

Weather Conditions

Our season begins in mid-September where it is late Fall on the Arctic Circle. The leaves are almost gone from the willow and other deciduous trees.

At the end of our season, the beginning of November, it is winter and temperatures can be very cold. Approximately 40 percent of our weather is clear and 60 percent overcast.

Typically there are several days of overcast pushed out by a high pressure system of clear blue skies coming south from the arctic. Our warm weather comes from the south, colder but clearer weather from the north.



Temperatures

September 15 through September 30

Normally there is little or no snow at this time but on the Arctic Circle one must always be prepared for colder temperatures. During this time it will often snow and melt away a couple of times before its cold enough for the snow to stay.

Daytime temperatures can range between plus 12 and minus 2 degrees Celsius or 54 and 28 degrees Fahrenheit. Night time temperatures can drop to minus 10 Celsius or 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

October 01 through October 15

It can transition to winter during this time with snow staying on the ground.

Daytime temperatures range between plus 8 and minus 10 Celsius or 46 and 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

October 16 through November 01

Winter is in motion and staying warm at the viewing sites can be a challenge. Daytime temperatures can be as cold as minus 10 to minus 20 degrees Celsius or plus 14 and minus 2 Fahrenheit. Night time temperatures can drop to minus 30.

Things to Bring

- ✓ Day pack or camera pack
- ✓ Warm and compact sleeping bag
- ✓ Head lamp & spare batteries
- ✓ Toilet items
- ✓ Fleece and synthetic clothing:
 - it is lightweight and dries quickly
- ✓ No GIANT duffel bags or suitcases.
- You will be flying in a helicopter and cargo space is limited.
- Limit gear to 45 kilograms or 80 pounds.

<u>September. 15 - 30</u>	<u>October 01 - 15</u>	<u>October 16 - 31</u>
Cap and warmer light winter hat covering your ears.	Cap and warm winter hat covering your ears	Winter hat covering ears
Light underwear	Warm underwear (light fleece recommended)	Heavy underwear
Warm outers	Warm outers (light snow pants)	Warm outers
Warm gloves and socks	Warm gloves and or winter mitts	Winter gloves and mitts
Insulated boots for sitting, standing and hiking	Warm insulated boots for sitting, standing and hiking in snow	Warm winter styled boots