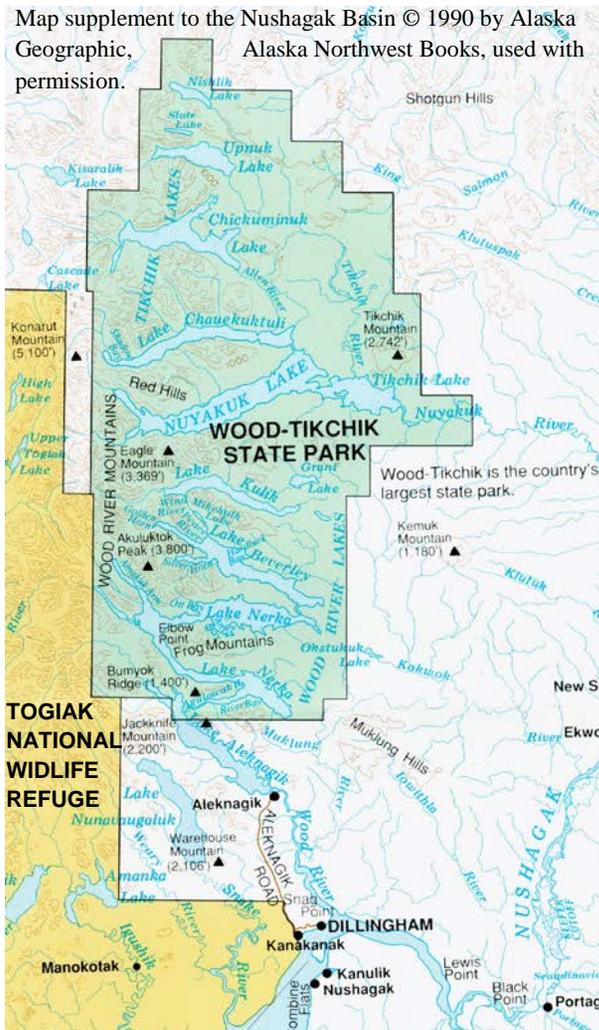


WOOD-TIKCHIK REGULATIONS

- The use and **discharge of a weapon** for the purpose of lawful hunting or trapping is allowed.
- No person may place **waste or refuse** in state park water, or on land or water capable of contaminating state park water.
- **Waste or refuse** created in the course of activities in a state park must be removed from the state park by those responsible for its creation.
- **No person may construct a structure in a state park**, unless authorized by the director. Meat hanging poles must be made of dead and downed wood and must be disassembled prior to vacating campsite.
- **No person may disturb, damage, deface or remove natural objects** including trees, plants, moss, rocks, gravel or minerals, unless authorized by the director. **Do not cut live trees.**
- **Camping at any undeveloped location in the park is limited to 10 consecutive days**, after which the camp must be relocated a minimum of one mile from that location.
- **Fires are allowed only on un-vegetated beaches or gravel bars.**

Visit dnr.alaska.gov/parks for a complete list of state park regulations.



For additional information or for assistance in planning your trip please contact

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Wood-Tikchik State Park
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HUNTING IN WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK



At nearly 1.6 million acres Wood-Tikchik State Park is the largest and most remote state park in the nation. Wood-Tikchik State Park was created in 1978 for the purpose of protecting the area's fish and wildlife breeding and support systems and to preserve the continued use of the area for subsistence and recreational activities.

The management philosophy is one of non-development to help protect the area's wilderness character. Park facilities are rustic and few, with great emphasis placed on low impact camping and 'Leave No Trace' ethics.



HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES

It is a hunter's responsibility to know and abide by all park and hunting regulations within Wood-Tikchik State Park. Required hunting licenses, tags and permits must be carried in the field while hunting. These items are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov or from a local vendor.

A permit is required to camp around Nishlik, Slate, Upnuk and Chikuminuk Lakes and to float the Tikchik River. Permit applications are available online or by contacting Wood-Tikchik State Park at 907-842-2641.

HUNTER ETHICS

Hunters must know and obey all hunting regulations. **After you have killed an animal it is your responsibility to salvage all edible meat**, in accordance with Alaska regulations. You must salvage all edible meat for all big game animals except brown/grizzly bear, wolf and wolverine; see regulations for an exception to this rule for black bears. Expect a law enforcement officer to visit your camp and kill site.

KEEP MEAT COOL, CLEAN AND DRY

Heat is the greatest threat to game meat. To cool meat, remove the hide as quickly as possible. Rinse off rumen, bile, urine, hair and leaves that gets on meat. Put meat into cotton game bags resembling coarse pillow cases. Good bags allow air to circulate to meat but are tough enough to hold heavy loads. Bring enough ropes and tarps to hang the meat out of the sun and rain.

COMMON VIOLATIONS

- Cutting live trees
- Littering (trash, human waste and toilet paper)
- Failure to validate harvest ticket or permit
- Failure to return completed harvest or permit report
- Failure to salvage or possess all edible meat of a big game animal
- Failure to identify game: shooting wrong-size or wrong sex moose
- Same-day airborne hunting
- Failure to leave proof of animal's sex attached to meat or hide as required.

BE BEAR AWARE

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Store all scented items such as food, toothpaste, lotion and insect repellent away from tent and hang if possible.
- Bears will bite inflatable boats, plastic fuel cans and anything scented or malleable. Rinse all fish slime off boats and equipment.
- Make plenty of noise when returning to a kill to retrieve meat and gear.
- Do not feed or harass wildlife. Wild animals can be dangerous when surprised, approached or while protecting young.



SAFE TRIP GUIDELINES

File a trip plan with a friend, your air taxi or with the Wood-Tikchik State Park Ranger Station. Include all names in party, route, destination, and expected return date. Also make sure to close trip plan when you return safely.

Check your supplies carefully. A survival kit is highly recommended for backcountry travelers. Always include fire starters, signaling devices, shelter, rain gear, water filtration, and first aid equipment in your kit. Be sure to have plenty of extra food and water for an extended stay. Bad weather can limit air taxi operations for long periods.

DO NOT TRESPASS

Wood-Tikchik State Park is home to many privately owned parcels and native allotments. Most are marked, but any alteration of the land including signs, building sites or meat drying racks is an indication of and private property.

LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING

To maintain the wilderness character and preserve the ecological conditions of the beaches and forests of the park, visitors are encouraged to practice low impact camping techniques.

- Camp on gravel beaches rather than the sensitive forest floor covering.
- **Deposit human waste into 6-8 inches deep catholes at least 200 feet from any water body.** Burn all paper or pack it out.
- Use gas stoves for cooking, rather than firewood.
- **Pack out all trash**, leftover food, partially burned scraps and garbage left by others.
- **Do not bury trash.** Bears and other wildlife are attracted to garbage.
- Carefully **inspect your campsite for litter** before leaving.
- **Leave no visual impact** behind, including any indication of a campfire.

