

Park Unit Specific Stipulations for Commercial Use Permits
Alaska State Parks

AFOGNAK AND SHUYAK STATE PARK

Public Use Cabins: Commercial operator permittees may use Shuyak and Afognak State Park public use cabins under the following guidelines.

- All cabins must be paid for in advance before use.
- In the event of emergency usage at any park cabin, the permittee agrees to make a reasonable effort to notify the Big Bay Ranger Station via Marine VHF, Ch. 16 or the Kodiak District Office as soon as possible, and to pay the applicable fee(s) to the Division by contacting the Kodiak District Office.
- All other cabin reservation procedures apply.

Note: The intent of this relaxed restriction is to allow more commercial use of these popular cabins. However, should commercial use of the cabins begin to interfere with public use, limitations, and restrictions may be applied to the commercial use of the cabin system.

Use of Motorized Vehicles is Prohibited: On Shuyak and Afognak Island State Parks, the use of motorized vehicles is prohibited, except for powerboats and fixed-winged aircraft. The use of personal watercraft (jet-skis), hovercraft, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, automobiles, or other motorized vehicles is prohibited.

CHENA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

Seasonal Dates for Motorized Use. The Compeau Trail (Mile 29.9 Chena Hot Springs Road) opens seasonally to motorized use on the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend.

Weekday Tours Only. Guided motorized tours on the Compeau Trail are limited to weekdays only in order to minimize impacts on public use of the trail. No guided tours shall take place on weekend days or state holidays.

Group Size Limit and Client to Guide Ratio. The permittee agrees to limit all groups, including clients, instructors, guides and employees, to a total of FIFTEEN (15) persons. The permittee agrees to limit all activities to a client-to-guide (or client-to-instructor) ratio of SIX (6) clients to each guide or instructor.

CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE

Refer to document on the website: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/permit/stipulations/cbepstip.pdf>

CHILKAT STATE PARK

Guided Activities. Permittee shall be limited to 10 guided clients *per day* on the following trails: Ayiklutu Pt. Trail, Lily Lake (Mt. Riley Spur) Trail, and Mt. Riley Trail from the Battery Point Trail junction.

CHILKOOT STATE RECREATION SITE

Vehicle Size Restriction. Starting April 1, 2025 motor coach and van tour operations within Chilkoot State Recreation Site are limited to 15 passenger vehicles (or smaller) due to the size and configuration of the parking area.

No Boat Storage/Moorage. Unless otherwise authorized by the Division through a Special Use Permit, long term (over 12 hours) storage or moorage of boats or equipment is prohibited on state land and water within Chilkoot State Recreation Site.

Food Service and Storage. Permittees hosting any type of commercial activity within the Park are subject to the following:

- Food, trash, and all bear attractants must be secured at all times, except when clients are consuming the food. Food and attractants must never be left unattended.
- While clients are eating, everyone must remain together with a guide monitoring the area who is prepared/trained in bear behavior, bear country etiquette, and bear deterrence and safety methods prescribed by the State.
Food, fish and any bear attractants should not be relinquished to a bear. Any incidence of food, trash, or attractants being relinquished to a bear from a commercial activity must be reported to a State Parks Ranger immediately (24 hour maximum) and may require a written report. Contact the Haines area Ranger at (907)766-2292 or Regional office (907)465-4563 or dnr.pkssoutheast@alaska.gov.

Road Based Tours. Permittees providing tours or instructional classes on park roads and parking lots are subject to the following:

- **No stopping on roadway.** Tour vehicles must use the dedicated parking along the road near Deer Rock and the parking lot at the end of the road at the lake.
- No unnecessary slowing of tour vehicles will be tolerated in the **Weir Safety Zone**.
- Minimum of one tour instructor/guide per 15 clients for all activities except for those included in the Specific Stipulations.
- Guides/Instructors must remain within sight and sound of clients at all times. Tour groups must remain in a small group throughout the tour.
- Commercial biking tours must maintain a tight condensed group while in the park and area. **No stopping or pausing in the Weir Safety Zone.** Bike tours must avoid stopping and pausing along the roadway for safety and to prevent traffic congestion, use parking areas and walkway when stopped (not actively biking).
- Fishing guides are instructed to properly store all fish caught immediately, do not relinquish catch to a bear. Guides must escort all clients out of the area as soon as a bear is visible and approaching the area or the direction of the clients. Return to the area only when the bear has left.
- Any bear encounters, close calls or observed problematic human behavior, must be reported to a State Park Ranger as soon as possible (24 hours maximum) and possibly requiring a written report, if instructed. Contact the Haines area Ranger at (907)766-2292 or Regional office (907)465-4563 or dnr.pkssoutheast@alaska.gov.

CHUGACH STATE PARK

Crow Pass Trail. The first three miles of the Crow Pass trail from Girdwood lies on US Forest Service land. This permit only authorizes activity within state park managed land and waters.

Permittee should contact the US Forest Service office for any other necessary approvals for the Crow Pass Trail. The primitive campsites along the Crow Pass trail (including Echo Bend, Heritage Falls, Thunder Gorge, etc.) cannot be reserved and are first come, first serve. Open fires are not allowed unless in a park provided fire-ring or on non-vegetated gravel bars below timberline.

Motor Coach and Van Tours. This permit authorizes limited, transient use of roadside park facilities, such as scenic viewpoints, latrines, waysides, and picnic sites. If other commercial services are being provided within DPOR managed lands such as guides tours, charter services, outfitting, etc., you must apply for such activities under this authorization or a separate authorization.

Glen Alps Vehicle Size Restriction. Motor coach and van tour operations at Glen Alps Trailhead and Viewpoint are limited to 15 passenger vehicles (or smaller) due to the size and configuration of the parking area.

DENALI STATE PARK

Boating. Permittees hosting guided boat trips or engaging in boating activity on waters of the Susitna, Chulitna, Tokositna, or Byers Creek (Byers Creek will be defined as waters downstream of the Byers Lake outlet bridge to its confluence with the Chulitna River) are subject to the following:

- Limit Group size to 20 maximum including instructors.
- Minimum one instructor/guide to eight students/clients.
- State Parks reserves the right to designate available staging areas for pre/post boat and gear preparation.
- Prior to departure provide Park staff with a detailed itinerary of route, including put in and pull-out locations and GPS coordinates of camping locations if applicable.
- Mandatory removal of human waste generated by the group.
- Adequate EAP delivered to Park staff before trip launches to include onsite rescue equipment.
- Copies of any instructor certifications. Examples include SWRT, Lifeguard, CPR, WFR etc.
- If traveling to the park in a vehicle that carries more than 15 people contact Park staff before arriving to ensure proper parking.
- Reporting requirements as per Special Stipulation #2(h) above.

Byer's Lake Vehicle Size Restriction. Motor coach and van tour operations at Byer's Lake Campground are limited to 15 passenger vehicles (or smaller) due to the size and configuration of the parking area.

KENAI RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

Fishing Gear Prohibited. Permittees classified as scenic guides are also non-fishing guides and may not carry or allow clients to carry any fishing poles, tackle, or other fishing equipment aboard the permitted guide vessel while the vessel is being used for guiding activities in the Kenai River Special Management Area.

Outboard Motor Inspections: All Kenai River Guides must permit the random inspection of their outboard motors by any Peace Officer to verify the prop shaft horsepower rating. Failure or refusal to comply with an outboard motor inspection may result in an immediate permit

suspension.

Boat Launch Fees: The permittee must pay boat launch fees for the use of State Park boat launches in the KRSMA or purchase a State Park boat launch decal. The State Park boat launch decal is to be permanently affixed to the tongue of the boat trailer for which it was purchased. Temporary placement of the boat launch decal is not allowed. Boat launch decals that are not permanently mounted or affixed may be confiscated by State Park Staff. The State Parks boat launch decal is not honored at the Pillars and Eagle Rock Boat Launches. Due to limited parking facilities, no guide or guide employee vehicles may be placed at the Izaak Walton Unit parking lot from June 1st through August 15th.

Sanitation: Public restrooms are in most of the heavily fished areas of the Kenai River Special Management Area. The permittee agrees to use the restrooms and take his/her clients to the public restrooms. If the restrooms are not available, the permittee must COLLECT and PROPERLY dispose of all SOLID human waste and refuse generated by themselves or their clients within the permit area. All solid human waste will be disposed of in the appropriate facility outside of the permit area.

KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

Fixed Wing Aircraft. Aircraft landing sites within Kachemak Bay State Park and Wilderness Area are limited to only those areas authorized in 11 AAC 20.110 and 210.

KETCHIKAN AREA STATE PARK

Totem Bight State Historical Park.

Historical Tours. Permittee shall sign in at the entry booth noting the guide's name, company, number of clients and date and time of arrival.

Guide Training. Employees that provide guided historical tours at Totem Bight SHP shall participate in a one-day training program covering the park regulations, expectations, history, use and cultural aspects of that facility. The training program will be offered at the facility at no additional cost to the permittee. The area management shall keep a list of all guides who have completed the training and are authorized to provide historical tours in the park.

Settlers Cove SRS. Commercial operations within Settler's Cove SRS are limited to guided walking tours on the Lunch Creek Trail. The campground, day use areas, or beach area can be used on an occasional basis for commercial operations with advanced written approval of the area management. Additional fees may apply.

Refuge Cove SRS. Commercial operations within Refuge Cover SRS are limited to the trail and beach area north of the main parking area. The day use area or beach area south of the parking area can be used on an occasional basis for commercial operations with advanced written approval of the area management. Additional fees may apply.

MAT-SU AREA PARKS

No Boat Storage/Moorage. Unless otherwise authorized by the Division, long term (over 12 hours) storage or moorage of boats or equipment is prohibited on state land and water within Willow Creek State Recreation Area and Montana Creek State Recreation Site.

Commercial Camps. No commercial camps are allowed within the boundaries of Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

Fires. Fires are prohibited in Mat-Su Regional Parks and Hatchers Pass Management Area.

PAVLOV HARBOR STATE MARINE PARK

- Only land boats and off load people on the north side of Pavlof creek (to the right as you look towards the waterfall).
- Walk the top edge of the beach on the well-defined path below the line of alders or the firm trail just inside the margin of the woods until arriving at the grassy knoll which has been brushed and cleared as a viewing area, about 75 yards from the Falls.
 - From early July through September 30 do not proceed past this point, whether on the edge of the creek/beach, or in the woods, and regardless of whether bears are seen or not. Do not approach within 75 yards of the Falls, whether along the creek shore or from the woods, and do not walk to Pavlof Lake from this direction. If you would like to access the lake between early July and the end of September, please get in touch with SE Area Chief Ranger (currently: brad.garasky@alaska.gov) who will work with you to identify an alternate route that does not take you to within 75 yards of the falls area.
- Leave all paddles, life vests, and other boat equipment inside each boat on the beach when not occupied and keep day packs and other personal items with you at all times ashore.
- Food may not be consumed at or near the viewing area. Please consume all food, including snack bars, on the beach at least 200 yards from the Falls.

WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK

Agulukpak. Vessels operated on the Agulukpak River must prominently display the business name on both sides of the vessel and must be numbered sequentially. The business name and number are to be permanently displayed side-by-side in six-inch by one-inch block style lettering of contrasting color to the hull. A business decal followed by a sequential number is acceptable. Duct tape, electrical tape and other temporary numbers are not acceptable. EXAMPLE: “LODGE NAME”1 “LODGE NAME”

Vessel Storage. Vessels stored within the park must be identified on the commercial use permit application with AK registration number(s) and location(s). The business name and State provided decals must be prominently displayed on the starboard side of the vessel. Storage fees apply. Contact the Wood-Tikchik State Park office at (907) 842-2641 for information on applying for a boat storage permit. All associated equipment must be stored within each vessel to include but not limited to: fuel and fuel tanks, firewood and boating safety gear. Motors may not be stored overwinter and must be removed from the park at completion of commercial activities each year.

Storage of boats is permitted within Wood-Tikchik State Park at the following areas only with prior approval (WGS 84):

- Upper Nerka, lake shore, west of Agulukpak River at coordinates N 59°34'31.5", W 158°32'11.9"

- Lake Beverley, south shore, east of Agulukpak River at coordinates N 59°35'29.5", W 158°30'24.9"
- Lake Aleknagik in cove north of Agulowak River at coordinate N 59°25'01.4", W 158°55'13.0"
- Lake Aleknagik, Boat Is., small island north of Agulowak River N 59°24'56.5", W 158°55'38.1"
- Lake Aleknagik, in cove southeast of Agulowak River at N 59°24'13.5", W 158°54'43.0"
- Nuyakuk River below falls at coordinates N 59°54'38.8", W 158°05'20.0"
- Nuyakuk River below falls at coordinates N 59°54'31.5", W 158°07'00.5"
- Kulik Lake, north shore, west of the Grant River outlet at coordinates N 59°47'13.0", W 158°44'06.0"
- Kulik Lake in the cove north of Butches Creek at coordinates N 59°47'27.6", W 158°59'55.6"

Fuel Storage. Caching of fuel on State Park lands is prohibited.

Unattended Camps. Within an undeveloped area of Wood-Tikchik, a person may not leave a campsite unoccupied the first night after camping equipment is set up. A person may not leave camping equipment unattended in an undeveloped area of a state park for more than 72 hours. Any equipment left unattended for more than 72 hours may be impounded by a state park officer. Camping is limited to temporary camps and may not exceed the 10-day limit in the same location as per 11 AAC 12.230. A copy of the first page of this permit should be affixed to the tent at any campsite left unattended.

Seasonal parking at Lake Aleknagik SRS. A special use permit is required to store highway vehicles, cargo and boat trailers at Lake Aleknagik SRS parking lot for more than 10-consecutive days. Special Use Permits are issued separately from commercial use permits. Contact the Wood-Tikchik State Park office at (907) 842-2641 for information on applying for a vehicle storage permit.

Fires. Firewood may not be stored on park lands for future use, however dead and down wood may be gathered for lawful personal use on state park land. Ground fires are prohibited unless confined to a structure provided by the Division, on unvegetated gravel bars or beaches or if contained within a portable camp stove. All temporary fire rings must be disassembled, and cold ashes scattered so fire remains are not evident prior to leaving the site. Charcoal fire remains must be removed from the state park.

Supervision. Guides must remain within sight and sound of clients at all times.

Anchoring. The use of an anchor or other similar device shall be of sufficient weight to hold a watercraft in place. Intentionally or negligently allowing an anchor to drag across a riverbed is prohibited. Dragging anchors damage spawning beds.

Notice of Violation. As soon as practicable, but in no case to exceed 30 days, the permittee shall notify the area ranger of any state or federal fish or wildlife related violations or commercial permit violation, guide violation, or revocation by the permittee or persons employed by the permittee as a guide or assistant guide, who have been convicted, pled no contest, forfeited collateral or had a guiding license suspended or revoked. Notification is required for violations without regard to where they occurred.

Hunting camp locations. Permittees must identify locations which they plan to utilize for hunting camps (for guides and outfitters) and locations where hunters will be dropped off in the field (for transporters and air taxis); these locations must be provided in writing (email or text message) on the day of client drop off to the Wood-Tikchik State Park Ranger. Lake names with descriptive location on the lake will be sufficient. Providing camp locations will not secure priority to hunt or camp at any specific locations within the park.

