Cold Water Kills
Cold water immersion plays a significant role in the majority of boating fatalities in Alaska. Without a life jacket, most drown long before they become hypothermic.

Creature Comforts
Largely on the Chena, there are many access points near toilets, public-use cabins, campgrounds and picnic facilities. Most of these amenities are very rustic and you should plan on taking your own food and gear.

As you get closer to Fairbanks, such amenities as hotels, restaurants, and flush toilets become more readily available. However, you can still experience Alaska’s rustic charm on the downstream portions of the river as campgrounds and picnic areas are scattered throughout its entire course.

Preparing For Cold Water Immersion
When preparing for possible cold water immersion, wear a life jacket—ALWAYS.

We recommend wearing a life jacket in an open boat or on the deck of a boat.

Carry some communication devices (i.e., marine VHF radio, cell phone, satellite phone*) and signaling devices (i.e., emergency locator beacon, whistle, signal mirror, pencil flares) ON YOUR PERSON.

*Note: A satellite phone is more dependable than a cellular phone along the Chena River.

Alaska’s rustic charm will make it an easygoing day can push off downstream of the Moose Fork Chena River and West Fork Chena River, near Chena Hot Springs, to its confluence with the Tanana River. It is 100 miles long and provides boaters with relatively slow-moving water and exceptional views of forested hills, gravelly banks, wildlife, and bustling Fairbanks.

Chena River
The Chena River from the confluence of North Fork Chena River and West Fork Chena River, near Chena Hot Springs, to its confluence with the Tanana River, is 100 miles long and provides boaters with relatively slow-moving water and exceptional views of forested hills, gravelly banks, wildlife, and bustling Fairbanks.

The Chena River does not have rapids but is ranked as Class III on the international scale of river difficulty due to hazards. Upper portions of the river are typical of more difficult than the lower portions. Paddlers looking for an easiergoing day can push off downstream of the Moose Creek Dam.

File a float plan. Describe the boat and equipment, names of persons on the boat, planned destination and route, expected date and time of return, when and with whom to contact if overdue. Leave it with a responsible party. Visit pledgetolive.org to file an electronic float plan.

Avoid alcohol. Many of Alaska’s boating fatalities involve alcohol. In Alaska, the laws that define driving while intoxicated and the penalties upon conviction apply to boat operators too.

Navigating the Chena River
The Chena River hosts many types of users. Through safe navigation practices, tragic collisions can be avoided.

The International Navigation Rules on Steering and Sailing apply on the Chena River. The "Rules" help vessels stay closer of each other. Knowing and applying the rules is important. Boaters must be constantly vigilant of the circumstances. All boaters at all times should:

• Maintain a proper look-out.
• Proceed at a safe speed, so that proper and effective action to avoid collision can be taken.
• Keep as near to the true center of the channel or fairway which lies to the starboard side as is safe and practicable.
• Be prepared to depart from the "Rules," if necessary to avoid a collision.

The Rules confer responsibilities to all boaters, never eliminating. For more details on the navigation rules, refer to the Alaska Boater's Handbook, available online at www.alaskaboatingsafety.org
1. Mile 48—Fourth Bridge and Angel Rocks Trailhead
2. Mile 44—Third Bridge
3. Mile 43
4. Mile 39—Second Bridge and Granite Tors Trailhead
5. Mile 37.7—First Bridge
6. Mile 31.4
7. Mile 28.6
8. Mile 28
9. Rosehip Campground
10. Flat Creek Slough
11. Grange Hall Road
12. Chena Lake Recreation Area
13. Nordale Road Wayside
14. Graehl Landing
15. Pioneer Park
16. Chena River SRS
17. Flan’s Landing
18. Chena Pump Restaurant & Saloon
19. Chena Pump

You may park at any of the access points listed in this brochure. Fishing upstream from Moose Creek Dam is catch-and-release only.

Legend
- Camping
- Interpretation
- Motorized Launch
- Non-Motorized Launch
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Table
- Restrooms
- River
- Road
- Trailhead
- Water

*Map intended as a reference for approximate float times and NOT for navigational purposes.