

Bear baiting seasons and requirements

Bear bait stations may be established in certain areas. All bait stations must be registered with ADF&G and all persons who wish to register a bait site must have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic. **Clinics are available in person or online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bearbaiting.main>**

Bait stations may be registered at an ADF&G office 15 days prior to the start of the season. Bait may not be placed at the site until the season is open.

TO REGISTER A BAIT STATION YOU MUST:

ADF&G may prohibit bear baiting in certain areas.

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic.
- Provide ADF&G with a specific description of the location where you will place bait.

You will be given a sign to post at your bear bait site. You may use this sign or make your own, but the sign must clearly identify the site as a “Bear Bait Station” and display:

1. the bear bait site number assigned by ADF&G, and
2. your hunting license number and hunting license numbers of others who hunt over that bait station.

You MAY :	You MAY NOT :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place bait at only 2 bait stations at the same time. Only biodegradable materials may be used for bait. Scent lures may also be used. The skinned carcasses of furbearers, fur animals, unclassified game, and small game (other than birds) may be used as bait. If fish or big game is used, only the head, bones, guts, and skin may be used; however, in Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used for bait. • Other hunters may use, place bait at, or maintain your bait station with your written permission. Written permission must be carried in the field. • In Units 6-7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-17, 19-21, and 24-25, a registered guide may operate up to 10 bait stations at a time in each guide use area they are registered to operate in. A guide contract is required for each hunter. • In Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-21, 23-25, 26B, and 26C, black bears (and brown bears where allowed-see units listed below, but not including 14C remainder, 20D south of the Tanana River, and 25C) may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. This is NOT allowed on National Park Service lands. • In Units 7, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 14C remainder, 15-16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24B, 24C, 24D, 25C, and 25D brown/grizzly bears may be taken at bear bait stations. Hunters must comply with seasons, bag limits, salvage, and sealing requirements for brown/grizzly bears (Registration permits and locking-tags may be required in some areas, contact ADF&G for details). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a bait station within 1 mile of a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> »house (including your own home), »school, »business, »developed recreational facility, »campground, or »permanent dwelling including a seasonally-occupied cabin (including your own). Establishing bait stations within 1 mile of a seasonally occupied cabin is allowed in some areas. <i>(See page 27 for the list of places this is allowed.)</i> • Set up a bait station within one-quarter mile of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> »a publicly maintained road or trail, »the Alaska Railroad, »the Unit 14 shorelines of the Susitna River and Little Susitna River south of the Parks Highway bridge, or »the Unit 7 or 15 shorelines of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake and Skilak Lake), »the Unit 15 shorelines of the Kasilof and Swanson rivers. • Take money, bartered goods, or services from someone who uses your bait station. <i>This does not apply to a registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter or employee of the contracting guide for providing big game hunting services.</i> • Use another’s bait station without their written permission. You must write your hunting license number on the permit at each site you intend to hunt over and written permission must be carried in the field. • Use game cameras that can send messages through wireless communication.

Black bear salvage requirements

= Sealing required, skull must be salvaged = Sealing not required

Units	Jan 1 - May 31 *Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.	June 1 - Dec 31 *Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to salvaged meat or hide.
1-7, 14A, 14C, 15-17, 20B	Meat, Hide*, Skull	Skull AND Meat* or Skull AND Hide*
9-13, 14B, 18-19, 20A, 20C, 20D, 20E, 20F, 21-26	Meat	Meat or Hide

Bowhunters wishing to hunt bears over bait in Units 7 and 14-16 are required to complete an IBEP or equivalent course, and proof of certification must be carried in the field.

All bait, litter, and equipment must be removed from the bait site when hunting is completed. This includes all attractants. In this section, “equipment” means barrels, tree stands, game cameras, and other items associated with a bear bait station. Tree stands may be left in the field year-round with permission of the landowner or such other person authorized to give permission.

Areas Open for Bear Baiting	Dates
Units 1A, 1B, 1C*, 2-3, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C	Apr 15-June 15
Unit 6D*	Apr 15-June 10
Units 1D*, 7*, 9, 11-13*, 14A*, 14B*, 14C remainder*, 15*, 20**, 23, 24A, 25A, 25B, and 25C	Apr 15-June 30
Unit 16*	July 1-Oct 15 Apr 15-June 30
Unit 17	Apr 15-May 31
Unit 18	Apr 1-June 30
Units 19, 21A, and 21E	Aug 1-Oct 31 Apr 15-June 30
Units 21B, 21C, 21D, 24B, 24C, 24D, and 25D	Aug 1-Sept 30 Apr 15-June 30

***Bait MAY NOT be used and bait stations MAY NOT be registered in the following areas:**

- Unit 1C, those portions within the City and Borough of Juneau.
- Unit 1D, that portion of the Chilkat Peninsula south of the Haines Hwy and within 1 mile of the Haines Hwy, Lutak Road, the Porcupine Mine road to the confluence of the Porcupine and Klehini rivers, and the Chilkat Lake road from the Porcupine Bridge to Chilkat Landing on the Tsirku River.
- Unit 6D, Blackstone Bay and Harriman Fiord.
- Unit 7, Resurrection Creek and tributaries and within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake).
- Unit 13, within one-quarter mile of the Alyeska pipeline and pipeline access road from mile 75 of the Richardson Hwy (where the pipeline crosses the Tonsina River) north to the unit boundary at mile 227 of the Richardson Hwy (Black Rapids).
- Units 14A, 14B within one-quarter mile of the shorelines of the Susitna River, and Little Susitna River south of the Parks Hwy Bridge.
- Unit 14C remainder, the Glacier Creek drainage outside of Chugach State Park.
- Unit 15, within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River (including Skilak Lake), Kasilof River, and Swanson River.
- Units 13E and 16A in Denali State Park.

**Chena River State Recreation Area: additional hunting, shooting, and off-road vehicle use restrictions apply. Call DNR at (907) 451-2695 for specific information.

Bait MAY be used within 1 mile of seasonally occupied cabins, provided the cabin is on the opposite side of the river from the bait site, in the following areas:

- 11 and 13, the Copper River north of Miles Lake.
- 16, the Beluga, Susitna, and McArthur rivers, the Deshka River (Kroto Creek) below its confluence with Trapper Creek, the Yentna River below its confluence with the Skwentna River, and Alexander Creek.
- 12, 20, 21, and 25, the Tanana and Yukon Rivers
- Unit 19, the Kuskokwim River
- Unit 25, the Porcupine River

It is legal to take a wolf at a bear bait station during an open wolf hunting season, provided the hunter has a hunting license, and the following are not present at the bait site: chemicals, scent lures, human food, animal food, mineral supplements, or garbage. In addition, if game parts are used as bait, only those parts not required to be salvaged may be used. (See page 26 for game that may be used as bear bait.)