

Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge

Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge is a dynamic landscape of forests, wetlands, tundra, lakes, mountains, and glacial rivers bounded by the snowy peaks of the Alaska Range. This Upper Tanana River Valley, called the "Tetlin Passage," serves as a major migratory route for over 186 bird species traveling to and from Canada, the lower 48 and both Central and South America. Many of these birds breed and nest on the refuge. Others pass through on their way to breeding and nesting grounds elsewhere in the state. The Refuge also supports a variety of large mammals, including dall sheep, moose, wolves, grizzly, black bears and caribou. Due to its abundance of wetland and river habitat, canoes, rafts, and small motor boats are the "vehicles of choice" on Tetlin's numerous waterways.

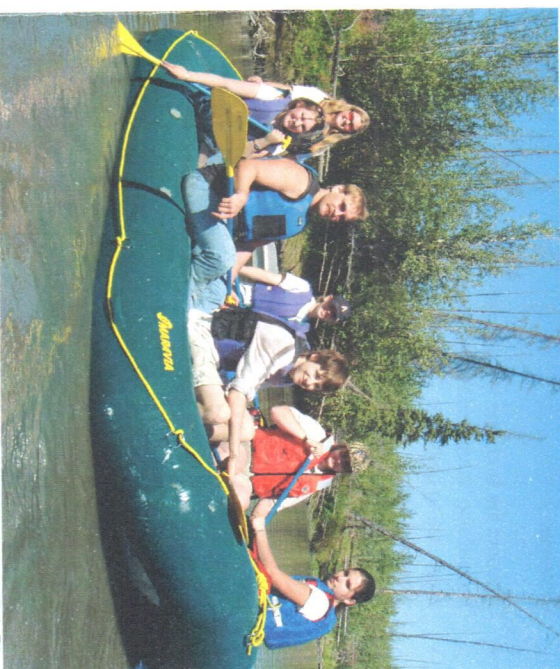


Desper Lake

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A Guide to Canoeing and Rafting in the Upper Tanana Valley



Tok River



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Planning for Your Trip

- Make sure you have the proper gear, including extra paddles, life jackets, and adequate clothing.
- Temperatures and weather can change quickly, so be prepared.
- Get maps of the area you're traveling.
- Don't travel on rivers by yourself.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Do not bury trash - bring it out with you.
- Respect the wildlife! If you're quiet you may see moose, bear, and many other critters. Keep your distance.
- Respect the land, and the people! Signs that say "no trespassing" mean "don't stop here." Camp in durable areas, using Leave No Trace techniques found at: www.lnt.org
- Check water levels. Water levels can change drastically overnight, so always tie your boats and camp well above the high water mark. Good weather in your particular location does not guarantee stable water levels. Rain in the headwaters can lead to significant fluctuations far downstream and change the characteristics of rapids. To check current water levels, go to: <http://aprfc.arh.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/ahps.cgi?patg> or call 907-458-3700. For weather forecasts, see <http://patg.arh.noaa.gov> or call 1-800-472-0391.

Desper and Scottie Creeks

Small, clear, slow moving streams with Alaska Hwy access at mileposts 1223 and 1225, up to 17 miles long. Day or overnight trips possible. Flows into the Chisana 50 miles above Northway.

Chisana River

Large, fast, glacier fed river with no rapids below Scottie Creek, up to 55 miles long. Good 4-6 day (70 mi) trip if started on Desper Creek. Boat launch off Alaska Hwy at milepost 1246, to access Tanana River (see below) or motor upstream.

Nabesna River

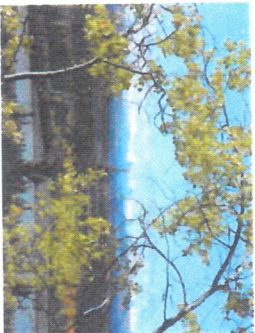
Large, fast, glacier fed river, with class II rapids, up to 70 miles long. Difficult access by aircraft or hiking 4 miles from Nabesna Road.



Tanana River



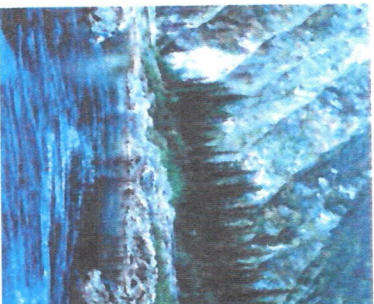
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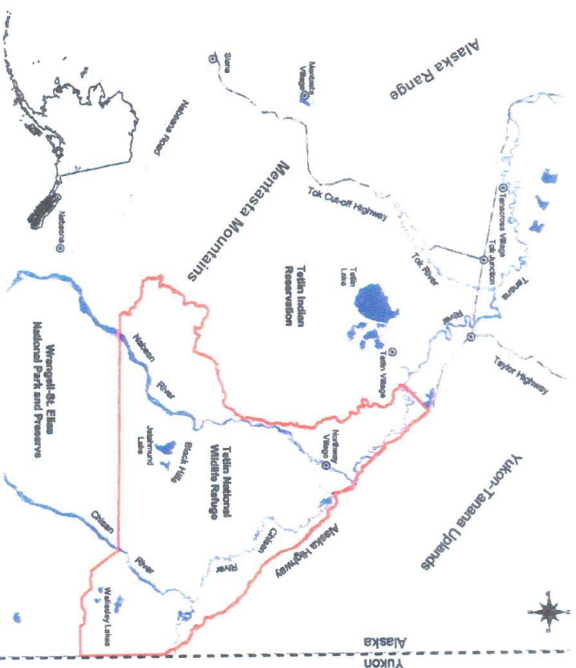


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Fortymile River

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Tanana River

Large, glacier fed river with no rapids, 150 miles or more. Various overnight or multi-day trips. Boat launches at mileposts 1264, 1303, and 1323 (Tanacross) Alaska Hwy.

Fortymile River

Located north of Tok along the Taylor Highway. Clear water, multiple access points, with class II rapids, up to 120 miles long. Multiple 2-4 day stretches. For maps and more detailed info, contact BLM office at (907)-474-2200

Tok River

Narrow, fast, glacier fed river, up to 65 miles long. Upper river has several access points—mile 104 and mile 98 on Glenn Hwy for overnight trips. Day trip from Tok River Campground, milepost 1309 Alaska Hwy to River Road.

Deadman Lake

Access at Deadman Lake Campground, milepost 1249 Alaska Hwy. Swimming, dock and boat ramp available.

Moon Lake

Access at Moon Lake Campground, milepost 1331 Alaska Hwy. Boat ramp, swimming, and picnicking available.

Yarger Lake

Access at Lakeview Campground, milepost 1256 Alaska Hwy. No boat ramp available.

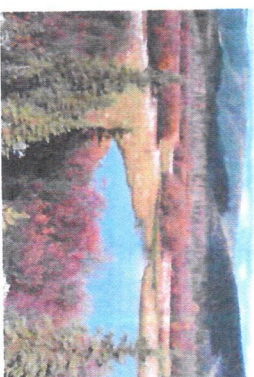
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Office Hours

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Enjoy your trip!!!!



Scottie Creek

