

ALASKA BEAR TRIP

GEAR CHECKLIST

EMMA EXPEDITION
FIELD NOTES
POSTMARKED WILD

A printable companion to the full Alaska bear photography gear guide on emmaexpedition.com.
Tick boxes as you pack. What you need changes with the trip – check against your specific itinerary.

CATEGORY 01

STABILITY & CAMERA SUPPORT

- ☐ TRIPOD
For filming, or any shot where you need both hands free
- ☐ MONOPOD
Lighter, faster to set up
- ☐ SKIMMER GROUND POD
Keeps your camera off wet sand or mud

CATEGORY 02

WADING & FOOTWEAR

- ☐ WADERS
High-high or full chest – check with your operator first
- ☐ WADING BOOTS
Pair with stockingfoot waders
- ☐ WATERPROOF HIKING BOOTS
For day trips, or anywhere waders aren't the move

CATEGORY 03

SUN & BUG PROTECTION

- ☐ SUNSCREEN
Waterproof, holds up through the elements
- ☐ SUN HAT
Or a bug hat if mosquitoes are bad where you're going
- ☐ SUNGLASSES
Non-negotiable, full-sun days
- ☐ SUN HOODIE
Worn under waders, for heat management
- ☐ FINGERLESS GLOVES
Sun, bugs, and grip on your camera body

CATEGORY 04

LAYERS

- ☐ RAIN JACKET
Actually waterproof, not just water-resistant

CATEGORY 05

CAMERA BAG

- ☐ WATERPROOF BACKPACK
Non-negotiable – you will set it down somewhere wet

CATEGORY 06

CAMERA BODIES, LENSES & CARDS

- ☐ PRIMARY BODY + LENS
Covers most of what comes up in the field
- ☐ SECOND BODY + LENS
For when a bear comes in closer than your long lens wants
- ☐ FAST SD CARDS
V60 floor for 4K, V90 if shooting burst + video together

ONE MORE THING

Check with your operator before you pack waders – a lot of trips provide them, and bringing your own when they're included is extra weight for nothing.

Weigh your camera bag before you fly. Waders, a second body, and extra cards add up faster than you'd think.