

## Safe and Educational Alaska Bear Viewing with Muddy Water Adventures' Family Group Tours

Muddy Water Adventures launches 2025 family-friendly Alaska bear viewing tours at Anan, led by expert guides for a safe, educational experience.

WRANGELL, AK, UNITED STATES, June 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Muddy Water Adventures, a



Our Anan Bears Tour offers families a safe way to explore Alaska's wildlife with guides who share the ecology and history of Wrangell." premier tour operator in Southeast Alaska, proudly launches its 2025 season of family-friendly Alaska bear viewing tours at the renowned Anan Wildlife Observatory. Led by expert local guides, these small-group excursions offer a safe, educational, and thrilling opportunity to witness black and brown bears in their natural habitat, making Wrangell a top destination for wildlife-loving families.

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Nestled 30 miles southeast of Wrangell in the Tongass

National Forest, Anan Wildlife Observatory is one of the few places globally where black and brown bears coexist, drawn by one of Southeast Alaska's most extensive pink salmon runs. In 2024, the observatory recorded over 300 bear sightings during peak season (July-August), cementing its status as a bucket-list destination for Alaska bear viewing. The tour includes a scenic one-hour boat ride through the Eastern Passage, a half-mile guided boardwalk hike to the observatory, and three hours at secure viewing platforms, where bears fish for salmon just feet away.

Book your 2025 Anan Bears Tour with Muddy Water Adventures at <a href="https://www.muddywateradventures.com/tour/anan-bears-tour-wrangell-alaska/">https://www.muddywateradventures.com/tour/anan-bears-tour-wrangell-alaska/</a> or call +1 907-305-0206. With limited permits from July to August, reserve now to secure your family's spot!

What sets Muddy Water Adventures apart is its commitment to expert-led, family-oriented experiences. Groups are capped at 12 guests on the trail, ensuring personalized attention from guides who carry bear spray and rifles for safety. These local experts, led by Wrangell native Zach Taylor, share in-depth knowledge of bear behavior, the Tlingit history of Anan Creek, and the Tongass ecosystem, making the tour both thrilling and educational. The tour is suitable for families with children aged five and above, with accommodations for individuals with mobility issues, addressing the challenge of finding safe and inclusive wildlife experiences. A 2024 visitor from Western Australia praised the "fantastic close-ups of bears catching salmon" and Zach's

expertise, noting that the tour was accessible for their family.

The rise in adventure travel, with Alaska seeing a 20% increase in tourism inquiries for 2025, highlights a growing demand for meaningful, family-friendly wildlife experiences. However, crowded bear-viewing sites like Katmai National Park often lack the intimacy and safety that families seek. Muddy Water Adventures addresses this by offering:

- Expert-Led Safety: Guides with extensive knowledge of bear behavior ensure secure, respectful wildlife interactions, adhering to U.S. Forest Service guidelines.
- Educational Insights: Guests learn about Anan's ecosystem, from salmon runs to Tlingit heritage, fostering a deeper appreciation for Alaska's wilderness.
- Family Accessibility: Small groups and a gentle half-mile trail make the tour suitable for children and those with moderate mobility challenges.
- Eco-Friendly Practices: Strict environmental protocols minimize impact, supporting conservation efforts for Anan's delicate habitat.

The tour's new 38' custom-built catamaran, praised for its comfort and multiple viewing decks, enhances the experience with a smooth ride and opportunities to spot whales, sea otters, and bald eagles en route. Guests are advised to bring cameras and weather-appropriate clothing, as food is restricted onshore to protect wildlife.

Anan Creek's massive pink salmon run attracts not only bears but also eagles, seals, and ravens, creating a vibrant ecosystem that captivates visitors. The observatory's covered deck and photo blind offer unparalleled photography opportunities, appealing to families and shutterbugs alike. Muddy Water Adventures supports Wrangell's economy by employing local guides and partnering with community businesses, ensuring that tourism benefits the residents. This community-focused approach aligns with the 2024 trend of sustainable tourism, as noted in a Travel and Tour World article.

## **About Muddy Water Adventures**

Founded in 2016 by Wrangell native Zach Taylor, Muddy Water Adventures specializes in small-group wildlife and adventure tours in Southeast Alaska. From bear viewing at Anan Wildlife Observatory to glacier excursions at LeConte, the company delivers safe, sustainable, and authentic experiences. Committed to local expertise and environmental stewardship, Muddy Water Adventures has earned rave reviews for its personalized service and top-tier vessels.

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