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## Alaska State Parks hosts First Day excursions in Homer and Delta Junction

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks is encouraging Alaskans to celebrate the New Year by enjoying the great outdoors in their local state parks. Area state park staff and local groups are hosting two free, guided hikes, in Delta Junction and Homer, as well as a guided paddling excursion in Kachemak Bay State Park. The events listed below are part of the First Day Hike initiative sponsored by state park systems throughout the United States.

### **1.5-mile roundtrip hike, ski or snowshoe in the Quartz Lake State Recreation Area**

Date/time: Jan. 1, 12 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Glatfelder Trailhead. The Quartz Lake State Recreation Area is ten miles north of Delta Junction and is reached by a three-mile road at mile 277.8 of the Richardson Hwy. Follow the signs to the boat ramp and park in the parking lot adjacent to the Glatfelder Trailhead. From there we will ski, hike, or snowshoe to the historic Glatfelder log cabin.

Difficulty: Easy

Minimum age for children: All ages

Restrictions: None

Things to bring: water, a snack to share, snowshoes/skis/ warm hiking boots and clothing (as appropriate)

Cancellation information: 907-415-2698

### **3-mile roundtrip hike, ski or snowshoe in the Eveline State Recreation Area:**

Date/time: Jan. 1, 12 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Eveline State Recreation Area parking lot. Take East End Road for 13.8 miles past the McNeil Canyon School, take the left onto Alpine Meadow Drive and go .3 miles to the trailhead.

Difficulty: Easy

Minimum Age for Children: All ages

Restrictions: Please leave your dogs at home for this hike.

Things to bring: Skis/Snowshoes/warm hiking boots (depending on conditions).

Cancellation Information: 907-235-7042

### **1-mile Kachemak Bay State Park: Water Trail:**

Date/time: Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Meet at the start of the Water Trail on the Homer Spit at "The Rock," next to the fishing pond. Difficulty: Moderate

Minimum Age for Children: 15

Restrictions: Please leave your dogs at home.

Things to bring: kayak and paddle, life jacket, snacks, water, weather appropriate gear.

Cancellation Information: 907-491-1355

For more information about the First Day Hike initiative, go to <http://www.naspd.org/initiatives-special-programs/first-day-hikes/>.

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