to the Bering Sea. We start our adventure at the impressive Walker Lake. Surrounded by high mountains this lake with its crystal clear water is a paradise for Lake trout fishing. The discharge of the lake is one of the origin of the Kobuk and starting point of our trip. Very varied water makes this trip suitable for intermediate Paddlers. The Kobuk is well known as one of best fishing waters in Alaska for arctic grayling and the special sheefish.

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska

Participants meet in Fairbanks. Together we go through gear, food and final details. Overnight Fairbanks.

Day 2: Flight to Bettles and Walker Lake

After arriving in the small village of Bettles we load our gear into a float plane and enjoy a scenic flight to Walker Lake.

Day 3 to Day 8: From Walker Lake to the village of Kobuk (110 miles)

The river offers a lot of variety. We can expect white water right below the lake which needs to be portaged. Some swift water and two canyons keep the upper stretch and the first days exiting. On the following sections the water slows down and offers excellent fishing for grayling, sheefish and northern pike.

Day 9: Back to Fairbanks

From the village of Kobuk we catch a plane back to Fairbanks.

Tour dates 2012:

August 22 – August 30, 2012

Trip length:

9 days

Price per person:

3100.00 USD

Experience river trips:

Average physical strength and agility

Basic knowledge of paddling



Included in price are:

- ✓ All air fares from and back to Fairbanks
- ✓ All transfers and overnights
- ✓ Folding canoes or inflatable boats
- ✓ Boating and safety equipment
- ✓ Camping and cooking gear
- ✓ All meals on the trip
- ✓ Experienced trip leader

Not included are personal tent, sleeping bag and sleeping pad.

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