



Thank you for choosing **Tide Rip Grizzly Tours**, a proud member of the Bear Viewing Association of British Columbia and rated #1 attraction in Telegraph Cove according to **Trip Advisor!**

Your **Grizzly Bear Expedition** will begin in picturesque Telegraph Cove, British Columbia on northern Vancouver Island. At 0700 a.m. sharp we'll board one of our comfortable, Canadian Coast Guard-certified vessels, equipped with the latest navigation equipment as well as an onboard toilet. After a quick safety briefing and orientation of the boat, we'll throw the lines and begin the magical two hour journey into beautiful Knight Inlet.



Along the way, sit back, relax and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast. Meanwhile your qualified Guide will navigate the waters of the Broughton Archipelago in search of wildlife and marine mammals.



Upon arrival into Glendale Cove, we will transfer to our specially designed bear viewing skiffs. These boats will allow us to explore the river and inner estuarine waters. Open your senses and become enveloped in a pristine wilderness setting, with lush intertidal sedges bordering the temperate rainforest and surrounded by majestic snow capped mountains.

Following a morning of discovery, you'll likely have acquired a hearty appetite! At this time, your Guide will escort you back to our 30 meter floating dock for a healthy, buffet style lunch, while you reflect on your expedition. But, the trip is not over yet! There is still the ride back to Telegraph Cove and the possibility of seeing more wildlife...or simply kickback and unwind. You've earned it!



The **Tide Rip Grizzly Tours Team** looks forward to meeting you and sharing the incredible experience that is the grizzly bears of Knight Inlet!

Sincerely, Howard Pattinson



To enhance your **Grizzly Bear Expedition**, here is more information that will help you with your trip preparations:

The Bear Necessities

To provide protection for the bears, Glendale Cove and its immediate surroundings have been designated a Special Management Zone (SMZ). All **Tide Rip Grizzly Tour** Guides have been certified under the Bear Viewing Association of BC and have pledged to abide by guidelines established by leading provincial experts in bear ecology to ensure both continued success for the bears of Glendale and maximized safety for its human visitors. As such, your compliance with the following is mandatory:

 **There is to be no consumption of food, beverages or tobacco products within the SMZ.** Habituating a bear to a human=food association may eventually result in the bear becoming deemed a 'problem' outside of the SMZ, ultimately resulting in its destruction.

 **There is to be no use of photographic flashes or strobes.** Use of these devices can startle animals with unpredictable consequences.

 **Excessive noise and/or movement must be minimized.** It's important to remember that sound travels very effectively over water and we don't want to scare animals off or deter others from revealing themselves from the tree line.

 **Avoid the use of perfumes, aftershaves, deodorants, insect repellents or any potent fragrance.** Smell is the primary means by which a bear analyzes its environment. Certain scents may attract or conversely deter bears from our proximity.

 **Avoid bright and/or flashy clothing.**

The Bear Essentials

The bear viewing skiff has been designed to maximize your viewing potential and is therefore exposed to the many moods of Mother Nature.

For your comfort and convenience, we recommend:

- Water bottle; Binoculars.
- Dress warm (layers of synthetic, quick-dry clothes);
- Light weight waterproof jacket and pants;
- Sunhat, unscented sunscreen, sunglasses;
- Camera, memory cards, batteries, monopod;
- Sturdy walking shoes (hiking boots not required);

Departures

Please arrive at the **Tide Rip Grizzly Tours** office in Telegraph Cove by **6:45 AM**. The tour leaves the dock at 7:00 AM. If need be, arrangements can be made for alternative pickups in Alert Bay (0640 a.m.), Alder Bay RV (0650 a.m.) and Hidden Cove Lodge (0700 a.m.).

The drive from Port McNeill is 22 minutes. Drive South on HWY 19 for 6 minutes, then turn left on Beaver Cove Rd which leads to Telegraph Cove. When you arrive in Telegraph Cove, park to the right, ignore the meter, use the washrooms across the road, walk to the left along the old boardwalk to our office across from the Killer Whale Café.

Please note there is an additional \$15 surcharge for Alert Bay and \$10 surcharge for Alder Bay pickups. We ask that you arrive at your point of departure 10 minutes before your scheduled pickup time.

Regardless of your point of departure, it is imperative that you contact the Tide Rip office the day before your trip to confirm both the time and location of your pickup. Note: *Due to unpredictable and localized weather and/or water conditions, we do not take people suffering chronic neck and/or back issues and/or pregnant women.*

Accommodation

Please refer to our **Tide Rip Grizzly Tours** website for detailed information regarding where to stay when visiting the area.

Children

Our tour is not suitable for children under 8 years of age.

Gratuities are appreciated. Thank you!