

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

Welcome to Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR) Headquarters!

We are happy you're here and hope you get to see more of the nearly 2-million acres that the KNWR conserves across the Kodiak Archipelago.

However, please be mindful that the Buskin River Area is **not refuge lands**, but rather a mixture of state, tribal, and U.S. Coast Guard properties.

Please respect the land, wildlife, and your fellow visitors as you enjoy this shared trail system, its rivers, beaches, and forests. Enjoy the outdoors and leave no trace!



Brown Bear Cub Playing with Cow parsnip or Pushki (Photo Courtesy of Lisa Hupp/USFWS)

For information, questions, or feedback regarding:

Buskin Picnic Areas/Campground:

Parks and Outdoor Recreation (907)-486-6339

Kodiak Refuge Information:

KNWR Visitor Center (907)-487-2626

Fishing Regulations:

AK Department of Fish & Game (907)-486-1825

How to "Leave No Trace":

- **Know Before You Go:** Be prepared for your trip. Pro-tip: carry rain gear, bear spray, and water.
- **Choose the Right Path:** Stay on established trails and respect private property.
- **Trash Your Trash:** Pack it out!
- **Leave What You Find:** Leave plants, animals, and geologic material behind for others to enjoy.
- **Be Careful with Fire:** Fires are prohibited outside of camp infrastructure (grills/fire rings).
- **Respect Wildlife:** Admire from a distance. Never approach or feed wildlife. Be bear aware!
- **Be Kind to Other Visitors:** Share the trail and be courteous. Remember: We walk in each other's footsteps!



Golden-crowned Sparrow resting in Cow parsnip or Pushki (Photo Courtesy of Robin Corcoran/USFWS)

Recreation Opportunities at Buskin:

- Hiking
- Fishing
- Wildlife Observation
- Plant Identification
- Geocaching
- Beachcombing
- Picnicking
- Camping

Emergency Contact Info:

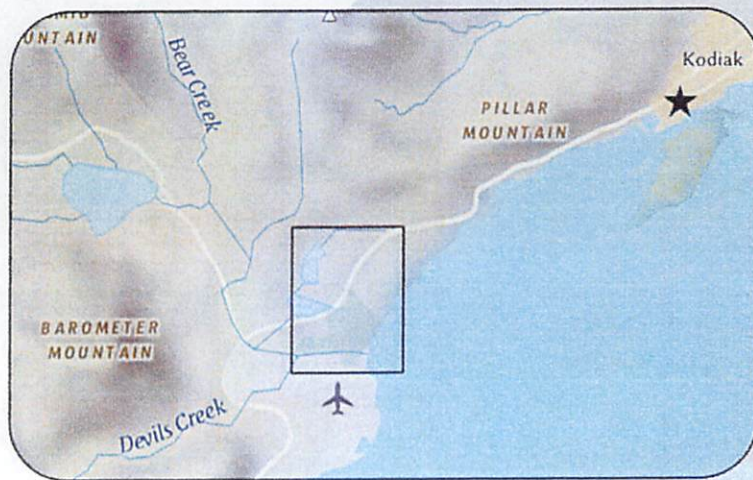
For Emergencies, Please Contact 911

Alaska State Troopers | (907) 486-4121

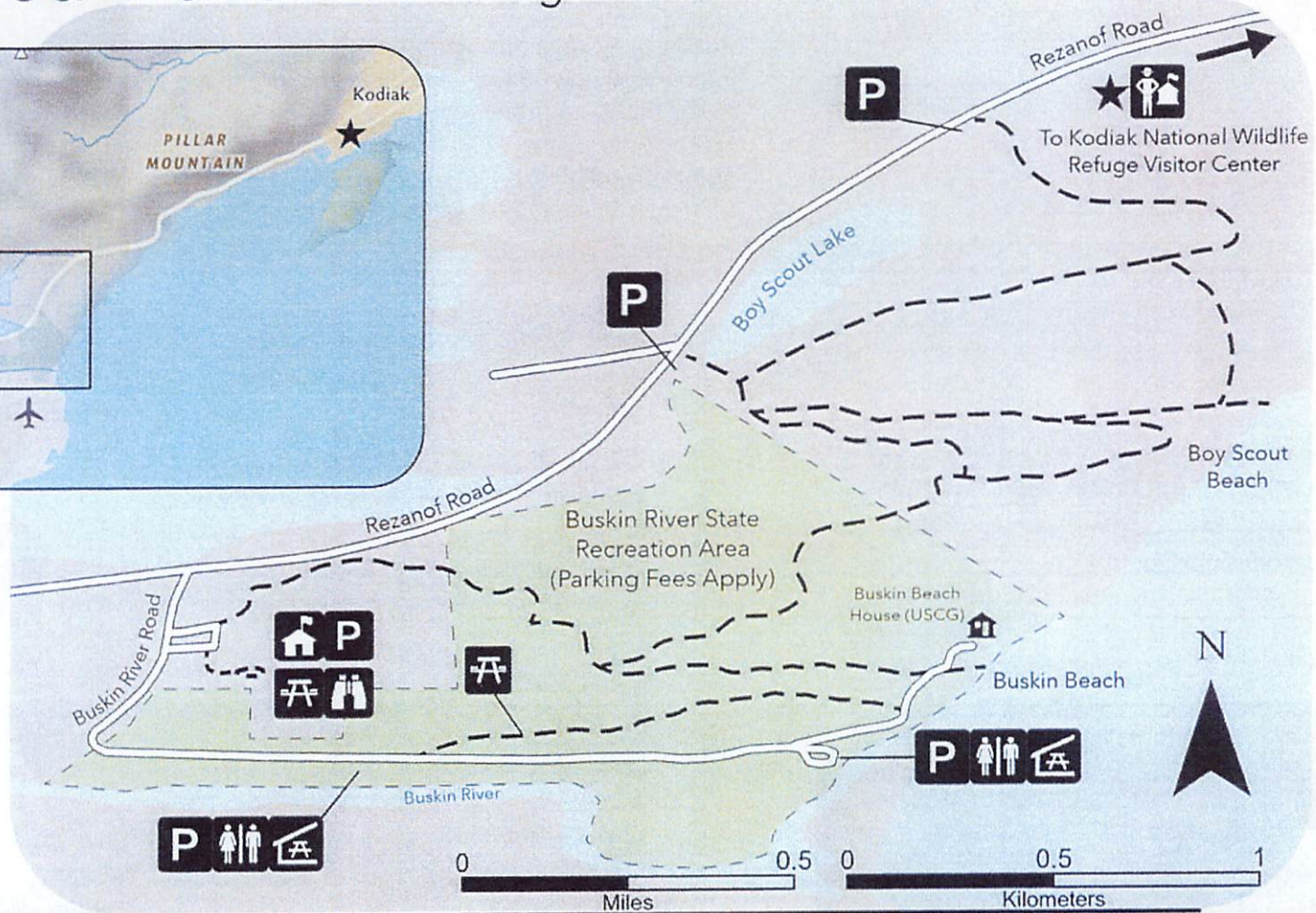
US Coast Guard Police | (907)-487-5555



Buskin Area Trails *Kodiak Refuge Reference Guide*



- P** Parking
-  Kodiak Refuge Administration Office
-  Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center
-  Observation Deck
-  Picnic Area
-  Covered Picnic Area
-  Restroom



Remember: You are in Kodiak brown bear country!

It is very common for bears to use the trails throughout Kodiak Island. In the summer and fall seasons, when salmon are migrating upstream and berries are abundant, bears are busy eating to store fat in preparation for winter.

The best prevention is to not surprise a bear

Practice Bear Safety:

- Stay alert
- Make noise
- Travel in groups
- Carry and know how to use bear spray

