



Trails

Red Shirt Lake Trail 1

Access: Red Shirt Lake Trailhead (end of Nancy Lake Parkway)
Travel Means: Foot
Distance: 3 miles one way to Red Shirt Lake

This easy trail follows the tops of glacial hills and moraines to rustic lakeside campsites with a latrine. There is no well at this site, so backcountry campers will need to pack or purify their own water.

Lynx Lake Loop Canoe Trail 2

Access: Tanaina Lake Canoe Trailhead (mile 4.5 Nancy Lake Parkway)
Travel Means: Canoe with portages
Distance: 8-mile loop

The wild, wet landscape of Nancy Lake SRA is best seen by boat. Lynx Lake Loop Canoe Trail travels over 14 placid lakes, with well-marked portage sites and boardwalks covering the wettest sections of trail. The loop can be paddled in a day, but numerous campsites and public-use cabins along the way make it an ideal weekend trip for those who want to take their time.

Little Susitna Connector Canoe Trail 3

Access: Skeetna Lake Portage
Travel Means: Canoe with portages
Distance: 4.3 miles from Little Susitna River to Lynx Lake

You can also access the Nancy Lake canoe trails via the Little Susitna River. From the canoe launch at mile 57 of the Parks Highway in Houston, it takes four to five hours to reach the Skeetna Lake Portage. The river is fairly easy traveling, but some canoeing experience is a plus. Watch for the sign marking the portage and use caution when meeting powerboats.

Camping

Alaska State Parks offers two main campgrounds in this area that can be accessed from the road system. Nancy Lake State Recreation Site, on the northeast shore of Nancy Lake, has 30 campsites and can be reached from mile 66.5 of the Parks Highway. South Rolly Lake Campground, located at the end of the Nancy Lake Parkway, has 91 campsites and is adjacent to the Red Shirt Lake Trailhead. All sites are equipped with fire rings and picnic tables, with access to water and latrines. Several remote backcountry campsites can be found throughout the area along popular trails. Check the map for camping locations.

Fishing Report

Many lakes and ponds in the Lynx Lake Loop have populations of northern pike. Fish measuring up to 14 inches are common here, with the occasional 20- to 24-inch lunker prowling the water. Explore off the beaten paths to find great fishing.

Trout can be found north of the Nancy Lake Parkway in North Rolly, West Rolly, and Rhein lakes.

There are several private cabins within and adjacent to Nancy Lake SRA. Please respect all private property and trespass signs.