

Park Regulations



Off-Road Vehicle Use: The beach is the only corridor formally approved for ORV use. ORV's damage wildlife habitat and discourage some wildlife from using the area. All lodges have agreed to minimize ORV use, employing trailers for visitor transports to Silver Salmon Creek to reduce the passage of vehicles. While other trails do exist, we politely discourage their use except where no other practical alternative is available.

When fishing at the creek please park ORV's at the end of the beach trail adjacent to the creek crossing and access the creek on foot. It is disruptive to bears and other visitors to ride up to the edge and along the creek.

Firearms: The carriage of firearms for self protection is allowed in Lake Clark National Park. However, hunting is not permitted within the National Park boundaries.

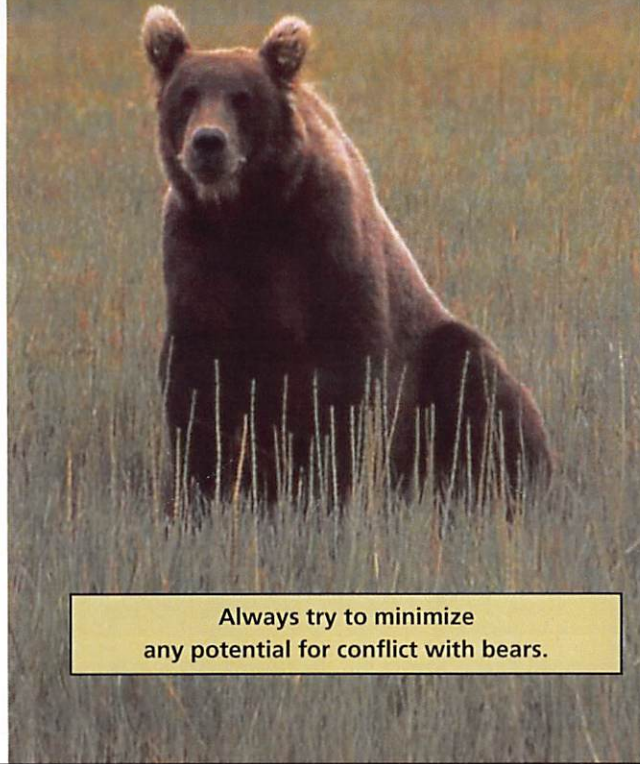
Defense of Life or Property: State law allows a person to defend themselves and their property from a wild animal; however, the law expressly prohibits killing an animal to protect legally taken fish or game. We ask that you conduct yourself in a manner that minimizes any potential conflict with bears.

Sanitation: Human waste should either be removed as trash or deposited in cat-holes dug at least 100 ft. from any surface freshwater source and at least 6 inches deep. Toilet paper should be removed as trash.

Pets: Pets should be kept on a leash or under your immediate control at all times.

Questions?

Please contact the ranger at Silver Salmon Creek, or the Lake Clark National Park Field Headquarters in Port Alsworth: 907-781-2218.



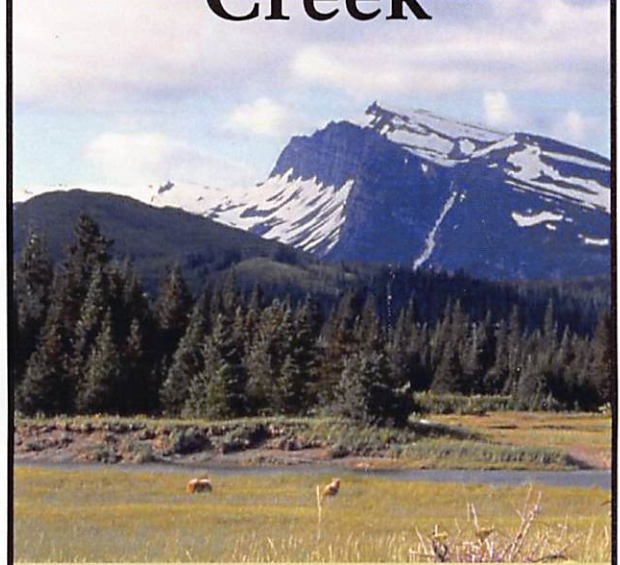
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Lake Clark National Park

Silver Salmon Creek



Welcome to Lake Clark National Park.

The following guidelines have been established to provide for your safety; to allow bears to naturally use this site for feeding and other activities; and to ensure the continued opportunities for wildlife watching and sport fishing.

Enjoy your visit!

Bear Safety

Be Bear Aware.

- Reduce chances of surprise encounters; stay alert, be visible, and make noise in areas of low visibility.
- Give bears room to pass. NEVER RUN from a bear.
- Respond appropriately to aggressive or curious bear encounters. If a bear begins to challenge you after you have attempted to give it the right-of-way, you should assert yourself by holding your ground, raise your arms and wave them above your head to appear bigger, and speak to the bear in a calm voice. *It is important that bears (especially sub-adult bears) do not learn to push people around.*
- Please keep all fishing gear and backpacks immediately with you.

Minimize disturbance of bears.

Bears depend on fish and other food sources at Silver Salmon Creek for their survival. All efforts should be made to reduce disruptions of the bears' behavior or habitat.

- Respect a bear's space.
- Never closely approach, crowd, pursue or displace bears. You shouldn't interfere with a bear's movement or behavior.
- While viewing bears, stay in groups and minimize noise and movement.

Prevent bears from getting food.

All food, food containers, garbage and harvested fish must be stored in a bear-resistant container, or secured— within a locked building; within a lockable hard-sided section of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft; or by caching a minimum of 100 ft. from camp and suspended at least 10 ft. above the ground. This DOES NOT apply to food that is being consumed, transported, or prepared for consumption.

The intent of these requirements is to prevent bears and other habituated wildlife from obtaining food and garbage and becoming food-conditioned, and to protect you and the park wildlife.



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Fishing

in Bear Country



Don't teach bears that anglers can provide an easy meal!

Splashing fish attracts bears.

- If a bear is near enough to notice a fish splashing—STOP FISHING!
- If the bear approaches while you have a fish on the line, give it slack or cut the line to eliminate splashing.

Secure your catch in a bear-resistant container.

Fish remains attract bears.

Clean your fish at the ocean beach and cast all remains into the ocean.

Allow bears access to the creek.

Fish are a critical food source for bears; give them plenty of time and room to fish.

Abide by all State of Alaska fishing regulations.