



Floating the Charley Suggested Equipment and Supplies

Introduction The Charley River is a cold, clear, intermediate free-flowing stream. The water temperature in mid-July 6" below the surface is usually 38-44 degrees F. Maximum stream flow occurs in late May and early June. The boating season usually begins in June, and there are generally sufficient flows to accommodate small boats through August. During periods of low water, it may be necessary to drag or portage your boat over shallow riffles and exposed rocks or gravel bars. For this reason inflatable rafts, kayaks and catarafts are recommended. They are also easily transported by air. Hard shell kayaks, canoes or other vessels, including cloth boats (i.e. Klepper or Klepper like) are not recommended. Visitors are strongly urged to evaluate their level of experience before considering vessels other than inflatables.

Equipment Check List

Inflatable raft, inflatable kayak or cataraft	Water filter
Oars and a paddle for rafts, oars for a cataraft, or paddles for a kayak	Cook kit
Spare oar or paddle	Camp stove
Frame for raft or cataraft and all hardware	Water containers
Flares for signaling in an emergency	Rain gear
Bailing buckets	Camp foot gear
Foot pump with proper nozzle for valves	Boat foot gear
Poop decks for rafts and catarafts	First aid kit
Tie down straps for poop decks and gear, with plenty of extras	Maps of area to be traveled
Cargo net(s)	Ground to air radio or satellite phone
Repair kit (patches, glue, etc.)	Bear barrels
One PFD per person and a spare	Food with extra
Dry bags for all gear	Bear spray
Bow and stern lines	Mosquito jacket, head net
Throw bag	Mosquito repellent
Parachute cord, 50 ft for individual items and camp use	Extra batteries for radio/sat phone
Tent	GPS with extra batteries (optional)
Sleeping bag	Camera w/ extra film/batteries (optional)
Ground cloth	Personal Locator Beacon (optional)
Sleeping pad	Medications w/ extra doses

Map Information

From Gelvin's airstrip to the Yukon River, the following 1:63360 (one inch to one mile) maps are used: Eagle D5 and D6, and Charley River A4, A5, and B4. If departing from 3 Fingers, Eagle C-5 and C-6 will also be needed. From the mouth of the Charley River to Circle, the following maps are used: Charley River B4, B5, B6, C6, and D6 and Circle C1 and D1. USGS maps can also be purchased at your local USGS office, the Anchorage USGS office at (907) 786-7011, or online at <http://store.usgs.gov>

The NPS Visitor Center in Eagle carries a limited number of the 1:250000 series maps for this area.

Float Plan

For the safety of visitors, it is strongly recommended that a float plan be filed with the preserve and a friend. To file a float plan, contact the Eagle Visitor Center at 907-547-2233/2234. The float plan at a minimum should contain the number of people in your party, their names, the number of tents and their color/style, the types and colors your craft(s), the starting and ending dates of your trip, your put-in location and emergency contact phone numbers. Leave our phone number with family and/or friends, so they can contact us if you are overdue. Contact us upon the completion of your trip, so we can close your float plan, either by phone or with a post card.

Food Storage

*Food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage, harvested fish and equipment used to cook or store food **must** be stored in a bear resistant container or secured:*

- 1. Within a hard sided building*
- 2. By caching a minimum of 100 feet from camp and suspending at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet from the vertical supports,. Please dispose of inedible game parts, fish and food scraps, that could attract a bear, at least 300 yards from the camp site and below high water level.*
