

## Chapter 2: Park Goals and Objectives

There are a number of goals and objectives to be achieved in the management and development of Chugach State Park. They are designed to provide for a spectrum of outdoor experiences while protecting park resources. This section presents a list of goals, organized into three groups: Recreation, Resources and Access. Each goal statement is followed by specific objectives that are not ranked in terms of priority. These objectives, along with the park purposes, help establish values that aid in making management decisions.

**Recreation Goal:** Provide recreational opportunities and complimentary facilities to keep pace with the needs and diversity of Alaskans and visitors.

**Objectives:**

- Provide a wide variety of recreation facilities and multi-use recreation opportunities equitably distributed for all capabilities.
- Foster community health by promoting outdoor exercise through the wise development and maintenance of trails and facilities that link the community with the park.
- Design and construct sustainable park facilities that are appropriate to the park setting and enrich the park experience.

**Resource Goal:** Protect park resources to allow for diverse visitor experiences and the understanding of the unique features of Chugach State Park.

**Objectives:**

- Protect and encourage a better understanding of the park's natural and cultural features.
- Protect and provide for a satisfactory water supply.
- Protect areas of unique and exceptional scenic value, existing wildlife habitat and encourage opportunities for wildlife viewing throughout the park.
- Minimize the impact of human presence and promote "leave no trace" principles, particularly in fragile and wilderness areas.
- Develop criteria for using land acquisitions, land trades, and management agreements to maintain the park's integrity, natural values and processes and to expand the potential for outdoor recreation.

**Access Goal:** Enhance and secure public access to Chugach State Park for the benefit of all Alaskans and visitors.

**Objectives:**

- Designate a variety of well-defined access points along the park's perimeter and provide appropriate facilities.
- Enhance the visitor experience through management of access points and promoting of access etiquette to insure that there is a balance between the demand for an area and its capacity.