



## Welcome to Silver Salmon Creek.

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 viewing and sport fishing. Enjoy your visit!

## Bear Safety

### 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 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.



### Be Bear Aware.

- Reduce the 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 serious 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. Don't leave any gear unattended.

### 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 wildlife from obtaining food and garbage and becoming food-conditioned, and to protect you and the park wildlife.



## 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 a 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.

A few containers are available from the ranger station.

#### 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.



## 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. 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 and 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 and 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.