



Grizzlies of Bear Cave Mountain

Fishing Branch River, Yukon, Canada



Your wildlife adventure of a lifetime

Dear Adventurers,

I wish to welcome naturalists, filmmakers, photographers, bear lovers, and all those looking for true peace of mind. We at Nakina Adventures offer you life-changing wilderness adventures “off the beaten trail”. For guests joining us on an expedition to the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp located in the remote sub-arctic of the Northern Yukon, we guarantee your experience will be exclusive, engaging and surely unforgettable.

Conservation of fish and wildlife in areas of high ecological values, and meeting those as passionate about nature as we are, is what all of us at Nakina Adventures live for. The cornerstone of our philosophy is sharing these ecologies with guests from all around the world while helping to preserve the area with all of its unique flora and fauna.

On behalf of the Nakina Adventures team and our partner, the Vuntut Gwitchin people of Old Crow, I invite you to experience your own wilderness journey of a lifetime “off the beaten trail” at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp.

Phil Timpany

Phil Timpany, Managing Partner Nakina Adventures

Fishing Branch River, Yukon, Canada



"The Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp is a place of peaceful tranquility but where one of the most unique and exciting natural history events plays out in harmony known only to true wilderness. When your are face to face with an ice bear, you know right then and there that you are looking at something which cannot be found anywhere else in the world."



Ice grizzly bear at the
Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp.

Grizzly Bear Viewing at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp

We are getting you as close to grizzly bears in the wild as possible in the safety of a highly trained, professional wilderness guide with longstanding experience and expert knowledge in grizzly bear behaviour. Your safety and the safety of the grizzly bears is of the utmost importance for us. We ensure you an enjoyable and unforgettable experience viewing them in their natural habitat.

Due to the isolated location of the camp in the unscathed ecosystem of the Fishing Branch River, and our long-standing experience with grizzly bears, we have developed an intimate relationship with many of these animals over the past decades. Seeing grizzly bears at close range, even while at the lodge, is common at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp.

"By September 15th the chum salmon have returned to their spawning grounds. By then the bears have arrived and are anxious to catch them".

Phil Timpany

Grizzly bear chasing fish
at the Fishing Branch River
(photo by Paul Nicklen).



... the viewing experience

Grizzly bear viewing is done “face to face” on the ground with a guide. Designated viewing sites offer you many opportunities to watch the grizzlies go about their business catching and eating chum salmon.

The viewing sites are within easy walking distance of camp and provide optimum light and weather conditions for observation, filming and photography.

Groups often spend two to four hours at a site depending on bear activity. One of the viewing sites is conveniently located close to the camp at the end of a 40-meter wooden walkway. During times of cold temperatures, you can therefore easily retreat to the camp to warm up between bear visits.

Due to the closeness of our viewing sites and the excellent viewing opportunities directly from camp, the physical fitness level required for your wildlife adventure is basic.

Grizzly bear viewing at
the Fishing Branch River.

... the ecology

The Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp is situated deep within the Ni'iinlii Njik Territorial Park & Wilderness Preserve along the Arctic Circle in the Yukon. The Vuntut Gwitchin people of Old Crow, Yukon, know the 6,500 square kilometer ecologically rich area as Ni'iinlii Njik - "where fish spawn".

This adventure is designed all around wildlife viewing. Grizzly bears keep you busy throughout the days. Occasionally moose, wolves, caribou and marten are added to the list of sightings and with a little bit of luck even a wolverine.

"This is a fascinating ecosystem of limestone peaks, year around open water, spawning salmon and grizzly bears."

Phil Timpany

The Arctic Circle offers a wide variety of magical light.

... the camp

When you arrive by helicopter at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp you will know right away that you are in true untouched wilderness. Isolated from roads and development, the area is a valuable, zen-like ecological oasis. Here, grizzly bears and humans have long tread common pathways to share the bounty of the remarkable Fishing Branch River.

Blending well into the natural surroundings, the camp offers comfortable heated cabins of double occupancy. The main lodge consists of a kitchen and dining room where our chefs provide excellent cuisine three times a day. Dinner wine, beer and appetizers are complementary.

Each cabin, equipped with lighting, contains two single beds with duvet bedding as well as a wood heater to ensure your comfort. There is also a hot shower facility at your disposition.

Grizzly Bear

Viewing Highlights

- Experience a once in a lifetime adventure “off the beaten trail” in the pristine wilderness of Northern Yukon, Canada
- Discover for yourself that a peaceful and safe co-existence with grizzly bears is not only possible, but also entertaining and fun
- Live in close proximity with grizzly bears during your entire stay
- Take advantage of excellent filming and photographic opportunities
- Experience an exclusive small group adventure led by one of our professional wilderness guides with longstanding experience and expert knowledge in grizzly bear behaviour

Adventure Package

Included:

- Services of one of our professional wilderness guides
- Helicopter transportation to remote wilderness camp
- Accommodation at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp
- Meals while at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp, including all non-alcoholic beverages and wine/beer at dinner

Not included:

- Flights to/from Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
- Overnight in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada
- Flights to/from Dawson City, Yukon, Canada
- Overnight in Dawson City, Yukon, Canada
- Tips, gratuities, personal expenses
- Travel, medical or any other kind of insurance coverage

Trip Journal

Example trip itinerary 7 night expedition package

Day 1: Arrival in Whitehorse and overnight.

Day 2: Catch a morning flight to Dawson City, see the sights and experience the gold rush of 1898 and overnight in Dawson City.

Day 3: Board the helicopter to the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp in the morning (approx. 2 hour flight time) and you will be watching bears by noon.

Day 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9: Grizzly bear viewing at the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp.

Day 10: Fly by helicopter from the Bear Cave Mountain Adventures camp to Dawson City in the morning where you can begin your homeward journey.

Why travel with Nakina Adventures?

Travelers wanting to experience wildlife have many options to choose from. When it comes to grizzly bear viewing, Nakina Adventures makes this choice very easy. Our well-designed and unique bear viewing programs in the wilds of the Taku and the remote sub-arctic of Northern Yukon have changed the face of grizzly bear viewing forever.

We offer you a unique grizzly bear viewing experience based on peaceful coexistence in true wilderness “off the beaten trail”.

At Nakina Adventures you are not spending a mere holiday - you are living the adventure of your lifetime.

Who we are

We at Nakina Adventures have been active in eco-tourism for 4 decades. Our flagship T’á ish Adventures camp in the Taku wilderness has captured the imagination of fishermen and grizzly bear viewing guests from around the world. Our success at Nakina Adventures along with our conservation background led to our partnership with the Vuntut Gwitchin people of Old Crow, Yukon. Together, we created the expedition camp Bear Cave Mountain Adventures in 2005.

We are a tourism company but in our hearts we are all about conservation. We offer genuine wilderness experiences with integrity, while promoting the preservation of fish and wildlife in these amazingly rich ecologies. Our responsible and sustainable management approach protects the environment and increases economic opportunities.

Our camps are designed to have the smallest ecological footprint as possible, creating an unspoiled natural atmosphere while providing some of the comforts of home.

We actively promote the integration of local people into our programs, and combine the knowledge and spiritual values of indigenous people with whom we are partners and whose land we operate on.





... off the beaten trail

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