

Getting to and from Big Ku Lodge



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Generally, you will be arriving into Anchorage International Airport on a commercial flight. You will meet the pilot for your direct flight to the lodge at Branham's Hangar:

Location: Branham Hangar, 4701 Aircraft Drive. (next to the Aviation Museum at Lake Hood, across the street from Anchorage International Airport.)

Caravan Information:

The plane: The plane is a state of the art Cessna 208 Caravan on amphibious floats, with a 900 horsepower Garrett engine. The flight is approximately 1 hour 20 min. from our Anchorage hangar to Big Ku Lodge. The staff will meet you upon arrival, both at the hangar and the lodge.

Cost: Your round trip flight to/from Big Ku Lodge is included in your fishing week costs. If you have already made your deposit and it wasn't included, it will be added on to your final payment at the lodge.

Flight Schedule:

There will be one Saturday flight and one Wednesday coming to/from the lodge. There will be 6 passengers on the flight.

Saturday or Wednesday departure from Anchorage:

Departure from ANC: 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM departure. Arrive at lodge @ 12:30 PM

Saturday or Wednesday departure from Lodge:

Departure from Lodge: 9:30 AM, arriving Anchorage @11:00 AM

If you have scheduled a flight with our office for a different day of the week, you will be provided with all the pertinent information needed to make that happen.

All flights subject to change due to weather or conditions we cannot control. We highly recommend providing us with your cell phone number so that we may keep you posted with any weather changes that may, or may not occur.

Arrival at “Branham Hangar” for your departure to the lodge should be one hour before flight time. You will not go through a security check but your name will be on the flight manifest held by the pilot. There is a waiting room and bathroom facilities at the hangar.

Reservations for the Caravan flight will be made through Big Ku Lodge, or your booking agent; we will automatically reserve space for you, unless notified otherwise.

Policy/Recommendation:

Due to potential flight delays, weather factors, passenger loads and other unanticipated factors, we highly recommend guests fly into ANC the Friday before their flight to Big Ku Lodge, and fly out of ANC late afternoon Saturday, or Sunday, the day after your return from Big Ku. This will require getting a hotel room on each end, however the reduction in ‘delay induced stress’ has proven to be worth the extra time (not to mention, ANC has a lot to offer visitors). Departure flights from ANC should not be any earlier than 4:00 PM on Saturday, or you might risk ticket changes, or missed flights. Big Ku Lodge will not be held responsible for missed flights/ticket changes.

If you need to arrive or depart at times other than our scheduled flights, you will be responsible for hiring a private air taxi to deliver or pick you up at the lodge at your expense, which is normally higher than our flight costs.

We highly suggest trip insurance. Remember, you are flying in Alaska and there should be excess time available in the event of inclement weather. Weather delays are not unusual; so do not make reservations based on specific flight times listed on this schedule.

Luggage/Weight:

Soft-sided luggage is strongly recommended, with a maximum weight of 60 pounds per person. The pilot would prefer two smaller bags, as opposed to one large one, if at all possible, due to easier handling and weight restrictions. (Bear spray is NOT allowed on any flight, it is illegal to have on the plane.)