



A 6-day/5-night kayaking and camping adventure in Glacier Bay starting and ending in Gustavus, Alaska. Suitable for all paddling levels and all ages but especially for those who want to tap into their inner John Muir.

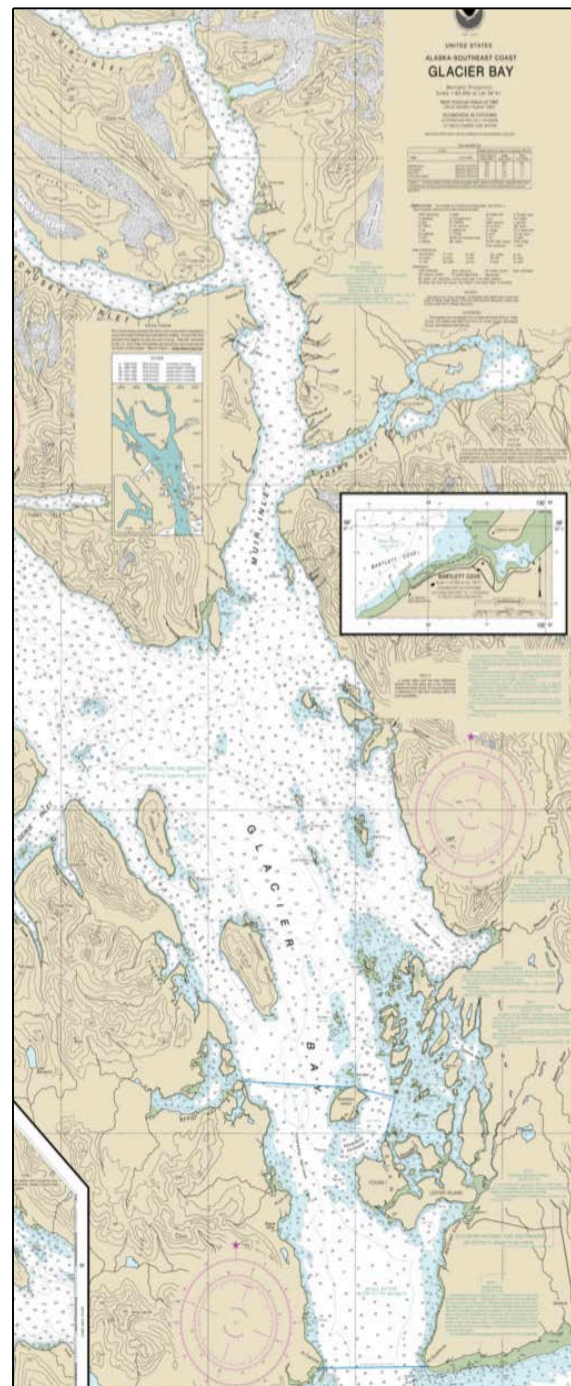
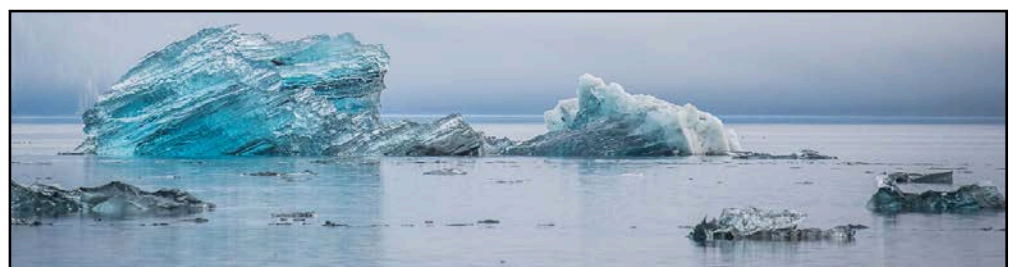
An Alaskan Sea Kayaking Adventure in the East Arm of Glacier Bay National Park

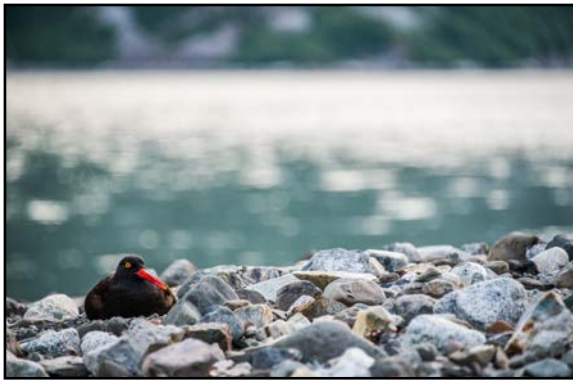
Join Spirit Walker Expeditions for 6-days and 5-nights of sea kayaking and camping in the remote East Arm of Glacier Bay National Park. The less visited East Arm is renowned for its temperate glaciers; the luminous icebergs of McBride Inlet; an abundance of wildlife including brown and black bears, mountain goats, moose, humpback whales, sea otters, and Steller sea lions; as well as an opportunity to follow in the adventurous footsteps of John Muir in search of wilderness and solitude.

Day 1: Early morning departure from Gustavus on Glacier Bay National Park's day boat. The fast moving catamaran gives us an opportunity to look for wildlife and marine mammals in the lower reaches of Glacier Bay. We will motor by the Marble Islands and enjoy the sights and smells of a Steller sea lion haul out and keep our eyes peeled for tufted and horned puffins. By late morning we will be dropped off at the base of Mt. Wright where we will pack up our kayaks and begin paddling north into the wilds of the East Arm. Our camping destination is a comfortable 5 mile paddle to Pt. George at the opening of Adams Inlet. The churning tides from the inlet create ample feeding opportunities for humpback whales which we are always on the lookout for. Paddling distance: 5 miles

Day 2: Today we will be kayaking along the rugged east side of the East Arm which will provide ample opportunity to find our paddling rhythm as we cruise past the dramatic Klotz Hills and small coves that host the enigmatic wildlife of Glacier Bay. The park supports at least 28 mammal species and beaches are natural wildlife corridors. As willows have seeded themselves, moose have moved in to browse, with wolves close at their heels. We never know what we might see along the way, but we are always appreciative of observing wildlife in its natural environment. Our goal is to set up camp just south of McBride Inlet and stretch our legs on shore after one of our longer paddles. Distance: 11-13 miles

Day 3: In 1890 John Muir explored around the base of a glacier that ultimately was named after him. The Muir Glacier has now retreated over 25 miles away from that point and today's paddling goal is to spend some time in the shadows of this famous glacier. As we paddle into the Muir Inlet you will see for yourself the grinding and wearing down of rock that has left the landscape seemingly bare, but in fact, when we set up our night's camp and take time to explore, we will see the beginnings of growth on the landscape. Distance: 9 miles





Nature is ever at work building and pulling down, creating and destroying, keeping everything whirling and flowing, allowing no rest but in rhythmical motion, chasing everything in endless song out of one beautiful form into another.

-John Muir, Our National Parks, 1901



Day 4: We have paddled to our furthest point up bay and now we will spend the day enjoying the solitude that John Muir pursued. Before July 15, the entirety of Muir Inlet is non-motorized and the only ones who explore deep in this hard to reach inlet arrive by wing, fin or paddling stroke. Our camp is tucked between an oystercatcher nest and a glacially fed stream and our views are rugged peaks with small icebergs or “bergy bits” drifting by. Time, tide, wind and personal choice dependent we will have a chance to get closer to the Muir Glacier either on foot or by kayak. Paddling distance is variable.

Day 5: We will pack up our camp in the morning and retrace our paddling footprint back towards the McBride Inlet. We will kayak past the Riggs Glacier and depending on timing will have a chance to stretch our legs and eat lunch on a beach of glacial outwash keeping our eyes open for plate-sized brown bear tracks. We will set up camp just north of McBride Inlet and the rest of our afternoon will be dictated by the strong tidal currents of the narrow inlet’s opening. We will either continue our exploration by foot or kayak into an area that has only recently been uncovered by the quickly retreating glacier. Most likely, our only other companions will be sea otters and harbor seals in nature’s freezer. Today we are truly going off the charts as this glacier is moving so quickly cartographers can’t keep up! Distance: 8-12 miles

Day 6: On our last day of our adventure it will be kayaker choice. Depending on activities from the day before we will either wake early to go for an early morning paddle amongst icebergs or if you prefer, have a lay in and a final opportunity to enjoy a hot morning beverage and absorb the untrammled solitude of a great Alaskan Wilderness. In the early afternoon a water taxi will pick us up and return us to Gustavus.

Total Mileage: 33-45 miles

***This is a sample itinerary. Daily activities may vary due to factors which can include changing weather, tides, ocean conditions and wildlife.**



6-Day/5-Night Kayaking Trip: \$2499/person

The cost of the kayaking trip includes experienced and professional guides, water taxi transportation, tandem kayaks with all paddling and safety accessories; emergency communication and first aid equipment; tents, sleeping bags/pads, 3 excellent meals a day plus snacks, rain gear, rubber boots and dry bags.

*Trip price does not include airfare to and from Gustavus, lodging before and after the trip, a 3% Gustavus sales tax, and gratuities.

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