Daniel's Personalized Guide Service and Guesthouses Guide to Homer

Daniel and Chris's picks for Homer: Not a bad idea to copy this off and bring it with you. Call me if you have any questions cell call or text 907-399-7202.

www.homerfishing.com & www.homerguesthouse

***General Info ***

<u>Homer Chamber of Commerce</u>: Lots of business on the chamber website. <u>www.homeralaska.org</u>

Local News Papers:

Homer Tribune: Local weekly paper http://www.homertribune.com/ **Homer News:** http://www.homernews.com/

Peninsula Clarion: Daily Soldotna/Kenai paper http://www.peninsulaclarion.com/

Anchorage Daily News: http://www.adn.com/

<u>Transportation:</u>

Era Aviation: Serving you with several flights daily to and from Homer http://www.flyera.com/ 235-7565 or 800-866-8394

Homer Stage Line: Bus service from Anchorage to Homer that can haul people or cargo. http://www.homerstageline.com/ 235-2252 or 868-3914 (Anchorage)

Alaska Marine Highway System Reservation and Ticketing Agent: The Alaska Marine Highway (ferry) does come in and out of Homer but not on a regular-type schedule so check these guys out if you're thinking about taking the ferry. http://www.akmhs.com/ (907) 235-7099 or 800-382-9229

Rental Cars:

*Homer:

Polar Rental Car (Hertz): http://www.rentalcarhomeralaska.com/ 235-0734 Adventure Alaska Car Rentals: http://www.adventurealaskacars.com/ 800-882-2808 *Anchorage:

Midnight Sun Car Rental: Need a van to haul people, luggage and fish? Try this place. They have cars too. Close to the airport but not close enough to have the airport taxes included. http://www.bnm.com/midnight.htm (907) 243 8806

Alaska State Fishing & Hunting Licenses: You can purchase your sport fishing License online. Click here for information or license registration: www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/lincense

Fish Processing:

Coal Point Trading Co: They package fish to perfection. Often their vacuum packed fish can last a couple of years in the freezer. We highly recommend this crew. http://www.welovefish.com/ (907)235-3877 or 800-325-387

Cold Storage:

*Homer:

Coal Point Trading Co: They can hold your fish until you are ready to leave or ready to have it shipped out. They also have the capability to flash freeze your catch. http://www.welovefish.com/ 235-3877 or 800-325-3877

*Seward:

Jack's Seafood Locker: Conveniently located in town Jack's Seafood Locker can process your fish in Seward or hold fish in their freezers that you have caught and had processed in Homer. http://www.captain.jacksalaska.com (907) 224-8082

*Anchorage:

Ted Stevens International Airport: Located on the 1st level of the airport with ample freezer space you can access this cold storage area from 5am- 3am. The cost is \$12-\$15 per box or cooler per day. http://www.dot.state.ak.us/anc/ (907) 248-0373

On Your Way Down From Anchorage

<u>Portage Glacier Cruise:</u> Portage Glacier Visitor Center is just a 10 minute detour off the Sterling Highway 45 miles south of Anchorage. From there the m/v Ptarmigan makes 5 (1 hour) trips daily between May and September that will take you right up to the glacier. Longer trips are also available. A great thing to do on your way down to Homer. http://portageglaciercruises.com/ 800-544-2206

Alaska Animal Conservation Center: This wonderful facility takes in displaced Alaskan animals and gives you the opportunity to see them up close and personal. Just 47 miles South of Anchorage right off the Seward Highway; it's an easy pit stop on your way down to Homer. http://www.alaskawildlife.org/ (907) 783-2025

Kenai Fjords Tours: Kenai Fjords Tours have cruises lasting from 2 ½- 9 hours that take you through Resurrection Bay out of Sward to Kenai Fjords National Park to see glaciers and an amazing amount of wildlife. http://www.kenaifjords.com/ 877-777-4051

Fishing

Daniel's Personalized Guide Service at www.homerfishing.com of course always our first choice but if Daniel happens to be full, check out these other guys:

Boats located in the Homer Harbor

*6-Pack Boats:

Deep Strike Sport fishing: Capt. David Bayes grew up in Homer and has fished these waters since he was a kid. Operating the 32' Grand Aleutian, David is out to show you a good time fishing for Halibut, Salmon, Rock fish and Ling cod. http://homeralaskahalibutsalmonfishing.com/ 866-535-6094

Brooks Alaskan Adventures: Captain Josh Brooks also grew up in Homer and has been fishing all of his life. The Huntress is a 30'Chris Craft and he fishes year round for just about any type of fish. His enthusiasm is contagious. http://www.brooksakadventures.com/ 907-226-2233

Captain Mikes Charters: Aboard the comfortable and stable Catamaran "Wildthing" Capt. Mike can take 6 anglers for a day of Halibut fishing and has been doing just that for the past 25 years. http://www.captmike.com/ (907) 235-8348

Captain Greg's Charters: Aboard the 31' F/V Tomahawk Greg has been a licensed skipper since 1978 and loves to fish. He fishes for Salmon, Halibut or a combination of both species as part of your Alaskan experience. http://www.captgreg.com/ 877-235-4756 or 235-4756

Midnight Sun Charters: Brian has fished these waters since 1991 both commercially and sport. Brian has now turned his attention on fishing for Halibut in the shallowest waters possible to give the angler the best fight ever. http://www.midnightsuncharters.com/ (907)235-6483 or (907)299-3047

In2Fishin': Captain Ron Hurley runs a 32' Bay Weld called the "Sweet T" and fishes for halibut and Salmon. He also fishes for winter kings. http://www.in2fishin.com/homer-alaska.htm 1-888-236-9091 Local 907-235-9091 Cell 907-399-1500

Captain Scott's Sport fishing: Scott fishes for salmon, halibut or ling cod. He came up in the 80's straight out of college and has fished here ever since. (907)235-6015 or 800-758-6015 http://www.captscott.net/

*Big Boats for a group larger then 6:

North Country Charters: Sean and Gerry Martin have been operating this charter service since 1979. Aboard the F/V Irish, Sean and his sons have plenty of room to take large groups out for a full Halibut fishing trip. They also have 6- pack boats that offer halibut, salmon or combination salmon/halibut trips. http://northcountrycharters.com/ (907)235-7620 or 800-770-7620

Inlet Charters: Barbara and Gary have owned and operated Inlet Charters for over 30 years. With both small and large boats they offer whole day halibut trips as well as salmon and combination trips. They can also book a variety of other Alaskan adventures. http://halibutcharters.com/ (907) 235-6126 or 800-770-6126

River Guides:

Walk in River Silver Fin Guide Service: Gary has great local knowledge of the rivers around Homer and how to catch fish in them. Check with him to fish the rivers around Homer. www.silverfinguides.com/ (907) 235-7352 or (907) 299-0311

Kachemak Guide Bureau (KGB): This business is all about fly fishing. He will fish locally or fly to a variety of different locations to catch fish. Check out their "Special trips" page for their many specific trips. http://www.kgbalaska.com/index.html (907) 435-7066

Kenai River Guides:

Smokin' Joes Charters: Based out of Soldotna, Joe and Arlene have a beautiful lodge right on the Kenai River. They've been fishing that river for over 20 years and can take you on full-day fishing trips on the Kasilof or Kenai Rivers where you can target Salmon, Trout and Steelhead. http://www.smokinjoeslodge.com/ (907) 262-1575

Alaska River Adventures: Based out of Cooper Landing, River Fisherman George Heim and his guides fish the Kenai and many other rivers for a multitude of species including King Salmon, Rainbow Trout and Dolly Varden. He also offers lodging packages, float trips and fly outs. http://www.alaskariveradv.com/ (907)595-2000, 888-836-9027

Eric Loomis Fishing: Float the Kenai & Kasilof Rivers and fish for Salmon with Eric Loomis and his guides. He is based out of Soldotna and offers fishing, lodging and fly out trips. http://www.ericloomisfishingalaska.com/ (907)252-9094

Angle 45 Adventures: Jason offers a variety of fishing adventures. He offers drift boat fishing on the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers as well as hike-in fishing targeting Rainbow Trout, Salmon and Steelhead. http://www.angle45.com/ (907) 782-3175

Seward Fishing Guides:

Alaska Saltwater Charters: Locally owned and operated Diane can take you fishing for King Salmon year round. The F/V Florette C. is a comfortable and warm 53' trolling-style charter boat that can easily accommodate 6 angers. http://www.aksaltwatercharters.com/(907) 224-7254

Cracker Jack Charters: Andy Mesirow has a variety of charters to fit your needs. He fishes for Halibut, half day or full day Silver Salmon or a combination of Halibut and Silver Salmon. His boats can run a single day, overnight or multiple day trips to fit the experience you're looking for. http://www.crackerjackcharters.com/ (907) 224-2606 or (877) 224-2606

Fly-out Fishing Services:

Talon Air: From fly-in fishing to bear viewing to flight seeing and big game hunting Talon Air Service does it all. Their pilots and guides have 30 years of Alaskan wilderness experience that can help you customize your Alaskan adventure. http://www.talonair.com/ (907) 262-8899

Places to Stay in Homer

Daniel's Guesthouse's "the Raven" and "the Nest" at www.homerguesthouse.com perched on the bluff overlooking Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet are always the best choices for lodging but if they're filled up try these:

RV Parks and Camping:

City of Homer Camping: The city of Homer has two well maintained, reasonably priced campgrounds: one in town at Hornaday Park and one on the Spit right on the beach next to the fishing hole. http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/campgrounds (907) 235-1583

Driftwood Inn RV Park: This RV Park is right above Bishop's Beach in downtown Homer. It was a wonderful view of Kachemak Bay and the mountains on the other side. http://www.thedriftwoodinn.com/rv-park.html (907) 235-8019

Kachemak Bay State Park: Alaska's first state park and we can see why. You won't find a more beautiful setting in the world for hikes, camping and cabins. http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kbay/kbay.htm (907) 262-5581

Heritage RV Park: An RV park with all of the amenities. Located on the Homer Spit it has a wonderful view and a good location. http://alaskaheritagervpark.com/ (907)226-4500

Bed & Breakfasts:

Bay Avenue B & B: A seaside B&B overlooking Kachemak Bay, this B&B is a relaxing and comfortable place to spend your time. Mark and Lori offer a great breakfast, comfortable rooms and a spectacular view. http://www.bayavebb.com/ (907) 235-3757 or 800-371-2095

Hoedel Bed & Breakfast: With a 2 bedroom/ 2 bath house and a little homestead cabin Nancy has turned her family heritage into a wonderful place to stay with a beautiful view. http://www.homerbedandbreakfast.com/ 235-8859

Aloha B & B: With 4 comfortable rooms to choose from and a hearty breakfast Aloha B & B has laundry facilities, private entrances and a large deck to sit and sip your Hawaiian coffee on while looking out over the Spit. http://www.alohabb.com/ (907) 235-0607 or 877-355-0607

Cabins/Apartments:

Jenny Lane Cottage: This cozy one bedroom sits above the beach and looks out over the Bay. Being right in town it's you're just blocks away from shops, galleries and restaurants. http://www.akms.com/jennyln (907) 235-5434

Sea Lion Cove Apartment: On the Spit above the Sea Lion Gallery the Lyon's have made 2 efficiency apartments with kitchenettes, outdoor decks and views of the ocean. http://www.sealiongallery.com/cove (907) 235-3400

Cabinsinhomer.com Lots of unique cabins on this site.

Vacation Rentals:

Alaskan Cottages: This 1100 sq. ft. 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom houses is nestled into the bluff with a full kitchen, laundry facilities and a porch to look out over the expansive of the ocean below. http://www.alaskancottages.com/ (907) 235-6525

Waterman Creek: This nicely furnished 3 bedroom/ 2 bath chalet-style home is set on the bench out East End Rd. with a view of Kachemak Bay and the glaciers set above it is a great place to call your home away from home. http://www.watermanlodge.com/ 888-435-6843 nor (907) 399-7843

Sea grass Summer House: This fully equipped 1 bedroom house sits on the bluff overlooking the Spit. A convenient location it's only a 5 minute walk to the base of the Spit and a 20 minute walk into town. http://www.seagrasshouse.com/ 226-2494

VRBO.com There are literally a ton of Vacation Rentals on this site.

<u>Hotels/Motels:</u>

Land's End Resort: This resort is truly at the end of the road. It sits at the end of the Spit and provides a complete accommodation. They boast a restaurant and bar, oceanfront hot tub, fitness center, spa, convention room and tour desk to help with the days planning. http://www.lands-end-resort.com/ (800) 478-0400 or (907) 235-0400

Ocean View Motels: Within blocks of the downtown Ocean View Motel sits above its own beach overlooking the ocean and mountains. Updated recently many of the rooms

have microwaves and refrigerators for your convenience. http://www.oceanshoresalaska.com/800-770-7775 or (907)235-7775

Across the Bay Lodging: Accessible only by boat or seaplane

Alaska Ridgewood Wilderness Lodge: At the base of the Kenai Peninsula Mountain Range off the shores of Halibut Cove, this beautiful all inclusive lodge is set up to provide once in a lifetime experiences while granting you gourmet meals while hanging out with Lucinda and Kevin, your Alaskan hosts. http://www.ridgewoodlodge.com/ (907) 296-2217

Porters Cabins: The Porter family cabins are situated on the beach of Hesketh Island located 7 miles by boat from the Homer Spit. These comfy cabins are a great place to get away from it all and be in nature. Enjoy the great sauna the Porters fire up for you every night. We love it. http://portersak.com/ (907) 235-8060

Luxury Cabin in Halibut Cove: This cute little 1 bedroom cabin is situated high on a hill overlooking Halibut Cove and this awesome little community across Kachemak Bay. It's a great place to get away. http://www.vrbo.com/299408 (907) 226-3211

Homer-side Lodges:

Twin Creeks Trailhead Lodge: Sandy and Billy have made a quiet retreat nestled on the slopes of Diamond Ridge overlooking Kachemak Bay. Walking or Skiing trails are located right outside and with a variety of accommodations: rooms with private baths, bunkrooms and some rooms having full kitchen, there is something for everyone. http://www.twincreekstrailhead.com/ (907) 235-5144

Hostels:

Mossy's Alaskan Seaside Farm Cabins & Hostel: For cabins, tent camping, private rooms or a bunk-style hostel this working organic farm is set on a unique piece of property right on Kachemak Bay. It is truly Alaskan. http://www.xyz.net/~seaside (907) 235-7850

Things to do in Homer

Kayaking:

True North Kayak: Where the journey is the destination has always been their motto as they have taken many people kayaking through the beautiful islands across the Bay for an experience of a lifetime. They have many options to choose from: ½ day, ¾ day, full day and multi-day excursions. Kayak rentals also available. http://www.truenorthkayak.com/ (907)235-0708

St Augustine Kayak: With years of experience on Kachemak Bay Scott & Susan have committed themselves to providing quality kayaking for the adventuresome type. They can provide half day trips coupled with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies field trips or full day and multi-day experiences are yours for the taking. Kayak rentals also available. http://homerkayaking.com/ (907) 299-1894

Three Moose Glacier Kayaking: This kayaking adventure starts with a boat ride across the Bay where you're guided on a hike up to the pristine waters of glacial-carved lake. You then don a sea-kayak to paddle these waters around mammoth icebergs to the face of the glacier. http://wwwthreemoose.com/ 888-777-0930 or (907)235-0755

Water Taxi's:

Mako's Water Taxi: Looking to take a trip across Kachemak Bay? Mako has the boats to get you there. Mountain Bikes, Dogs and Kayaks are welcome. http://makoswatertaxi.com/ 235-9055

Ashore Water Taxi: Dave Lyon has 20 years of local knowledge to get you where you want to go across the bay. His 24ft landing craft can handle 4 wheeler s and kayaks. http://www.homerwatertaxi.com/ (907) 399-2340

Flight Seeing:

Maritime Helicopters: Fly with an eagle-eyes view of Alaska in all its grandeur. Within a 15 minute flight Maritime Helicopters can land you on a glacier to stand where no one has stood before. What an experience! http://maritimehelicopters.com/ (907) 235-7771

Kachemak Bay Flying Service: Fly in a fully restored Alaskan seaplane with Bill DeCreeft to discover glaciers, bays and mountains as only can be seen from the air. http://www.alaskaseaplanes.com/ (907)235-8924

Bear Viewing:

Bald Mountain Air Service: Lifelong Alaskans Gary and Jeannie Porter have been guaranteeing views of bears for many years and haven't disappointed anyone yet. They make daily flights across the Inlet to the Alaskan Peninsula to see some of the most amazing scenery not to mention an up close and personal experience with the mighty brown bear. What a trip! http://www.baldmountainair.com/ (907) 235-7969

Hallo Bay Bear Camp: Walk through, photograph, learn and experience the world of the amazing brown bear. They will take you in their airplane for a trip of a lifetime. http://www.hallobay.com/tours/bear-tours/day-trips/ 888-535-2237 (907) 235-2237

Other Activities:

*Golf:

Kachemak Bay Lynx Par 3 Golf: 6.5 miles out East End Road you'll find the most westerly golf course in North America. A 9-hole course, full line pro shop and rentals are available from mid-April – October. http://www.alaskagolfandfishing.com/ (800) 295-5969 or (907) 235-0606

Fireweed Meadows Golf Course: In Anchor Point, this course is on the Most Westerly Point in North America. http://www.fireweedmeadowsgolf.com/ (907) 226-2582

*4-Wheeler Tours:

Wilderness 4-Wheeler Tours: If you're 16 or older you can enjoy the great scenic outdoors of Homer a top a 4-wheeler ATV. http://www.alaska.net/~ddandre/ (907) 235-8567

*Horse-back Riding Tours:

Trails-End Horse Adventure: For 21 years Mark Marette has been offering guided horseback adventures aboard gentle Alaskan horses. Mark offers many options for riding: short trail rides, half-day, full-day, overnight and pack trips are all available. (907) 235-6393 ***Walking Trails:**

Kachemak Bay State Park: For trail info go to this site. They also have cabins for rent across the bay. http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aktrails/explore/trailmapguide.htm

Homer Parks and Recreation: Here's a site for some of the trails in around town. They also have campsites for rent. http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/trails

Kenai Peninsula Hiking Trails: http://www.trails.com/activity.aspx?area=10135

Clothing/Supplies/Tackle:

Ulmer's Drug and Hardware: Ulmer's is a throwback from the time when 1 store did it all. This place has everything and I mean everything. If you need fishing gear, clothing, diapers, crafts, gifts, cough medicine, baking pans, etc..... Get it here. (907) 235-8594

Kachemak Gear Shed: If it has to do with fishing (commercial or sport) and hunting you'll find it here. From outdoor clothing to tackle to 4-wheelers and outboards the Gear Shed has been meeting the needs of the Alaskan outdoorsmen for as long as I can remember. (907)235-8612

The Sports Shed: Right across from the Fishing Hole the Sports Shed is a great place to pick up a fishing license, last minute tackle or rent a rod to try your luck at the hole. (907)235-6779

Nomar: Home of the Gale Force clothing line these clothes are made in house and are built for Alaskan weather. They are located in downtown and have a large selection of these hearty Alaskan clothes. http://www.nomaralaska.com/ 800-478-8364 or (907) 235-8363

Nature Centers and Museums:

Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center: Admission is free to this amazing facility where both the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve have made a commitment to educate and inform the public about the natural treasures in both the Reserve and Refuge. It's a great place to stop while in Homer. http://islandsandocean.org/ (907) 235-6961

Carl Wynn Nature Center: With nice trails that surround it, it is a beautiful place to walk around to enjoy and learn about the local plants and their environment. http://www.akcoastalstudies.org/wynn-nature-center.html 235-6667

Center for Alaska Coastal Studies: Explore remote beaches, hike lush coastal forests or view nesting seabirds with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. They offer a variety of guided natural history tours as well as children's programs, yurt rentals and many other activities and events. http://www.akcoastalstudies.org/ (907) 235-6667

Pratt Museum: To find out some history of the Homer area and information concerning the beauty that surrounds it the Pratt is the place to go. It has a bear-cam filming live action at McNeil River, aquariums containing local marine life, homesteader's biographies and many exhibits that will lead you to look at Homer in a whole different way. www.prattmuseum.org (907) 235-8635

<u>Theaters:</u>

Homer Theatre: Just let me say 2 very important words about this theater: real butter. That's right you heard me. They use real butter on your popcorn. Where else can you get that? This theatre is downtown and offers the latest movies coming out to the big screen they also bring film festivals and documentaries to this community. It's one theatre where you can feel comfortable clapping at the end of a good movie. I love that. http://homertheatre.com/ (907)235-6728

Pier One Theatre: This little theatre on the Spit has great summer productions that

feature the many local talents here in Homer. http://pieronetheatre.org/default.aspx (907)235-7333

Homer Council on the Arts: Usually has a hand in many of the upcoming artsy events in Homer. http://www.homerart.org/ (907)235-4288

Galleries:

Ptarmigan Arts: In downtown Homer this gallery is made up of a local coop of artists displaying and selling their wonderful talent. http://www.ptarmiganarts.com/ (907)235-5345

Norman Lowell Gallery & Studio: Don't miss this one especially if you like Alaska landscapes. Norman and Libby Lowell will be happy to host you through their state of art gallery situated on their homestead. http://normanlowellgallery.net/#permanent (907)235-7344

Bunnel Street Gallery: The front half of this gallery usually features an artist and displays their work and the back half has a collection of treasures to buy from many Alaskan artists. http://www.bunnellstreetgallery.org/ (907)235-2662

Fireweed Gallery: Fireweed is full of contemporary art by Alaskans. You'll find all different mediums used in these displays. http://www.fireweedgallery.com/ (907)235-3411

Homer Clay works: On the boardwalk near Coal Point Trading Co. This cute little shop displays and sells pottery from some of my favorite local potters. (907) 235-6118

Sea Lion Fine Art Gallery: Gary Lyons paints some amazing pictures of the wildlife and scenery around Homer. You can find his gallery on the Spit. http://www.sealiongallery.com/(907) 235-3400

Homer Spit Galleries: Lots of galleries on the spit filled with artsy treasures. http://www.homerartgalleries.com/homerspit.html

Gift Shops:

Inua "The Spirit of Alaska": As much a museum as a gift shop Bill and Katrin have found amazing authentic Alaskan treasures and have them beautifully displayed in their shop. It is situated on the Cannery Row Boardwalk and its sister shop The Roadhouse is on the opposite side and end of the boardwalk. (907) 235-6644

Salty Girls Gifts: Check it out. Salty girls Mary and Diane have a great little gift shop just towards the harbor from the Salty Dawg Saloon. They have a variety of handmade salty-style gifts, clothing and every kind of salty water toffee you can think of. (907)235-8000

Restaurants & Food in Homer

Café Cups: Jen and Dave have made Cups a unique atmosphere with an eclectic menu to suit any ones tastes. Easy to find due to the very large cups hanging over its door. http://www.cafecupshomer.net/ (907)235-8330

The Homestead: Boasting one of the Homer's finest cuisines The Homestead offers steak or fresh Alaskan seafood with an assortment of wines and beers to choose from while looking out over Kachemak Bay. http://www.homesteadrestaurant.net/ (907)235-8723

Fat Olives Restaurant: Located in main town off the By-Pass Road Fat Olive's wood fired Oven makes their Mediterranean Cuisine flavorful with a warm atmosphere and great service.

Grab a slice of pizza or sit down for a meal with a wonderful selection of beers and wines. http://fatolivesrestaurant.com/ 235-8488

Land's End: Locate in the Land's End Hotel at the end of the Spit right on the beach the restaurant offers all spectrums of dining with a bar menu or formal dining with breathtaking views of the mountains, the Bay and the boats passing by. http://www.lands-end-resort.com/(800) 478-0400 or (907) 235-0400

Little Mermaid Café: Great bistro type food right on the spit but it's small so make reservations a head of time. http://littlemermaidhomer.com/ (907) 399-9900

Two-Sister's Bakery: A local hangout started by 2 friends, the 2-Sisters Bakery is a great place for gourmet coffee, fresh baked goods (baked in their wood fired oven), soup and sandwiches. A great place to go after a walk on Bishops Beach. http://www.twosistersbakery.net/ (907)235-2280

Spit-Sister's Bakery: Located on the Boardwalk on the Spit and open early. The Spit Sisters is a wonderful place to grab a coffee, savory or a last minute box lunch on the spit. www.spitsisterscafe.com/ (907)235-4921

Maura's Deli: A cute little deli located in old town Homer next to the Bunnel Street Gallery. They have a menu of soups, salads and sandwiches that are made fresh and a nice atmosphere to enjoy your lunch. www.maurascafe.com/ (907) 235-1555

Duncan House: Good ol' hometown cookin'. Open for breakfast and lunch you'll find lots of diner favorites and is right in downtown. Great food and service. duncanhousediner.com/ (907)235-5344

Boardwalk Fish-n-Chips: Good fish & chips or charbroiled hamburgers and conveniently situated on the cannery row boardwalk for a good hot meal after a great day of fishing. http://www.boardwalkfishandchips.com/ (907)235-7749

Cosmic Kitchen: Although primarily Mexican Cosmic Kitchen has a very eclectic menu with such a variety you can be sure that you'll find something right up your alley. Good food, convenient location and unique atmosphere make this a great place to grab a bite. http://www.cosmickitchenalaska.com/ 235-6355

Don José's: In main town Don José's is a colorful restaurant and bar with a Mexican /American menu. It's also a great place to pick up a pizza or hang out and drink margaritas. http://www.alaskadonjoses.com/ 235-7963

Sourdough Bakery/Restaurant: Using many organic ingredients the Sourdough Bakery bakes fresh goodies daily and offers such Alaskan favorites as moose sausage, sourdough pancakes and seafood chowder for breakfast, lunch or dinner. http://www.freshsourdoughexpress.com/ 235-7571

Boat Yard Café: One of my favorites. Located in the boat yard off of Kachemak Drive this little café does great burgers, shakes and a variety of other scrumptious tidbits. http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g31009-d419646-Reviews-Boatyard_Cafe-Homer_Alaska.html (907) 235-5638

Captain Patties Fish House: A great place to get good fresh seafood, Captain Patties is located on the board walk on the Spit and has a great view of Kachemak Bay. http://www.urbanspoon.com/r/73/780088/restaurant/Alaska/Captain-Patties-Fish-House-Homer 235-5135

Finns Pizza: Located on Cannery Boardwalk on the Spit, Finn's uses only organic ingredients to make this mouth water pizza. http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Reviewg31009-d1868607-Reviews-Finn_s_Pizza-Homer_Alaska.html 235-2878

Vida's Thai Food: Thai food in the heart of homer right on main street.

The Saltry: What a deck! You'll love sitting on this enormous covered deck looking out over the beautiful landscape of Halibut Cove. The Saltry has a fine cuisine of mostly seafood. It's an experience to take the ferry "Danny J" over to the cove and walk the boardwalks that lie along the water while checking out the galleries of local art and then have lunch or dinner at the Saltry. I highly recommend it. http://www.halibut.cove.akasa.com/saltry.htm (907)226-2424 or (907)399-2683 (COVE)

Seafood Sales:

Seafood's of Alaska: Pat Schneider works hard to find the finest quality of seafood available at a reasonable price. Give him a call to see what he has in stock. (907) 399-7843 Coal Point Trading Company: In their store on the Spit you can see their supplies of seafood nicely displayed or give them a call to see what they have in stock http://www.welovefish.com/ (907)235-3877 or 800-325-3877

Spirits:

The Homer Brewing Company: Great place to pick up grog of beer or some Homer Brewing Paraphernalia Homer Brew has several brews that are favorites with Alaskans. http://www.homerbrew.com/ (907)235-3626

Bear Creek Winery: Specializing in making wines from the wonderful berries of Homer Bear Creek Winery also uses grapes shipped especially for their signature wines. Come to their tasting room to sample these unique and flavorful wines. http://www.bearcreekwinery.com/(907)235-8484

Salty Dawg Saloon: You can't go to Homer without stopping in the Salty Dawg. It's one of those places you have to do at least once in your life. http://www.saltydawgsaloon.com/(907)235-6718

Other Important Stuff

Charities:

Make a Wish Foundation: We've enjoyed donating lodging and charters for several years to this wonderful foundation. There is nothing like a child catchin' a fish to make his/her wish come true. How many times do you get to make someone's wish come true? Support this organization every chance you get. http://www.wish.org/

Jeff Gordon Foundation: Jeff Gordon has been making a difference in children's cancer care and we were lucky enough to get to help with that by donating fishing and lodging to one of his benefits. It's definitely a worthwhile organization to give money to. http://www.jeffgordonchildrensfoundation.org/site/c.5oIDJRPyGflSF/b.5968391/k.BE06/Home.htm

Greg Biffle Foundation: We had the opportunity to take Greg and Nicole fishing due to their charitable donation towards the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital when we discovered their passion for their dogs and for the well-being of all animals. If you're a pet lover the Greg Biffle Foundation could use your help. http://www.gregbifflefoundation.com/

Light Foundation: New England Patriot Matt Light brought a group up fishing with us as a fundraiser for his foundation. His foundation focuses on programs for youths to learn

responsibility and trust through outdoor experiences. It's making a difference for many kids and young adults. http://www.mattlightfoundation.org/

Politics:

Alaska Charter Association: This state-wide association has been working on preserving the fishing rights and resources of Alaska. This page is update often to give you information on the latest fish politics. http://www.alaskacharter.org/

Halibut Politics: There's been a lot of discussion these days about halibut and its future here in Alaska. Unfortunately, halibut are being wasted as by-catch for the trawl fleet meaning that they are catching millions of tons of them while fishing for something else and since they can't keep them they throw them over the side to die. You can help fight this awful fishery by writing letters to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the International Pacific Halibut Commission. http://homerfishing.com/politics/index.html

Alaska Marine Conservation Council: The AMCC is a great organization to keep you abreast of the Alaskan fishing issues at hand and how you can help to ensure a future for fish in Alaska. http://www.akmarine.org/ (907) 277-5357

