Kenai-Russian River Confluence

WELCOME
to the Kenai and Russian Rivers!
The Kenai-Russian River Confluence lies 110 miles south of Anchorage and 40 miles east of Soldotna, surrounded by the Chugach National Forest and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. This unique area combines world-class fishing opportunities, important cultural heritage sites, and spectacular scenery.

Each year, over 150,000 people visit the Russian River Campground, Ferry Access Site, Sportsman’s Boat Launch, Russian River Falls, Russian Lakes Trail and K’Beq’ Cultural Site.
The Dena’ina people have lived in this region, known as Sqilamtnu (Ridge Place River), for thousands of years. It remains an important site for present-day Alaskans.

Whether your visit includes connecting with your culture, nature, or harvesting food, we hope you enjoy your stay, and join us in respecting the cultural and natural resources. Chiqni’k (Thank you)!

Tips for Catch & Release

• If you’re planning to release a fish, keep it underwater at all times—this increases its chance of survival and reproduction. If you want a photo, keep the fish out of the water for less than 10 seconds.
• Using barbless hooks and a rubber net makes it easier to release fish.

Treat Your Catch with Care

Salmon is one of the most nutritious foods in the world. By taking excellent care of your fish, you can look forward to many delicious meals.

For Campers

• Keep a clean camp. Store all attractants in bear resistant containers or your vehicle.

 failures to comply with these regulations is subject to citation. 50 CFR 36.39(j) (5) & (11) and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and 36 CFR 261.10 (d).

For Questions or More Information about the Kenai-Russian River Confluence, please contact:

Chugach National Forest, Seward Ranger District
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Overview Map
Kenai-Russian River Confluence Map

LEGEND
- Russian River Ferry
- Boat Launch
- Fish Cleaning Stations
- Fish Weir
- Cabin
- Campsite
- Waterfall
- Visitor Information
- Fee Collection
- Chugach National Forest
- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
- State of Alaska
- Cook Inlet Region Inc.
- Private Land
- Parking Lot
- Restroom
- Sterling Highway
- Paved Road
- Trail
- Angler's Trail
- Powerline
- River Access Points

REGULATIONS IN EFFECT
- USFWS Weapons Discharge, Food Storage, and Retained Fish Regulations—50 CFR 36.39(i)(5) & (11). Attractants, including coolers and backpacks, must be within 3 ft. of you. Retained fish must be within 12 ft. of you. Overnight camping and campfires prohibited except in designated areas. Discharge of firearms prohibited except in defense of life and property. Pets must be leashed.
- Forest Service Food Storage Order for Developed Rec Sites—36 CFR 201.58. All attractants, including food and refuse, must be properly stored. See order for more information.
- Forest Service Food Storage Order for Russian River and Angler Trail—36 CFR 261.50(a). Attractants, including coolers and backpacks, must be within 3 ft. of you. Retained fish must be within 12 ft. of you. Pets must be leashed.
- ADF&G Kenai & Russian Rivers Confluence Sanctuary. Closed to all fishing from May 1st thru July 14th. From July 15th thru August 20th these waters are fly fishing only. See Sport Fishing Regulations for complete information. See Emergency Orders and News Releases for any early openings.
- ADF&G Russian River Hunting Closure. Closed to hunting in June and July. See applicable Game Management Units 7 & 15 hunting regulations for more information. (Area not shown above, area shown on overview map on other side of flyer)

SPORT FISHING IN EFFECT
- Sport fishing in the Kenai and Russian Rivers is managed by the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Anglers are required to have a State of Alaska fishing license and obey all regulations and emergency orders. Information can be obtained online at www.adfg.alaska.gov.