

- M.** Near Soldotna Visitor's Center: South bank between river miles 20.9 - 21.0
- N.** Soldotna Creek: North bank from the mouth of Soldotna Creek upstream between river miles 22.0 - 22.1
- O.** Near Soldotna Airport: South bank between river miles 22.7 - 23.5
- P.** South Bank: Between river miles 23.8 - 24.2
- Q.** South Bank/Funny River: Between river miles 26.4 - 30.0
- R.** Near Keystone Drive: North bank from river mile 27.3 (upstream edge of boat ramp at the end of Keystone Driver) to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary at river mile 28.0 (near the powerline)
- S.** Hansen River Ranch: South bank between river miles 31.5 - 32.5
- T.** Caymas Subdivision: North bank between river miles 31.8 - 32.3
- U.** Nilnunqa: South bank between river miles 36.0 - 36.6
- V.** Near Kenai Keys: North bank between ADF&G markers at river miles 44.6
- W.** Thompson's Hole: North bank between river miles 45.8 - 46.3

RIVERBANK CLOSURES ON THE UPPER KENAI RIVER

- X.** Near Jim's Landing: North bank from river mile 69.7 to an ADF&G marker just downstream of the boat launch
- Y.** Russian River Ferry and Sportsman's Landing: North bank upstream of the ferry crossing between river miles 73.5 - 73.6
- Z.** Cooper Landing Boat Launch: South bank near river mile 82.0 from the bridge downstream about 1,000 feet to ADF&G markers

FISH FROM SHORE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 15

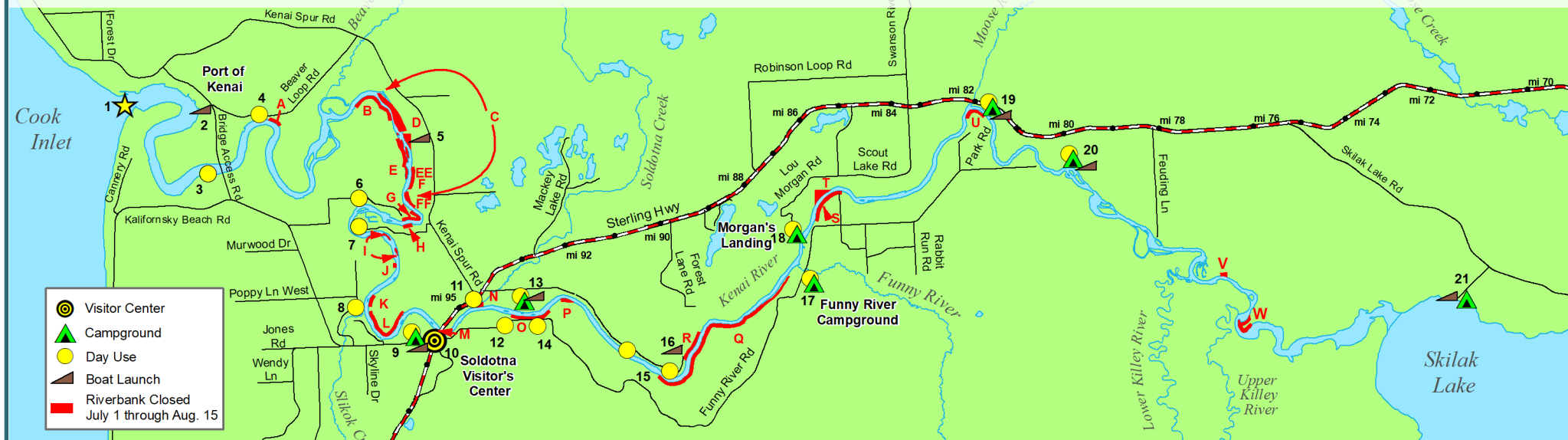
- * **River Mile 0:** Surf cast into the saltwaters at the mouth of the Kenai River.
- * **River Mile 5.0:** Kenai Flats State Recreation Site
- * **River Mile 6.5:** Cunningham Park Boardwalks
- * **River Mile 10.0:** Eagle Rock State Boat Launch
- * **River Mile 15.5:** Ciechanski State Recreation Site
- * **River Mile 19.0:** Slikok Creek State Recreation Site
- * **River Mile 20.5:** Centennial Park Campground
- * **River Mile 21.0:** Soldotna Visitor Center
- * **River Mile 22.0:** Soldotna Creek Park
- * **River Mile 22.0:** Donald E. Gilman River Center
- * **River Mile 23.0:** Swiftwater Campground
- * **River Mile 23.5:** Rotary Park
- * **River Mile 25.75 & 26.75:** Moose Range Meadows
- * **River Mile 30.5:** Funny River State Recreation Site
- * **River Mile 29.5 - 31.0:** Morgan's Landing
- * **River Mile 36.5:** Izaak Walton State Recreation Site
- * **River Mile 39.5:** Bing's Landing State Recreation Site Boardwalks
- * **River Mile 71.0:** Sterling Highway Mile 57 - Pullout Hardened Trails
- * **River Mile 73.5:** South Bank of the Kenai River and the West bank of the Russian River - Russian River Ferry Area and Sportsman's Landing
- * **River Mile 76.0:** East Bank of the Russian River - USFS Russian River Campground
- * **River Mile 79.0:** USFS Cooper Creek Campground

SEASONALLY
CLOSED BANKS
ON THE
KENAI RIVER

JULY 1 - AUGUST 15

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LOWER KENAI RIVER: FROM SKILAK LAKE DOWNSTREAM TO THE MOUTH



The Kenai River supports the largest freshwater sport fishery in Alaska. Although, many anglers fish the Kenai River from boats, a fair amount of anglers fish from shore, especially when sockeye salmon are running. Most people understand healthy river systems are important for strong and healthy salmon populations. However, it is important to ensure that clean, healthy rivers don't stop at the water's edge. In fact, protecting and managing healthy streambanks and adjacent riparian areas are critical components to the overall health of a river system. Vegetation along streambanks helps keep river water clean by filtering out sediment and pollutants from surface and storm runoff, reduces peak flows during rain and runoff events, slows flood waters, stabilizes streambanks from excessive erosion, and helps moderate stream temperatures. Vegetated streambanks also provide food and nutrients to fish and other aquatic organisms, as well as, provides critical habitat for rearing juvenile salmon and trout. Any alteration to the streambank area reduces its ability to carry out these important functions, this includes repeat trampling of the vegetation while trying to get to your favorite fishing spot.

While out on the river, please be respectful and follow any requirements landowners may have. By following the simple steps listed below, you can help maintain important habitat for salmon and be good stewards of the land.

- Use established trails to reach the river.
- Use established entry and exit points to get in and out of the river.
- Respect and abide by signs that close areas to fishing from the bank.
- Stand in the river to fish and don't place your pack or other gear on the vegetation.
- Pack out what you pack in, including discarded fishing line and tackle.
- Use the restroom in the provided facilities.

The Alaska Administrative Code 5 AAC 57.180 directs the Board of Fisheries to consider avoidable impacts to Upper Cook Inlet riparian habitats related to sport fishing. 'Riparian habitat' is defined as all areas within 10 feet in either direction of the waterline. The red areas in this brochure are closed because of their importance in providing critical fish habitat, and/or because these areas are already heavily impacted by riverbank traffic. These areas are closed from July 10 - August 15 to all fishing, except from a boat that is located more than 10 feet from shore and not connected to the shore or any riparian habitat.

The river banks described below are closed to all fishing within 10 feet on either side of the waterline.

RIVERBANK CLOSURES ON THE LOWER KENAI RIVER

- A.** Near Cunningham Park: North bank between river miles 6.6 - 6.8
- B.** Eagle Rock: South bank between river miles 10.7 - 12.0
- C.** State-Owned Islands: Between river miles 11.0 - 15.0 (see D-H below)
- D.** The Pillars Area: North bank between river miles 12.4 - 12.6
- E.** Honeymoon Cove Area: South bank between river miles 12.5 - 13.0
- EE.** Honeymoon Cove: North bank between river miles 13.0 - 13.2
- F.** Near Falling-in-Hole: East bank between river miles 13.2 - 13.5
- FF.** Near Stewart's Landing: North bank between river miles 13.6 - 14.0
- G.** West Bank: Between river miles 14.0 - 14.4
- H.** Near Big Eddy Road: South bank between river miles 14.4 - 14.6
- I.** State-Owned Islands: Between river miles 17.0 - 17.3
- J.** Near Poachers Cover: West bank between river miles 17.5 - 17.6
- K.** North Bank: Between river miles 18.6 - 18.8
- L.** North Bank: Between river miles 18.9 - 20.2