

About Your Hosts

Gulkana River Ranch is owned and operated by Chad and Kelly Gerlach. Kelly's Grandpa, Ken Sailors, homesteaded the land in 1967. His dream is to keep the 77-acre homestead a place where his family and their guests can enjoy the solitude of the pristine Gulkana River and surrounding forests, as well as one of the best fishing spots in Alaska.

Your host, Kelly Gerlach, is a former English teacher and coach. She is now a mother of five and occasional college instructor. Her husband, Chad Gerlach, has guided on the Gulkana River for nine years. A former commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, Chad currently teaches and coaches at Glennallen Junior/Senior High School.

We have lived and traveled all over Alaska—from the Arctic Circle to Southeast and quite a few areas in between. We love to ski, hike, climb, hunt, explore and, of course, fish. If you are thinking of visiting a certain area, feel free to chat with us about what different places around Alaska have to offer.

We've had the privilege of fishing with and hosting folks from England, Russia, Poland, Canada, and all of the major regions of the United States. When we hear your stories, we feel like we've experienced a small corner of your world and that is one reason we love what we do. We are looking forward to sharing our wilderness with you.



GULKANA RIVER RANCH BED & BREAKFAST

In today's information age, serenity is becoming more and more difficult to come by. But when you stay at Gulkana River Ranch, you can finally enjoy all the space you need. Lounge by your riverside campfire. Fall asleep to the gentle melodies of the Gulkana River below. Relax in your sauna after an invigorating day of fishing, hiking, or sight seeing. Shout a "barbaric yawp" off the front porch for all we care. You have much of our 77-acre homestead to yourself, so check life's many distractions at the gate when you stay at Gulkana River Ranch Bed and Breakfast. Because in a land as vast as Alaska, a little solitude shouldn't be so hard to find.



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GULKANA RIVER RANCH BED & BREAKFAST



"Your Place of Solitude on the River"

AMENITIES

Continental breakfast

Two bedrooms and loft (one double bed, four single beds)

Kitchen with propane range/oven

Spacious living/dining area

Sauna

Hot shower

Woodstove

Barbeque and fire-pit

Picnic table

"My husband and I enjoyed a peaceful and romantic getaway with gentle rain and candlelight. The sound of the river and the feeling of being secluded were a balm to our hectic lives. With a grateful heart..."

Wanda from Missouri

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Things to do in the Copper River Basin



Fishing for King Salmon on the Gulkana River ...charter a guide or do it yourself. Local raft rentals available and you can launch from our property.



Don't feel like fishing? Scenic raft tours may be just the ticket. Charter with local tour companies or rent equipment and do it yourself



Wrangell/St. Elias National Park is only a short distance away. Visit Park headquarters in Copper Center or visit the Park itself.

Voices from the cabin...

"... By pure luck were referred to Chad and Kelly. What a wonderful welcome and perfect first nights stay in Alaska."

Rich and Jean from New Hampshire

"Soaring with the eagles. I saw them watch the Kings with keen eyes, then catch a few in front of the cabin. Thanks a lot."

Mike from Nevada

"I truly loved this place! Your grandpa did great, and it is so good to see the family caring for the place and sharing it with us and others. Your hospitality was great. This place felt like home! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Hope to see you again."

Gary from Texas

"What a fantastic find! We were so comfortable here and your special touches and tasty treats really made things "homey." The cabin, the views, the sound of the river rapids below...one beautiful spot. We will definitely be back! Thank you for sharing your homestead with us!"

Kim from Alaska

"We didn't have to travel far to get to the true woods! Coffee cake was warm and truly homemade. Hard to find good-hearted people in the world today. We look forward to making this an annual event."

Pamela from Alaska

"Thanks for sharing your Alaska with us. What a unique experience! Keep the spirit alive."

Audrey and Bob from Michigan

"Thank you for the spectacular views and sounds of Alaska! There is nothing better in life than sitting by a roaring campfire and watching the wonders of nature—we loved the hours spent doing just that. The pristine beauty of Alaska surrounded us while we were here. Your hospitality and great food got us ready for our daily adventures. Thanks again for the real Alaska feel! We had a great time!"

Cathy and Chris from Missouri