

When considering your layering systems, we recommend having synthetic clothes & socks that can get wet if we are hiking in addition to another set of warm synthetic layers for under your drysuit. It's a smart move to have an additional set of dry clothes & shoes to leave in your vehicle at the end of the day.

Footwear

Most packrafters double hiking footwear as river footwear- a practical way to save weight. Lightweight, lower profile hiking shoes that can drain water are ideal, (heavier weight shoes are difficult to swim with, in the event you're out of your boat.) If you must have ankle support, consider bringing a separate closed toe river shoe. Whatever you use, be sure it's comfortable, broken in & fits over your drysuit booties.

When hiking in Alaska, it's only a matter of time before your feet get wet. Guides & seasoned AK packrafters usually use the same footwear for hiking & the river, but this is a personal choice.

Upper Body Layer System

- 1 base layer hiking T shirt- merino wool/synthetic material
- 1 base layer long sleeve shirt- preferably w/hood, merino wool/synthetic material
- Medium weight/fleece layer
- Mid weight down or synthetic jacket (preferably w/hood)

Lower Body Layer System

- 1-2 base layer long underwear for drysuit (merino wool or athletic style synthetic material)
- 1 pair hiking pants (fast dry, zip-off convertible to shorts optional)

Rain Gear

Quality rain gear is an Alaskan essential!

Jacket

- Taped seams and a durable shell
- Full side leg zippers recommended but not required. At least ankle zippers required to get on and off over hiking boots.
- NO nylon "windbreaker" style pants, NO pants with cotton or nylon liners
- Gore-Tex recommended but not required

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Head & Hands

- Baseball cap, visor, or other packable sun hat
- Buff brand thin neck gaiter (not required, but **STRONGLY** recommended)
- Head Net for bug protection (not required, but **STRONGLY** recommended for June-July trips)

Backpack

Be familiar with- confident it properly fits your body, holds your gear, and is comfortable

- Internal frame pack with at least 50 liter capacity- this should fit inside of the packraft

River Gear

- Drysuit w/booties (no hood, preferably w/relief zipper)
- Packraft & accessories (with cargo fly, self-bailing or with spray skirt & rim kit)
- 4 piece breakdown whitewater paddle (< 200 shaft cm)
- PFD (Type III or V) w/river rescue knife & whistle securely attached
- Whitewater helmet
- Drybag/bow bag for day items & a method to attach to boat (only bring locking carabiners)
- Gloves or pogies (optional)
- Lightweight throw rope
- Patch kit

Miscellaneous Gear

- 1 L plastic or stainless steel water bottle
- Sunglasses, small sunscreen & lip balm
- Personal meds & mini first aid kit