



Interior Alaska's Natural Hot Springs

Not all of Alaska is ice and snow! There are over 100 hot springs in the state. Many are inaccessible, but are important still geothermal resources.

What are Hot Springs?

Hot springs are the result of water that has seeped down through a fracture in the bedrock. Deep inside the Earth the water is heated and returns to the surface through holes in the rocks.

Where Can I Go to Experience a Hot Spring?

There are a few hot springs in interior Alaska that you can experience on your own. Access is either by road or trail, or undeveloped route. In some cases access is limited to winter travel.

While planning your hot springs adventure, keep in mind that some of these places are remote and undeveloped. Map and compass skills, as well as backcountry skills are essential for your safety. Keep in mind there is the potential for bear encounters. Prepare ahead of time by learning bear safety techniques. Always remember to pack out what you pack in. Adventurers preceding you won't want any evidence of your visit.

Chena Hot Springs

Year round access

Mile 58 Chena Hot Springs Road

There is a developed facility with lodging and camping facilities. In the winter the northern lights may be seen by the comfort of the large outdoor pool. During the summer the pools are open until midnight. Fees are charged. Call (907) 451-8104 or toll-free 1-800-478-4681 for more information.

Manley Hot Springs

Year round access

Mile 151.2 on the Elliot Highway

A semi-developed facility with no immediate accommodations although the village has one hotel and a bed and breakfast. Visitors can enjoy the hot springs for a small fee. Call (907) 672-3161 for more information or to make a reservation.

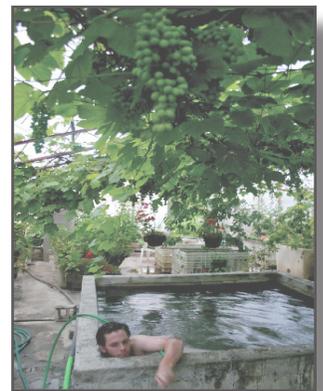


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Hutlinana Hot Springs

Winter Access

Access is from the Hutlinana Creek bridge at mile 103 on the Elliot Highway. There is a small parking area near the bridge. The trail is not well marked so a good map and compass skills are essential for finding the hot springs. Beaver activity may have effected the flow of the river. Call (907) 456-0527 for more information.

Topographical maps you'll need for Hutlinana hot springs:

Livengood A-6
Tanana A-1



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Tolovana Hot Springs

Winter Access

Mile 93 on the Elliot Highway

There is no road access to this area. The trail to the hot springs is primarily a winter trail. The trail may not be well marked in spots, and poor visibility is possible so map and compass skills are essential for finding your way. Two cabins are available for use. Reservations are required for use of the cabins and hot springs. Call (907) 455-6706 for more information.



Topographical maps can be purchased at the map office at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Maps you will need for Tolovana Hot Springs:

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Livengood B-5

Kanuti Hot Springs

Winter Access

Mile 103 on the Dalton Highway, non-motorized 12 miles in straight line.

The hot springs are very remote, good map and compass skills are essential for finding your way on the undeveloped route. Park next to Kanuti River and avoid blocking Pipeline Gate. Call (907) 459-3730 for more information.

Topographical maps you'll need for Kanuti hot springs:

Bettles B-2

Topographical maps may be purchased at either the Alaska Public Lands Information Center or the University of Alaska Fairbanks Map Office in the Geophysical Institute.

For more information on Alaska's hot springs, contact the following agency:

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