Welcome to

Northern Area
Alaska State Parks

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Wildlife

Wildlife of all shapes and sizes can be found throughout these parks, from water-loving mink to forest-dwelling lynx, and from bugle-sounding sandhill crane to widow-marching moose. Please remember that wildlife is wild no matter how docile they may seem, so appreciate them from a distance. Keep your cameras and binoculars handy—you never know what you will see!

Pleasant Patches

Interior Alaska is famous for its wild berries—you just have to know where and when to look. Blueberries, raspberries, cranberries, blackberries, goose-bush cranberries, and pink and red berries are all out to spot around the end of July. Alaskans can be very secretive about their favorite berry patches, so scope out possibilities with your pitch or enjoy the dazzling winter scenery as you hike along in snowshoes.

Fishing and Hunting

Many parks in the Northern Area offer fishing opportunities. Fishers can catch king, chum, and silver salmon, Arctic grayling, cutthroat, and lake trout, northern pike, burbot, Arctic char, sheefish, and various whitefish. Hunting is also popular in some of these parks. Be sure to check the fishing and hunting regulations beforehand at www.adfg.alaska.gov.

Northern Highlights

With 55 state parks spanning from Fairbanks to Tok, the Northern Area is ideal for a summer road trip. It also offers great platforms for launching into winter fun—the sky is the limit! Each park has something different to offer outdoor enthusiasts throughout the year.

Summer

In this inland region, outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the cooler weather all year round. From the many lakes, go camping with family and friends, hike through forests and over hills, or take in some of Alaska's history at Big Delta State Historical Park featuring Rika's Roadhouse.

Fall

Fall brings with it opportunities to hunt for root crops and other edible insects as well as to see many of the area's birds. For more information on hunting and wildlife viewing in the Northern Area, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) at 907-267-4400.

Winter

Winter in the Northern Area is very quiet and peaceful due to the absence of people the U.S. military started construction of the Valdez-Eagle Trail in 1899. In 1902, Felix Pedro's gold strike, caused a stampede to the Fairbanks and Chena areas.

Today, when you drive through the Northern Area, you are more than likely following historic routes. For More Information

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History

The Northern Area is steeped in history important to the development of Interior Alaska. For thousands of years, this region was home to Tanana Athabascans. When Europeans arrived, most contact with Alaska Native was tied to trading posts and government explorations. Big Delta began as a trading post and, for the next 200 years, served as a transportation and communication hub for weary travelers, prospectors, traders, and military personnel.

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The 16 parks in this region are home to 20 State Recreation Sites (SRS), State Recreation Area (SRA), State Historical Park (SHP)

Upper Chena River SRS

This is a popular camping area for highway travelers and Fairbanks residents and it is the launching site for an all-day float on the Chena River.

Lower Chena River SRS

This is the end point of the float trip from Upper Chena River SRS and is a popular destination for camping, fish spearing, traditional fish catching, and ice fishing.

Chena River SRA

Chena River SRA, also known as Chena Wayside, is a 25-acre, urban, riverside park situated within Fairbanks that provides tent and RV camping and a playground.

Chena River SRA

Chena River SRA encompasses 337 square miles of forests, rivers, and alpine tundra where you can enjoy water, bird, snow, or snow-based activities, depending on the season.

Quartz Lake SRA

Quartz Lake SRA is a 600-acre park that boasts two lakes and attracts large crowds of people with its varied recreational opportunities such as camping, fishing, and snowmobiling, and winter sports including snowmobiling and dog mushing.

Delta SRS

Delta SRS is a popular campground for people traveling between Fairbanks and Tok. It provides asa a wonderful rest area while being conveniently close to Delta Junction.

Clearwater SRS

This little jewel of Alaska State Parks has ticked next to the crystal clear waters of the Delta Clearwater River offers Arctic grayling, whitefish, and salmon almost year round. This is also a lovely place to begin your floating adventure as the Delta-Clearwater River provides access to the Tanana and the Goodpasture river.

Moose Lake SRS

Moose Lake SRA is a delicious water sport destination for visitors who enjoy boating and water skiing or just lounging on the lake's sandy beach.

Tok River SRS

Come enjoy a campsite on the sandy banks of the Tok River or in your own campsite in one of our closest parks to Canada. This is also a great spot to begin your floating adventure.

Eagle Trail SRS

Eagle Trail SRS features the historical Valley Eagle Trail, the Old Slana Highway, and the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMC). This park offers a one-mile nature trail perfect for quiet evening walks, and a 2.5-mile hiking trail with a view of the Tok Pae Valley. It also serves many highway travelers their first opportunity to explore that Alaska Range.

Donnelly Creek SRS

This is a scenic campground where moose, bear, porcupine, beaver, and snowshoe hare are sometimes seen. During the summer, the Delta bison herd can be observed on their calving grounds across the Delta River.

Fielding Lake SRS

This unique, peacefull campground is above tree line in the Alaska Range next to Fielding Lake where natural landmarks of Arctic grayling, salmon, and lake trout provide excellent fishing opportunities.

Legend

- State Parks*
- Road
- Lakes
- Accessible
- Hiking
- Biking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Recreational Vehicle
- Motor Boat Launch
- Dog Sledding
- Drinking Water
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Table
- Public-Use Cabin
- Ranger Station
- Recreational Vehicle
- Snowmobiling
- Toilet
- Water Skiing

Fees
Fees are charged for the use of some developed facilities in Alaska State Parks. Fees can be paid at the time of use, or in advance at local visitor centers. Fees can also be paid on the park's website. Annual passes are available in the parks, at the Northern Area Alaska State Parks Office, and at the CBB Public Information Center, both located at 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks. Please, also be sure to visit the website at www.alaskastateparks.org for more information.