



Southcentral Alaska Sport Fishing Opportunity

Great Alaskan Sport Fishing Spots for the Mobility Impaired

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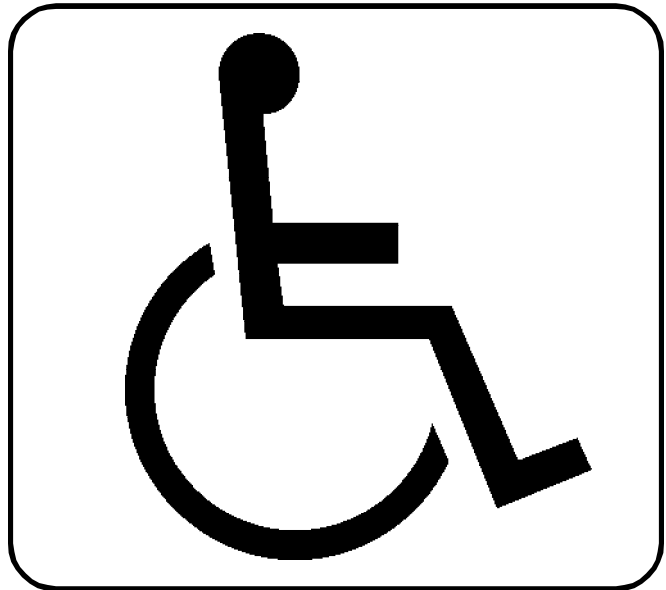
Thank you Alex & Grant!

Anchorage Area

****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 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*

****Campbell Creek** numerous fishing holes along the creek from greenbelt bike path between Dimond Blvd and New Seward Hwy. No fishing allowed downstream of the Dimond Blvd bridge. Silvers tend to enter Campbell Lake and stay until August rains flush them upstream. *Stocked with RT and SS; native populations of DV*

****Campbell Point Lake (Little Campbell Lake).** As you drive into Kincaid Park, on the extreme west end of Raspberry Road, take the first right (look for a large wooden sign pointing to the lake). Drive about a mile down the dirt road to a parking lot. Lake sits south of the parking lot. Fish from grassy beach or take a short path to a floating dock on the NE end of the lake. Be careful: the dock is narrow. *Stocked with RT, LS, AC and new pink/king cross*



This is a partial list of accessible fishing spots. Not all of the places are text book accessible by any means, but with some effort and assistance you can get to them.

****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 with good fishing for stocked trout. Also has handicap-access portable toilets *Stocked with RT, LS*

****Clunie Lake (Ft. Richardson)** 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 may also have to have an annual base fishing permit—call 907/384-0431 or 907/384-0437. 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 boat

ramp openings. Fish in cove north of far end of picnic area. *Stocked with RT, LS, AC, & LT*

****Delong Lake** West of Jewel Lake Rd. and ¼ mile north of Raspberry Rd. Paved path from parking lot goes down to a floating dock on the lake. You can also fish from the beach next to the path with some difficulty. Dock is wide enough for a wheelchair. *Stocked with RT & LS*

****Green Lake (Elmendorf)** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. You may have to have an annual base fishing permit: call 907/552-2282 or 907/552-2436. You'll drive past the turn off to Hillberg Ski area on the back side of the base. Do not pass the point where the paved road turns to gravel. Lake is left of the main road. Turn left 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 (Elmendorf)** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. You may have to have an annual base fishing permit: call 907/552-2282 or 907/552-2436. 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*

****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. Fishing from shore next to Dimond Blvd is easiest from raised dock. You can also fish along a narrow beach at the bottom of a 6-8' slope. Good trout fishing. *Stocked with RT, LS, and new pink/king cross*

****Mirror Lake** North of Anchorage on the Glenn Hwy. Take the Mirror Lake exit at Mile 23.6

Parking, cooking facilities and restrooms. *Stocked with RT, LS & AC*

****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. Bike path runs along the north side of lake. Dirt path runs around east and south sides. Stocked annually with catchable-sized rainbow trout and king salmon catchables. *Stocked with RT & LS*

****Triangle Lake (Elmendorf)** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. You may have to have an annual base fishing permit: call 907/552-2282 or 907/552-2436. 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 newly reconstructed dock on the lake. *Stocked with RT*

****Upper/Lower Six Mile Lake (Elmendorf)** Enter the base from the Boniface Gate, and ask directions to the lake. You may have to have an annual base fishing permit: call 907/552-2282 or 907/552-2436. A dirt road separates the two lakes, with a large culvert connecting them. Fish at either lake off the dirt road separating them. Lower lake (west side) is not stocked. Upper lake (east side) is stocked annually with catchable sized rainbow trout.

****Waldon Lake (Ft Richardson)** Enter Ft. Richardson at main gate, just west of National Guard Armory, and they'll give you directions to the lake. You may also have to have an annual base fishing permit—call 907/384-0431 or 907/384-0437. 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. Lake is stocked annually with catchable-sized rainbow trout.

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. *RT, SS, RT, GR, AC*

Chatanika River On the Elliot Hwy. with a campground. *KS, CS, GR, WF, SF, NP, BB*

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

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

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. *GR, 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. *RT, GR, NP, WF, SF, BB*

Twin Bears Lake From Chena Hot Springs Road, turn north on Twin Bear Camp Rd. *GR, RT*

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

Glennallen Area

Gulkana River Mile 147.6 Richardson Highway, turn into **Sourdough Campground**. The campground is accessible with a wide finely-crushed gravel trail leading to the confluence, fishing ramp, trails to outhouses. *KS, RS, GR*

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

Sourdough Creek Mile 147.5 Richardson Highway. The Richardson Highway crosses Sourdough Creek approximately 30 miles downstream from Sourdough Campground. *GR*

Kenai Peninsula Area

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 (mo-**

bility 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. *RT, RS, SS*

****Centennial Park in Soldotna** Mile 95.6 of the Sterling Hwy. Heading south on Sterling Hwy. turn left at the Funny River Road/Kalifornsky Beach Road stop light just past the bridge and Soldotna Visitor's Center. Follow signs and take the next immediate right, about 1/8 mi. 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. *SS, PS, RS, KS, DV*

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. *KS, SS, SH, 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!). *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. *RT, DV*

Engineer Lake At Sterling Hwy. Mi. 58, take Skilak Lake Loop Rd. 11 miles on right, marked with a sign. Flat gravel camping area with steep hill to lake.

Kasilof River/Crooked Creek From Sterling Hwy., go through Soldotna to Coho Loop Rd. on right. Follow signs to drive 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. *RT, DV, SS, KS, SH*

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. *KS, SS*

Kodiak Area

Buskin River State Recreation Site Has ADA fishing platform

Matanuska-Susitna Valley Area

****Eklutna Tailrace (Eklutna Power Plant.)** From MP 29.5 of Glenn Hwy., turn onto Old Glenn Hwy. Use one of two dirt roads on left at MP 3.9 or go to stream crossing at MP 4.1. Fish over railing to tail race, which is stocked with silver salmon. King salmon fishing is prohibited here. *SS, CS, DV*

Finger Lake Located off Bogard Rd. 1/4 mi. west of Trunk Rd. which you can access from either the Parks or the Glenn Hwy. (same location as Mat-Su Valley State Parks Headquarters). Campground, restrooms, dock, gravel launch. *Stocked with RT, AC, GR, LS, & and new pink/king cross. Also has 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 *RS, SS*

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

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, take right onto dirt road, 2 miles to re-vamped LSPUF.. Accessible restrooms, paved parking, and hard-packed gravel trail. The campground and landing are accessible, but lots of action around the landing makes fishing not so good right at the boat launch. Follow hard packed gravel trail upstream. A small boat would be nice here, as the current is not fast. *RT, DV, KS, SS, CS, PS, RS, WF*

****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 of a cove. The trail has numerous smaller trails to the water. This trail is wheelchair-accessible with moderate to great difficulty. Fishing is best along the shore. *Stocked with RT, LS, & AC*

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. *RT, DV, NP*

Sheep Creek Mile 86.3 Parks Hwy. Special handicapped sticker available from ADF&G in Palmer (907/746-6300) will grant those with four-wheel drives access. *RT, GR, KS, SS, CS, PS*

****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". *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, trails. *RT, GR, DV*

Turnagain Arm Area

****Alder Pond (Portage Valley)** Mile 48 of Seward Hwy. Mile 1.5 of the Portage Spur Road, turn right on a gravel side road. The US Forest Service has removed two raised docks on the South side of the pond. They promise to replace them late 1999. *Stocked with RT*

****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 getting crowded with Anchorage fishermen. *PS & SS*

****Ingram Creek** Mile 51.8 of Seward Hwy crosses the creek. Parking lots/turnoffs on either side of the main highway. Small holes to fish.

Keep wheelchairs on the pavement and drop lines down 4' into stream. *PS, CS, SS, DV*

****Resurrection Creek (Hope)** 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 Trail Head bridge or (3.) Go further south to USFS campground and public Gold panning area. Good pink location. *PS, CS, SS, DV*

****Sixmile Creek (Hope Highway)** Mile 70.7 on Seward Hwy. Turn onto Hope Hwy. 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 location. *PS, CS, SS, DV*

****Tangle Pond (Portage Valley)** Mile 48 of the Seward Hwy. Mile 3 of the Portage Spur Rd. Lake is on the north side of the paved road. Turn left into a parking lot. Entire south side of the lake is hard, large diameter gravel. Wheelchairs access is possible with moderate difficulty. *Stocked with RT, LS*

****Willow Pond (Portage valley)** MP 48 of the Seward Hwy. Mile 1.0 of the Portage Spur Rd. 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*

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. *RT & DV*

Uganik Lake Cabin, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (Dolly Varden fishing right in front of the cabin, rainbow trout, red salmon, pink salmon, and silver salmon at the lake outlet). 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.

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

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