



Accessible Fishing

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Assistance may be required to access some of these sites.

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www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/asp/access.htm***



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Key to species

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| AC=Arctic char | LT=Lake trout |
| BB=Burbot | NP=Northern pike |
| CS=Chum salmon (dog, calico) | PS=Pink salmon (humpy) |
| LS=Landlocked salmon | RS=Red salmon (sockeye) |
| SS=Silver salmon | RT=Rainbow trout |
| DV=Dolly Varden char | SH=Steelhead trout |
| GR=Grayling | SF=Sheefish |
| KS=King salmon | SM=Smelt |
| KOK=Kokanee (landlocked red salmon) | WF=Whitefish |

For opening dates, daily limits, regulations, and special tackle restrictions, consult the Southcentral Alaska regulation booklet.

Anchorage Area

****Campbell Creek** Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) greenbelt runs through midtown Anchorage. Numerous fishing holes along the creek from bike path. Wheelchair accessible: boardwalks and bike paths near Folker Street, just east of Tudor Dr. and Lake Otis Pkwy. Other access: boardwalk at bottom of hill on the south side of Dimond Blvd. between Victor Dr. and Arlene Dr; bike path at Victor Dr. north of Dimond Blvd.; bike path south of Taku-Campbell Lake, at King Street and 78th. A kid's only (under 16) fishery for king salmon takes place the last weekend of June.

Stocked annually with RT and SS; native populations of DV.

Ship Creek Downtown Anchorage in railroad/industrial area. Most shoreline is muddy and rocky, but there is a raised wooden platform behind the Comfort Inn. *Stocked annually with KS and SS; small native run of PS on even-numbered years.*

****Campbell Point Lake (Little Campbell Lake / Beer Can Lake)** West end of Raspberry Road, in MOA's Kincaid Park. First right as you enter the park, about 1.0 mile down winding dirt road to a parking lot. Fish from grassy, slightly sloping beach on north end of lake or take a short paved path to a floating dock on the NE end of the lake. Be careful as the dock is narrow. *Stocked annually with RT, LS, & AC.*

****Delong Lake** West of Jewel Lake Rd. and ¼ mile north of Raspberry Rd. in MOA park. Paved path from parking lot goes down to a wide floating dock on the lake, or fish from the beach next to the path. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

****Cheney Lake** North Anchorage. Between E. Northern Lights Blvd and DeBarr Rd. on Baxter Rd. Paved trail up to lake, fish from side of lake. Also has a handicap-access portable toilet. *Stocked with RT. Illegally-stocked population of Northern Pike.*

****Jewel Lake** South Anchorage on Dimond Blvd. ½-mile west of Jewel Lake Rd. (south side of lake), or off Jewel Lake Rd, turn west on 88th Street to east side of lake. Wheelchair fishing from raised dock off Dimond Blvd. You can also fish along a narrow beach at the bottom of a 6-8' slope alongside the dock.

Good trout fishing along north end of lake. Wheelchair access along muddy north end path is possible only with great difficulty. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

****Taku-Campbell Lake** Turn north on King St. from Dimond (Alaska USA Federal Credit Union on NW corner). Drive north until King St. ends at stop sign. Turn left (west) into parking lot at NE corner of lake.

Wheelchair access: west along main bike path to small dock on north shore of the lake. South along west edge of lake (closest to parking lot) along recently-paved bike path. Fishing generally best along east edge of lake. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

Fort Richardson Army Post

In addition to your fishing license, you also have to have an annual Army Base fishing permit. Call Ft. Richardson Public Affairs or Security for more information (907) 384-0431 or 384-0437.

****Clunie Lake** Enter Ft. Richardson at main gate, just west of National Guard Armory, and they'll give you directions to the lake, about 10 miles north of gate. You'll cross Eagle River and keep driving north for a few miles. The lake is on the right. Picnic area, boat access, and parking. Fish from gravel boat ramp openings. Be careful of slope into the water if in wheelchairs. Stocked fish initially hang out in cove north of far end of picnic area. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

****Waldon Lake** Enter Ft. Richardson at main gate, just west of National Guard Armory, and they'll give you directions to the lake.

Lake is located a mile or so NW from Clunie Lake, so you will be driving a while. Lake is on the south side of the dirt road. Turn left into a steep parking area, picnic area and boat ramp. Trails lead off either side of the parking area to the lake. Fishing is decent among the lily pads. Wheelchair access is possible with some difficulty. *Stocked with RT.*

Elmendorf Air Force Base

Elmendorf AFB requires a military ID (active or retired) in addition to the annual Air Force Base fishing permit. Civilians without a military ID must be sponsored by individuals with military ID. Call Base Wildlife, Security or Public Affairs for more information (907) 552-2282 or 552-2436.

****Green Lake** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. You'll drive past the turnoff to Hillberg ski area on the back side of the base. Do not pass the point where the paved



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Grant's ready to fish!

road turns to gravel. Lake is left of the main road. Turn left (west) on a dirt road that will take you along the north side of the lake and around to a few cabins on the west side of the lake.

A small accessible dock and boat launch is on the east side of the lake near a playground. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

****Hillberg Lake** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. Drive to Hillberg ski area on the back side of the base. The lake is on the right of the main road. Turn right onto service road to ski area. Road winds around the north side of the lake. Turn right into the picnic area along the north side of the lake for best fishing.

Wheelchair access next to the lake is possible with some difficulty. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

****Triangle Lake** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. Drive east past the CAP building on the back side of base. Turn north on access road to the lake.

Dirt road to the lake has a steep slope to a small picnic area near a dock on the lake. *Stocked with RT.*

Eagle River/Chugiak

****Beach Lake** Mile 17 Glenn Hwy. Birchwood Loop South exit (Chugiak High School access). Go west on gravel road and follow the Municipality of Anchorage Beach Lake Park signs. Cross railroad tracks and stay right at the "Y" in the road. Fish from gravel boat launch or 2 wooden platforms south of the boat ramp.

Muddy path around south side of lake hits the shore

at several points, but is accessible only with difficulty. *Stocked with RT, GR, & LS.*

****Mirror Lake** North of Anchorage on the Glenn Hwy. Take the Mirror Lake exit at Mile 23.6 Parking, cooking facilities and restrooms. Wheelchair access best from boat ramp on south end of lake. Lake is also accessible from picnic area on west end, but water is very shallow and not especially fishable. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

Fairbanks Area

Birch Lake 83 miles SE of Fairbanks at Mile 306 on the Richardson Hwy. Lake is next to hwy. with a turnout for parking & gravel boat launch. *Stocked with RT, AC & LS.*

Chatanika River On the Elliot Hwy. with a campground. *Natural population of RT, AC, LS & GR.*

Chena Lake Off the Richardson Hwy, at the Laurence Rd. turnout. You'll find complete facilities here. No motors allowed on lake. *Stocked with RT, LS & AC.*

Lost Lake 83 miles SE of Fairbanks off the Richardson Hwy. Turn south on dirt access road and drive 0.75 mile to lake. *Stocked with RT & LS.*

Olnes Pond Off the Elliot Hwy. Access road is on the west side, it's about 1 mile to the pond. Has a gravel boat ramp. *Stocked with RT.*

Piledriver Slough 20 miles east of Fairbanks off the Richardson Hwy. Turn south onto Eielson Farm Rd. and go 0.25 mile beyond Bathing Beauty Pond. *Stocked with RT.*

Quartz Lake 86 miles SE of Fairbanks off the Richardson Hwy. Take 2.7 mi. gravel road northeast to lake. Campground with boat launch & fishing dock. *Stocked with RT, LS & AC.*

Glennallen Area

Gulkana River Mile 147.6 Richardson Highway, turn into Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) **Sourdough Campground**. The campground is accessible with a wide finely-crushed gravel trail leading to the confluence, fishing ramp, trails to outhouses. *Natural populations of KS, RS & GR.*

Paxson Lake MP 175-182 Richardson Hwy. Day use sites, BLM campground and other accommodations are available. *Natural populations of LT, BB & AG.*

Sourdough Creek Mile 147.5 Richardson Highway. The Richardson Highway crosses Sourdough Creek approximately 30 miles downstream from Sourdough Campground. *Natural population of AG.*

Kenai Peninsula Area

Cooper Landing / Sterling

Russian River Ferry Located at Sportsman's Landing, Mile 55 of the Sterling Hwy. The foot-traffic-only ferry is usable with some help from the very helpful ferry staff.

There is a **handicapped only (mobility impaired) fishing area** along a 5-10 yard rocky path from the ferry dock on the opposite side. Fellow anglers are also very helpful and respectful. Excellent red salmon fishing. *Natural populations of RT, RS, SS & DV.*

Hidden Lake At Sterling Hwy. Mi. 58, take Skilak Lake Loop Rd. and go 3.5 miles to paved campground road on right. Campground is paved, with accessible camp sites & restrooms (nice!) *Natural populations of RS, RT, LT, DV & KOK.*

Ohmer Lake At Sterling Hwy. Mi. 58, take Skilak Lake Loop Rd. and go 7 miles to campground. Fire pits, small restroom (inaccessible) with steep hill to lake. *Natural populations of RT & DV.*

Soldotna

****Centennial Park** Mile 95.6 of the Sterling Hwy. Heading south on Sterling Hwy. turn right at the Funny River Road/Kalifornsky Beach Road stop light, then the next immediate right to accessible campground with fishing from the boat landing.

Fishing for red salmon is good and fishing for king salmon is fair, depending on casting ability. Daily parking fee is charged. *Natural populations of SS, PS, RS, KS, RT, DV & SM.*

Kasilof

Kasilof River/Crooked Creek From Sterling Hwy., go through Soldotna to Coho Loop Rd. on right. Follow signs about 1 mile to day-use parking, picnic, state and private campground, accessible restrooms. Hard-packed gravel trail down to Kasilof River. If you choose, you can take a muddy trail along river. Excellent fishing for king salmon and red salmon. *Natural populations of RT, DV, SS, KS & SH, stocked with KS.*

Homer

Anchor River Mile 156.7 of the Sterling Hwy, 210 miles from Anchorage. The state-operated campground is at mile 157 Sterling Hwy. with a gravel fishing platform for the mobility impaired. *Natural populations of KS, SS, SH & DV.*

Homer Spit Fishing Lagoon There is a hard surface walkway at this man-made salt water lagoon on the

Homer Spit. Excellent fishing for king salmon and silver salmon. Youth-only (under 16) fisheries for king salmon in May, and silver salmon in August. *Stocked with KS & SS.*

Prince William Sound

Cordova

****Fleming Spit** A handy access ramp allows anglers to fish for stocked king salmon returning during early June through mid-July and silver salmon during August and early September. *Stocked with KS & SS.*

Valdez

****Allison Point** From MP 2.4 to 5.0 Dayville Rd parallels the bay offering access to pink salmon fishing during July and August and silver salmon in August through September. *Natural populations of PS, SS & KS.*

Kodiak Area

Buskin River State Recreation Site Has ADA fishing platform. *Natural populations of PS, SS, RS, SH & DV.*

Matanuska-Susitna Valley Area

Palmer/Butte

****Eklutna Tailrace (Eklutna Power Plant)** From MP 29.5 of Glenn Hwy., turn onto Old Glenn Hwy., on left at MP 3.9 to newly-improved access site with trails. *Stocked with KS & SS, natural populations of CS & DV.*

Kepler Lake The accessible portion of the lake is at Mile 37 Glenn Hwy. (just over the rise past the Parks Hwy./Glenn Hwy. interchange). Canoe launch, canoe rentals, and private campground and day-use area. *Stocked with RT & GR.*

****Matanuska Lake** (Kepler-Bradley State Recreation Site) Mile 36 Glenn Hwy., turn north on gravel entrance to park. Two relatively steep gravel paths from the parking lot will take wheelchairs. One goes to a raised platform, the other to a floating dock. Fishing is decent from either. There is also a trail to the right around the north side. The trail has numerous smaller trails to the water. This trail is not wheelchair-accessible. Fishing is best along the shore. *Stocked with RT, LS, & AC.*

Wasilla, Houston, Willow

Finger Lake Located between Palmer and Wasilla, off Bogard Rd., 1/4 mi. west of Trunk Rd. which you can access from either the Parks or the Glenn Hwy. Campground, restrooms, dock, gravel boat launch.

Stocked with RT, AC, GR & LS. Also may have illegally-introduced population of Northern Pike.

Fish Creek From the Parks Hwy. in Wasilla, turn south on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Located at Mile 16 Knik-Goose Bay Road. Access to wheelchairs is on the upstream side next to Knik-Goose Bay Road. Privately owned campground. Special fishing regulations apply, please check the regulation booklet carefully. *Natural populations of RS & SS.*

Little Susitna River Best access is at the Little Susitna Public Use Facility (LSPUF—also called Burma Landing). From The Parks Hwy. in Wasilla, turn south on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. At Mile 17.2 turn right on Point MacKenzie Rd., drive 7 miles, turn right at “T”, then left on Ayshire Rd., drive 3 miles & turn right, 2 miles to LSPUF.

Accessible restrooms, paved parking, boardwalks and hard-packed gravel trails. The campground and landing are accessible, but lots of action around the landing makes fishing not so good right at the boat launch. Follow boardwalks and gravel trails upstream to several platforms. A small boat would be nice here, as the current is not fast. *Natural populations of RT, DV, KS, SS, CS, PS, RS & WF.*

Nancy Lake Mile 66.5 Parks Hwy. Turn west just past railroad tracks and follow signs to the paved boat launch. Campground with restrooms, showers and water. *Natural populations of RT, DV & NP.*

Sheep Creek Mile 86.3 Parks Hwy. Special sticker available from ADF&G in Palmer (907/746-6300) will grant handicapped/mobility impaired individuals motorized access. *Natural populations of RT, GR, KS, SS, CS & PS.*

****Susitna River at Susitna Landing** Mile 82.5 Parks Hwy., turn left 1 mile. State owned, operated by concessionaire, fee charged for launching and parking. Concessionaire is able to handle wheelchairs on fishing boats for paid fishing trips in the Susitna drainage. Call 907/495-7700. The “Gateway to the Susitna watershed”. *Natural populations of KS, SS, RS, RT, NP, BB, SM, DV, CS, GR & PS.*

Willow Creek Parks Hwy. Mile 71.4, Willow Creek Parkway, 4 miles. State-operated campground, hard-packed gravel trails. *Natural populations of KS, SS, PS, CS, RT, GR, DV & SM.*

Turnagain Arm Area

Portage Valley

**** Alder Pond** Mile 48 of Seward Hwy. Mile 1.5 of the Portage Valley Road, turn right on a gravel side road. The US Forest Service has replaced two raised docks



Ron Wilson of Ron’s Riverboat Service, Susitna Landing operator, helps Grant show off his silver salmon catch.

on the south side of the pond in 2004. *Stocked with RT.*

****Tangle Pond** Mile 48 of the Seward Hwy. Mile 3 of the Portage Valley Road. Lake is on the north side of the paved road. Turn left into a parking lot. Entire south side of the lake is large-diameter gravel. Wheelchair access is reasonable. *Stocked with RT.*

****Willow (Airstrip / Moose Flats) Pond** Mile 48 of the Seward Hwy. Mile 1.0 of the Portage Valley Road, turn left onto a gravel road north of the paved road. Prepared gravel paths go around the south side of the lake to a raised platform in the south side of the middle arm of the lake. Paths are flat and easily traversed. *Stocked with RT.*

Turnagain Arm

****Bird Creek** Mile 25.8 of Seward Hwy. Good locations to fish under the bridges from large rocks. Be careful of mud flats as tide changes quickly. Area is very crowded with sport anglers. *Stocked with SS, and natural populations of PS & CS.*

****Ingram Creek** Mile 51.8 of Seward Hwy crosses the creek. Parking lots/turnoffs on either side of the main highway. Will have to carry wheelchair and individual down 6' bank to the water. Can also reach the creek via a few turnouts on the way up the hill. Accessible with difficulty. *Natural populations of PS, CS, SS & DV.*

Hope

****Resurrection Creek** Mile 70.7 on Seward Hwy and on Hope Cutoff 16.3 miles to Hope. Three locations here: (1.) Just north of town of Hope. Be careful of

mud flats. (2.) From Resurrection Creek Rd, turn off before Hope. Drive south on creek road to Resurrection Pass trailhead bridge or (3.) Go further south to US Forest Service campground and public gold panning area. Good pink salmon locations throughout the length of the creek. *Natural populations of PS, CS, SS & DV.*

****Sixmile Creek, Hope Cutoff** Mile 70.7 on Seward Hwy. Turn onto Hope Cutoff and drive north. There are several turnoffs on right side of road to creek for first 7.3 miles of Hope Hwy. There are some nice holes here. Fishing for king salmon is prohibited. Good pink salmon location. Some silvers. *Natural populations of PS, CS, SS & DV.*

Remote Cabins

Lower Russian River Lake This Forest Service cabin is accessible via float plane (25 minutes from Seward; 22 minutes from Cooper Landing) or 4 miles via the Russian Lakes Trail. The cabin has ramps at front and rear doors, large pit toilet, boat dock, and ramp for wheelchair users. There is no boardwalk connecting the cabin with the boat dock. A boat is provided. *Natural populations of RT & DV*

Uganik Lake Cabin, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge This cabin is accessible via floatplane (25 minutes from Kodiak). The cabin has an accessible ramp and a large porch, the outhouse is accessible and the trails to the lake and outhouse have been improved. *Natural populations of DV, RT, RS, PS, SS.*

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The accessible trail at the Little Susitna Public Use Facility leads to some nice fishing holes.

Please help us update this publication. If you discover other great locations that are accessible for the mobility impaired that are not mentioned here, please contact:

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For information about camping, accommodations, fishing guides, and other visitor services, contact the Alaska Division of Tourism at P.O. Box 110809, Juneau, Alaska 99811 (907) 465-2012 Fax (907) 465-3767 www.dced.state.ak.us/tourism/



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