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All about Kenai River Fishing by [Ernest S. Lee](#)

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Do you love fishing? Have you ever heard about the Kenai River in Alaska? Kenai River fishing is definitely an angler's dream come true, actually the mother lode of fish fishing. The stream runs an amazing 82 miles from Kenai Lake in southern Alaska towards Cook's Inlet.

From early May until mid-October, the Kenai Peninsula, an acceptable three hours south of Anchorage, provides fly fishing adventures you might never forget.

If you're truly hooked on fly fishing, the Kenai River peninsula is heaven on Earth. The biggest fish ever caught on the planet was a 97 pound king fish caught on the Kenai River. Passionate anglers flock towards the Kenai Peninsula, wanting to beat this record. An average catch is forty pounds! It does not get better than that.

This is a short unofficial schedule from the Kenai River fishing season that will help you plan your trip!

Around the middle of June, there's one run from the red-colored blue back fish, then another in the middle of this summer. If you want smoked fish, you will want to be fishing now, because the red-colored variety may be the king of smoked fish. Yellows will also be highly valued for that grill, in addition to canning.

Also running in mid-June is the king fish. While other rivers in Alaska yield more seafood, king fish from the Kenai River provides great size. An average catch within the second run is 40-50 pounds. Expect to net a king of the bigger size!

Kenai River fishing offers two runs of silver fish, one in early August and the other at the end of September. The bigger catches are often made in the September run.

If all this is not enough to whet your appetite, the Kenai River yields trophy sized dolly varden and rainbow trout.

If time permits, your trip plans should include a trip to Cook's Inlet. Here you will need to take some time for any deep-ocean trips of Kachemak and Resurrection Bays, in which the giant bottom-dwelling halibut live. An Alaskan record-sized halibut of 466 pounds was caught in Kachemak Bay!

Additionally, you can go to Clam Gulch just a little drive about 30 miles from Kenai, a well known place to go clamming. Razor clams are abundant here. As the title suggests, their shells are sharp, so be cautious! Best digging occasions are once the tide reaches minus two feet or lower. Seek advice from the Department of Seafood and Game for local limits.

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