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### **WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR BEAR VIEWING**

- **Day of the Trip:** Typical schedule: morning or afternoon departure, subject to tide and weather. Please check in with our office prior to your excursion for exact departure times. Please arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled flight for check-in. Come to our Bear View office at 2190 Kachemak Drive, which is two hangars down from the Smokey Bay Air main office (the blue building). There is parking inside the fence right at our bear view lobby. Check-in includes: trip payment, weighing customers and gear, meeting your pilot, boot fitting, location and safety briefing with your pilot/guide, and opportunity for photographs.
- **Aircraft :** Smokey Bay Air utilizes a Cessna 206 for beach operations. By Federal Regulations, planes are limited in seats (5 customers) and weight. Please do the best you can to keep gear to a weight and space minimum. Safety is our number one concern. We are proud members of the Medallion foundation for aviation safety excellence.
- **Weather :** Although the weather may be nice in Homer, it could be raining or foggy in the bear viewing location. Dress in layers and prepare for possible rainy and windy conditions. Be sure to pack gloves, a hat, and a rain jacket. You are more than welcome to leave extra gear in our office or in the plane during your bear view.



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- **Location:** We do not simply take you to a viewing platform with a crowd of several others—with our tour, you will be walking and stopping amongst the bears, observing their behavior for three hours. All bear viewing locations require customers to be able to walk on sandy beaches, through tall grass, over downed logs, and in some instances through shallow streams and mud flats. Please inform Smokey Bay Air if you have any physical limitations that prevent you from walking on uneven and moderate terrain.

We will provide rubber boots or waders for your trip.

Please do not bring: firearms, bear spray, or raw fish.

There are no restrooms or food facilities at the bear viewing location (talk about remote!).

Pack a snack to eat on the plane, water, and some extra Kleenex. **Please note: we will not be able to leave food in the aircraft during the tour.** Make sure all snacks are small enough to be carried on your person.



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### WHAT TO BRING

- Gloves, hats, rain gear, an extra pair of socks and clothing layers.
- Camera—extra batteries and memory cards.
- Water bottle
- Snacks to eat in the plane—your trip will be about 4-5 hours long. Please feel free to eat a snack in the plane on the way to the beach or after your excursion. **Please note: we will not be able to leave food in the aircraft during the tour.**
- Sunglasses
- Light backpack to carry extra clothing items, gear, snacks, or water during the tour.
- Personal medication
- Hiking poles (if desired)
- Binoculars (if desired)