

Kodiak Outdoor Adventures

2023 Newsletter



Taken by John Sullivan
Retrieved by Rafe Oiphant
9 1/8" Billy
Ennis, TX



Pat and Teri Alexander
9' 6" 26 1/2" B&C
Lecompton, KS

Professionally guided fair-chase hunts on Kodiak Island, Alaska

All animals taken in 2023



Steve Hawkes - Hamilton, MT



Jake Hocker - Wichita, KS



Mike Slocumb - Opelika, AL



Brock Beran - Wichita, KS



Gary Romain - Seattle, WA



Dave Spence - Bloomfield Hills, MI



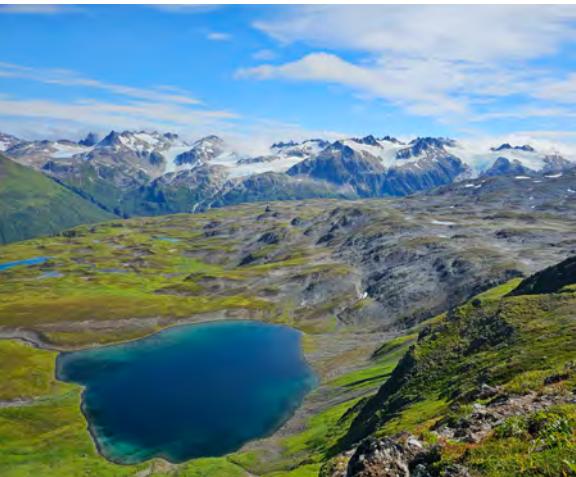
Mario Gonzales - Laredo, TX



Mark Kohlrus - Lenexa, KS

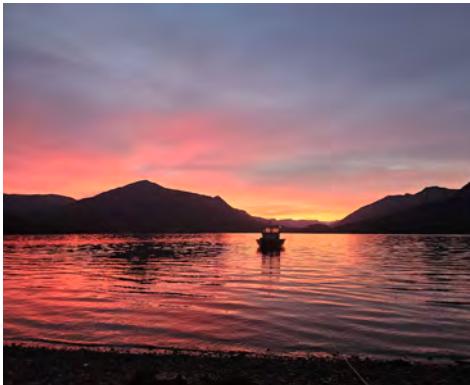


Shelby Vazquez - Laredo, TX



About Us

Kodiak Outdoor Adventures operates in the heart of the Kodiak Island Archipelago, hunting Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, State of Alaska, and Kodiak Native lands. We hunt in three diverse guide-use areas: Uganik Island/Terror Bay, Zachar Bay, and Sturgeon River; each differs in access, accommodations, and modes of travel. On your hunt, see and experience our diverse island and marine ecosystems. Learn about the island history, flora and fauna of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge ,and the heritage of the Kodiak Native people. Our hardworking staff will ensure you have a fun, rewarding, safe, and productive trip. We are fully permitted and licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Alaska, U.S. Coast Guard, and Kodiak Native Corporations.





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2023 Summary and 2024 Forecast

The 2023 spring bear season saw tough hunting as Kodiak experienced the coldest and latest spring since 1999, with many of the bears not emerging until after the season. Harvest was down, but we persevered and did better than most. Our fall bear season saw a healthy salmon run and good hunting. The fall mountain goat season saw all but one group harvesting goats. The unfilled tag was due to relentless fog and unbelievably bad luck, but we'll get them their goats yet! Our island's deer population saw an increase, but hunting was a challenge as we had a very warm fall and early winter which kept the deer at higher elevations and in the brush.

We thoroughly enjoyed making new friends and spending time afield with all our clients! Thank you all so much for hunting with us, enabling us to do what we love!

The 2024 season looks very promising for both bear and mountain goat hunting. Both populations remain very strong and we're seeing a good number of mature animals while we're afield. The deer population is continuing to recover after a harsh winter a few years ago. As always, we will continue to monitor the population closely and see what this winter has in store. We remain optimistic for more successful deer hunts in 2024.

Acknowledgments

A huge thanks to all of the team—great job!

Guides: David Pingree, Cole Kramer, Ryan Castle, Levi Pingree, Derek Blake, Will Wilks, Rafe Oliphant, Nolan Cook, Justin Burdett, Parker Wallace, and Trevor Thompson

Quartz Creek Lodge: Pam, Amy, and Faith Pingree

Air Taxis: Kodiak Air Service, Willy Fulton and Vertigo, Jay Wattum

In Memoriam, Enchantress First Mate: Rubye Blake

Hunting Season Dates

Spring Bear	April 1–May 15
Fall Bear	Oct. 25–Nov. 30
Mt. Goat	Aug. 20–Oct. 20
Deer	Aug. 1–Dec. 31