



# Tips on Planning Your Trip to Alaska

## What do We Offer?

The Alaska Public Lands Information Center provides information on outdoor recreation opportunities in Alaska's state and national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and recreation areas. The Center is a great resource if you need assistance in planning camping, hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, river trips or other outdoor recreation activities.

If your travel plans include Fairbanks, please visit the Alaska Public Lands Information Center located in the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center.

## Have You Found a Good Travel Guide?

For your travels to Alaska we suggest that you purchase a good travel guide. Check the travel section of your local library or bookstore. Several titles are available from Alaska Geographic. Visit them online at [www.alaskageographic.org](http://www.alaskageographic.org) or call 1-866-AK-PARKS.

## When Should We Visit?

Winters are long and summers are short in Alaska. When planning your visit, keep in mind that most visitor services and facilities, including campgrounds, are open from late May to early September. Services before and after this season are extremely limited and many public and private facilities may be closed.

On the other hand, many unique festivals and events take place during the winter months. Views of the *aurora borealis* (northern lights), sled dog racing and touring, downhill and cross-country skiing, winter carnivals, ice-carving competitions, and the Festival of Native Arts occur during the winter months.

## When is the Best Weather?

Summer weather is highly variable and can range from cool and rainy in coastal areas to hot and dry in the Interior. In late August and early September you should be prepared for cool weather and rain. Snow is possible any month of the year in arctic and mountainous areas.



*Always be prepared for rapidly changing conditions, no matter the season!*

## What About Insects?

Mosquitoes are most numerous in June and July, and are followed in August and September by biting flies and gnats. You will need insect repellent. If you are sensitive to bees or wasps, be sure to bring appropriate medication.

# Where Can You Get More Information?

Please visit our website at: [www.alaskacenters.gov](http://www.alaskacenters.gov)

For more information about visiting Alaska's Public Lands please do not hesitate to contact us:

*Alaska Public Lands Information Centers (APLIC) are located in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Tok, and Ketchikan. For information on public land recreation in these regions contact them at:*

## **FAIRBANKS** (Interior Alaska)

101 Dunkel St., Suite 110  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
Phone: (907) 459-3730

## **ANCHORAGE** (Southcentral Alaska)

605 West 4th Ave, Suite 105  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Phone: (907) 271-2737  
1-866-869-6887

## **TOK** (Alaska Highway)

P.O. Box 359  
Tok, Alaska 99780  
Phone: (907) 883-5667

## **KETCHIKAN** (Southeast Alaska)

50 Main Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
Phone: (907) 228-6234

*For more information on statewide visitor attractions, accommodations, services, guides, and outfitters contact the Alaska Travel Industry Association for a free copy of the "Official Alaska State Vacation Planner" at [www.travelalaska.com](http://www.travelalaska.com).*

*For more information on Fairbanks area visitor attractions, accommodations, and services:*

## **Fairbanks Convention & Visitors Bureau**

101 Dunkel St., Suite 111  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
Phone: toll-free 1-800-327-5774  
Website: [www.explorefairbanks.com](http://www.explorefairbanks.com)  
Email: [info@explorefairbanks.com](mailto:info@explorefairbanks.com)

*For information on Anchorage area visitor attractions, accommodations and services:*

## **Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau**

524 West Fourth Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2212  
Phone: (907) 276-4118  
Website: [www.anchorage.net](http://www.anchorage.net)  
Email: [info@anchorage.net](mailto:info@anchorage.net)

