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ADA Facilities

This listing is alphabetized by facility type, such as trails, cabins or campgrounds. The Alaska State Parks Statewide Brochure has facilities listed by town with a notation marking facilities with accessible features. Click here for the statewide brochure.

If a park or cabin is underlined, click on the name for more information on that park or cabin. Click on the town name for park location and other facilities, as shown in the statewide brochure pages.

For more detailed information, visit the State's ADA Coordinator's Office <u>ADA Parks</u> Accessibility Survey 2002.

Disclaimer: Accessibility standards change over time as guidelines are being developed. When a facility is built or remodeled, it meets guidelines current at the time of construction. Although access issues are addressed, some persons with particular disabilities may have difficulty with, for example, the signing, window latches or stoves. It is recommended that the disabled park visitor bring along a fully able companion on his or her first visit to a park facility in case of difficulties or problems. Solo trips can be taken later, knowing the facility and terrain. If anyone using facilities listed here encounters difficulties not mentioned, please contact local park staff or email: dnr.pksweb@alaska.gov Suggestions and comments are welcomed.

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Boat Launches

<u>Kenai River Special Management Area</u> - Cooper Landing Boat Launch, near <u>Sterling</u> A 250 foot boardwalk connects parking, toilets and the boat ramp. The boardwalk has a maximum gradient of 5%. There are also viewing areas and interpretive displays. Pressurized water is available.

<u>Kenai River Special Management Area</u> - The Pillars Boat Launch, near <u>Kenai</u> Accessible dock with a less than 5% gradient to it. Dock is only for boat exit/entry no fishing allowed from dock. There is paved parking with easy access to viewing deck with interpretive displays. Pressurized water is available.

Cabins

Chena River State Recreation Area - Chena River Cabin, near Fairbanks with road access

There is a ramp up to the porch and a ramp from the cabin to the latrine. North Fork Cabin, in the same park, also has road access, but is not fully accessible.

<u>Chena River State Recreation Area - Twin Bears Camp</u>, near <u>Fairbanks</u> with road access

This facility has 12 rustic cabins, mess hall and recreation hall. It can be rented by an individuals or group. Ramps exist between three cabins, mess hall, recreation hall and main latrine.

<u>Chugach State Park State Park - Yuditnu Cabin</u>, near <u>Anchorage</u>
The cabin is accessible, but the latrine is not. Therefore, help may be needed when

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using the latrine. The trail to access the cabin is an old road. Motorized access is allowed, by snowmachines in the winter (all week) and ATVs in the summer (Sunday thru Wednesday only). Bicycles are also allowed (all week).

<u>Kachemak Bay State Park - Halibut Cove Lagoon East Cabin</u>, remote park near Homer

Cabin and latrine are along a boardwalk with a maximum gradient of 5%. Assistance may be needed on the ramp from the dock to the cabin boardwalk system. At low tide, the ramp is very steep.

- Shoup Bay State Marine Park Kittiwake Cabin, remote park near Valdez
 Recommend inner lagoon drop off. Assistance may be needed from boat to hardpack gravel trail. Click on park name above for more information.
- <u>Thumb Cove State Marine Park Spruce Glacier Cabin</u>, remote park near <u>Seward</u> Assistance may be needed from the beach to boardwalk system. Boardwalk extends from fire ring on beach to the cabin and latrine.

Campgrounds

- Anchor River State Recreation Area Halibut Day Use, near Homer
- Anchor River State Recreation Area Slidehole Day Use, near Homer
- Birch Lake State Recreation Site, near Fairbanks
- Chena River State Recreation Site, in Fairbanks
- Chugach State Park Bird Creek Campground Overflow, near Anchorage
- Chugach State Park Eagle River Campground, near Anchorage
- Crooked Creek State Recreation Site, near Soldotna
- Deep Creek State Recreation Area Deep Creek North Campground, near Homer
- Denali State Park Denali Viewpoint North Campground, near Trapper Creek
- Kenai River Special Management Area Bings Landing Campground, near Sterling
- Kenai River Special Management Area Izaak Walton Campground, near Sterling
- Kenai River Special Management Area Morgans Landing Campground, near Sterling
- Lower Chatanika River State Recreation Area, near Fairbanks
- Ninilchik State Recreation Area Ninilchik Overlook, near Homer

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Day Use Areas and Picnic Sites

- Anchor River State Recreation Area Halibut Day Use, near Homer
- <u>Anchor River State Recreation Area</u> Slidehole Day Use, near <u>Homer Pressurized water is available</u>.
- Big Delta State Historical Park, near Delta Junction Pressurized water is available.
- Big Lake North State Recreation Site, near Wasilla
- Chena River State Recreation Area Red Squirrel Campground, near Fairbanks
- Chena River State Recreation Area Tors Trail Campground, near Fairbanks
- Chena River State Recreation Site, in Fairbanks
- Chugach State Park Eklutna Lake Campground, near Anchorage
- <u>Chuqach State Park</u> McHugh Creek Day Use, near <u>Anchorage</u> <u>Paved</u>.
- Crooked Creek State Recreation Site, near Soldotna
- Deep Creek State Recreation Area Deep Creek South Day Use, near Homer
- <u>Delta State Recreation Site</u>, near <u>Delta Junction</u> <u>Pressurized water is available</u>.
- Harding Lake State Recreation Area, near Fairbanks
- Kenai River Special Management Area Bings Landing Day Use, near Sterling
- Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area (formerly Kepler-Bradley Lake State Recreation Area) Matanuska Lake, near <u>Palmer</u>
- Lower Chatanika River State Recreation Area, near Fairbanks
- Ninilchik State Recreation Area Ninilchik Overlook, near Homer
- Ninilchik State Recreation Area Ninilchik River, near Homer

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Drinking Water

Most drinking water facilities in state parks are hand pumps with cement pads for access. These are shown in the <u>statewide brochure pages</u> mentioned at the top of the page. A small number of facilities have pressurized water and are listed here. If the facility is listed elsewhere on this page, pressurized water is mentioned there as well.

- Anchor River State Recreation Area Slidehole Campground and Day Use, near Homer
- Big Delta State Historical Park, near Delta Junction
- Chena River State Recreation Site, in Fairbanks
- Chugach State Park Eagle River Campground, near Anchorage
- Delta State Recreation Site, near Delta Junction
- Denali State Park Alaska Veteran's Memorial, near Trapper Creek
- Kenai River Special Management Area Cooper Landing Boat Launch, near Sterling
- Kenai River Special Management Area The Pillars Boat Launch, near Kenai

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Fishing Access

- Buskin River State Recreation Site, near Kodiak Accessible fishing platform at river's edge. Parking and trail to platform is paved.
- <u>Chugach State Park</u> Bird Creek, near <u>Anchorage</u>
 Fishing is from a pier over the river. Best to use at high tide. At low tide, the water is beyond the pier. Paved access to the pier.
- Crooked Creek State Recreation Site, near <u>Soldotna</u> May need assistance getting to and from the river due to a steep grade.
- Deep Creek State Recreation Area Deep Creek North Campground, near Homer Trail is gravel path to river, may need assistance. Parking and viewing area with interpretive displays is paved.
- Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area (formerly Kepler-Bradley Lake State Recreation Area) Matanuska Lake, near <u>Palmer</u>

Trail to accessible fishing dock is a 500 foot gravel path with a 8.3% maximum gradient and handrails.

- Kenai River Special Management Area Bings Landing Campground, near <u>Sterling</u> Accessible boardwalk along river.
- Quartz Lake State Recreation Area, near Delta Junction At Quartz Lake Campground, gravel trail with less then 5% grade to accessible fishing dock. At Lost Lake Campground, gravel trail with less then 5% grade to accessible boat/fishing dock.

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Historic Sites

Baranof Castle State Historic Site, near Sitka

An accessible, 700 foot, concrete sidewalk with handrails leads from the street level to interpretive displays and viewpoint at the top of Castle Hill. The maximum gradient is 8.3% and the elevation gain is 40 feet.

- Big Delta State Historical Park, near <u>Delta Junction</u> The visitor center, called Rika's Roadhouse, has accessible ramp. Trails are hard-pack gravel with interpretive sites. Pressurized water is available.
- Denali State Park Alaska Veteran's Memorial, near Trapper Creek
 Parking, trails, picnic sites, interpretive shelter and the memorial are paved with a less than 5 % slope. Pressurized water is available.
- Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, near Kodiak Kodiak Military History Museum are accessible.
- Independence Mine State Historical Park, near Palmer Visitor Center is accessible by ramp. Parking, nearby trails and interpretive site with

spotting scopes are paved.

Old Sitka State Historic Park, near Sitka

Trails are hard-pack gravel, with sections of boardwalk. Approximately 100 feet of trail has a 14% gradient. The rest of the trail has a gradient of 12% or less. Parking is paved.

Petroglyph Beach State Historic Site, in Wrangell

An accessible boardwalk leads to a viewing deck and interpretive displays overlooking Petroglyph Beach. The boardwalk has a maximum gradient of 8.3% and is approximately 220 feet.

Potter Section House State Historical Site, near Anchorage

Trails around the house are paved. Nearby viewing deck and boardwalk has a 8% maximum gradient. The house itself is park office space and not open to the public.

Totem Bight State Historical Park, near Ketchikan

The trails are hard-pack gravel - may need assistance on steep portions. Buildings are accessible.

<u>Wickersham State Historic Site</u>, in <u>Juneau</u> The Wickersham House Museum is accessible.

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Picnic Shelters

- Anchor River State Recreation Area Slidehole Campground, near Homer Pressurized water.
- Big Lake North State Recreation Site, near <u>Wasilla</u> Paved parking, gravel path.
- Captain Cook State Recreation Area Stormy Lake Day Use, near Kenai
- <u>Chena River State Recreation Area</u> Red Squirrel Campground, near <u>Fairbanks</u> Paved parking, gravel path.
- Chena River State Recreation Site, in Fairbanks
- Chugach State Park Eklutna Lake Campground, near Anchorage
- Clam Gulch State Recreation Area, near Soldotna
- <u>Delta State Recreation Site</u>, near <u>Delta Junction</u> <u>Pressurized water is available</u>.
- Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, near Kodiak
- Harding Lake State Recreation Area, near Fairbanks
- Johnson Lake State Recreation Area, near Soldotna
- Kenai River Special Management Area Bings Landing Campground, near Sterling
- Lake Louise State Recreation Area, near Glennallen
- Lower Chatanika River State Recreation Area, near Fairbanks
- Ninilchik State Recreation Area Ninilchik River Campground, near Homer
- Quartz Lake State Recreation Area Quartz Lake Campground, near Delta Junction
- Settlers Cove State Recreation Site, near Ketchikan
- Tok River State Recreation Site, near Tok

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Restrooms

Most restrooms facilities in state parks are pit latrines. Those that are accessible are shown in the <u>statewide brochure pages</u> mentioned at the top of the page. A small number of facilities have flush toilets and are listed here. If the facility is listed elsewhere on this page, flush toilets are mentioned there as well.

- Chena River State Recreation Site, in Fairbanks
- Chugach State Park Eagle River Campground, near Anchorage Flush toilets in overflow area only.

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Trailheads and Trails

- Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, near Haines
- 1.75 mile trail of pavement and boardwalk for viewing eagles along the Chilkat River.
- Chugach State Park Bird Creek to Indian Bike Trail, near Anchorage

A paved trail starts at Indian Creek at mile 103.0 of the Seward Highway and goes east along Turnagain Arm to Bird Creek Campground and beyond to mile 99.2 of the Seward Highway. Grade exceeds 5% in the Bird Creek area. The trail is eight feet wide with no shoulder.

Chugach State Park - Bird Point to Girdwood Bike Path, near Anchorage

The trail is the Old Seward Highway between Bird Point and Girdwood, and is now a paved, multi use path for pedestrians, bicycles and other non-motorized use. It starts at Mile 96.1 of the Seward Highway (Bird Point) and ends at mile 90.1, near the Girdwood turnoff, with a total length of six miles. The typical width is 10 feet with wide unpaved shoulders for runners. Twice, the path exceeds a 5% gradient with a maximum of 7%: for 800 feet at 0.2 miles east of Bird Point, and for 500 feet at 3 miles, halfway between Bird Point and Girdwood. Where the gradient exceeds 5%, the paved width is 12 feet. Restrooms and picnic shelters are at approximately one mile east of Bird Point, and two miles west of Girdwood.

Chuqach State Park - Bird Ridge Trailhead, near Anchorage

Lower section of trail is paved, a distance of approximately 0.3 miles. Viewing areas at either end of pavement, with accessible restrooms at the upper end. Average gradient is 4.7% with the entire trail less than 8%. There is no cross slope and the trail width is 4.74 feet/1.4 meters. Elevation gain is 66 feet. Parking is paved. Upper section of trail is steep and unimproved. This trail has a trail guide with Universal Access Information. Request one from the DNR Public Information Center.

Chugach State Park - Eagle River Nature Center, near Anchorage The center itself is accessible. Surrounding area and trails are hard-pack gravel. Beginning section of trail has a long, 8% maximum gradient. Parking is paved

Chugach State Park - Eklutna Lake, near Anchorage

The Lakeside Trail is an old, gravel road bed, with some large ruts and rocks. Sections have been rebuilt due to damage from the lake and have a steep gradient. ATVs (Sunday thru Wednesday only) and bicycles (all week) use the trail.

Chugach State Park - Potter Creek Interpretive Trail, near Anchorage

Paved parking, with interpretive panels and spotting scope. The first 220 feet of this 0.46 mile trail is paved, with accessible restrooms at the end. The 5.3% is the maximum gradient for this section. The trail continues from there as hard-pack gravel and has a greater than 8% gradient, with 17% maximum gradient. There is no cross slope and the trail width is 5 feet/1.5 meters. Elevation gain is 240 feet. Trail connects to the unimproved Turnagain Arm Trail. This trail has a trail guide with Universal Access Information. Request one from the DNR Public Information Center.

- <u>Denali State Park</u> Alaska Veteran's Memorial, near <u>Trapper Creek</u> Trails are paved throughout the Memorial.
- Denali State Park Denali View North, near <u>Trapper Creek</u> Approximately 1200 feet of paved trail with interpretive panels.
- Independence Mine State Historical Park, near Palmer

Visitor Center is accessible by ramp. Trails to the center core of the mine compound are paved with less than 5% gradient. Trail to the mine portal is paved with a 15% gradient. Other trails are hard-pack gravel.

Matanuska Lakes State Recreation Area (formerly Kepler-Bradley Lake State Recreation Area) - Matanuska Lake, near Palmer

Trails are hard-pack gravel.

- Lake Louise State Recreation Area, near <u>Glennallen</u> Trail is hard-pack gravel.
- Old Sitka State Historic Park, near Sitka

Trails are hard-pack gravel, with sections of boardwalk. Approximately 100 feet of trail has a 14% gradient. The rest of the trail has a gradient of 12% or less. Parking is paved.

Settlers Cove State Recreation Site, near Ketchikan

A short portion of the trail is accessible for approximately 200 yards to the Lunch Creek Bridge.

Totem Bight State Historical Park, near Ketchikan

The trails are hard-pack gravel - may need assistance on steep portions. Buildings are accessible.

Willow Creek State Recreation Area - Willow Creek Campground, near <u>Wasilla</u> Trail is hard-pack gravel down to the river.

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Viewpoints

Chugach State Park - Beluga Point, near Anchorage

At Mile 110.5 of the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm. Paved parking, spotting scopes, interpretive panels.

Chugach State Park - Bird Point, near Anchorage

At Mile 95 of the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm. Paved parking, spotting scopes, interpretive panels, accessible restrooms.

Chugach State Park - Glen Alps, near Anchorage

On the Hillside, off Upper Huffman. Paved and hard-packed gravel trails leads to viewpoint on hill that overlooks Anchorage, Cook Inlet and the Alaska Range. Accessible restrooms.

Denali State Park - Denali View North, near Trapper Creek

At Mile 162.7 of the Parks Highway. Paved parking and approximately 1200 feet of paved trail with interpretive panels. Accessible restrooms

Denali State Park - Denali View South, near Trapper Creek

At Mile 135.2 of the Parks Highway. Paved parking, interpretive panels, accessible restrooms.

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Visitor Centers

Big Delta State Historical Park, near Delta Junction

The visitor center, called Rika's Roadhouse, has a ramp. Trails are hard-pack gravel with interpretive sites. Pressurized water is available.

Chugach State Park - Eagle River Nature Center, near Anchorage

The center is accessible. Parking is paved. Surrounding grounds and trails are hard-pack gravel. Beginning section of trail has 8% maximum gradient.

Independence Mine State Historical Park, near Palmer

Visitor Center has a ramp. Trails to the center core of the mine compound are paved with less than 5% gradient. Trail to the mine portal is paved with a 15% gradient. Other trails are hard-pack gravel.

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Disabled Veteran's Annual Camping Pass

The legislature granted Disabled Alaskan Veterans (DAV) the right to receive one Alaska State Park Camping Pass free of charge. The DAV Camping Pass, which is valid in all developed Alaska State Park campgrounds, is good for two years. There is no DAV pass for boat launch or day use, nor can the DAV camping pass be used to purchase a boat launch or day use pass as the second pass at the discount rate.

To receive a free DAV camping pass, an eligible disabled veteran must present proof of a Park Fees service connected disability and Alaska residency at either the Anchorage or Fairbanks DNR Public Information Centers (see below). Alaskan resident is defined as a person who is physically present in the state with the intent to remain indefinitely and to make a home in the state, has maintained the person's domicile in the state for the 12 consecutive months prior to requesting the issuance of a Disabled Alaska Veteran (DAV) camping pass, is not claiming residency in another state, territory or country, and is not obtaining benefits under claim of residency in another state, territory or country. Proof of residency can be in the form of an Alaskan Driver's License, Alaska Sport Fishing or hunting License, Alaska Voters Registration Card, or other documentation suitable to the department that proves Alaska residency.



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Evidence of service connected disability can be provided by the presentation of a Veteran's Administration Patient Data Card (red, white, and blue) imprinted with "service connected disability" under the photo identification, or a current year letter from the US Department of Veteran's Affairs, which states the person has a service-connected disability and is signed by the Veteran Services Officer. Other types of VA cards exist, but cannot be accepted as proof of disability. Information on obtaining either the card or the letter can be found through the local Veteran's Administration office or calling 1-800-827-1000. Please note: A Veterans Universal Access Identification card with the veteran's social security number and birth date printed on the card will no longer be accepted, in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Act which passed the Alaska Legislature in 2008.

The Disabled Alaska Veteran camping pass is non-transferable. If the qualified DAV's vehicle is sold, the decal must be removed. Or, if the windshield is broken and must be replaced, the individual is requested to scrape as much of the decal off as possible and return the remains to any area office. In either of these cases, a replacement decal will be issued for \$10 upon receipt of the removed decal. If the decal is lost or if no remains of a previous decal can be produced, and the DNR has record of the owner's previous issuance of the DAV decal, a one-time replacement decal may be purchased for \$100.

For further information, please contact the Anchorage or Fairbanks Public Information Center.

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