

## Matanuska River Park Trail System

Non-motorized year-round trail system

<b>Trail surface:</b>	Dirt and gravel surface, 2' - 4' wide
<b>Length:</b>	1.6 miles (2.5 kilometers)
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Easy to moderate
<b>Activity:</b>	Summer – hiking Winter – cross-country skiing, skijoring, snowshoeing
<b>Trailhead:</b>	Large parking area; public toilet facilities; picnic tables
<b>Nearest town:</b>	Palmer
<b>Manager:</b>	MSB Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division (Phone 745-9690)
<b>Volunteer Trail Care Crew:</b>	vacant

### **How to get there**

Access to the Matanuska River Park Trail System is from the Old Glenn Highway in Palmer. From downtown Palmer travel east on the Old Glenn Highway. About a mile out of town turn left to the entrance of the park.

### **General description**

Matanuska River Park has approximately 1.6 miles (2.5 kilometers) of trails which form a loop from the parking areas to the river and then back. The trails connect the campground, day use area and athletic fields to the riverside. Most of the trail network traverses gentle terrain through an old growth forest of cottonwood, birch and spruce. The park itself sits along an old river bottom bench with small ponds and streams that provide habitat for many small animals and water birds. The trails also provide access to the river, where one can wander along the gravel bars and

enjoy the views of the Matanuska River valley and the Chugach Mountain range to the east.

### **Trail uses**

The Matanuska River Park Trail System is maintained by the MSB Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division for year round non-motorized use, hiking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter. When snow cover is sufficient, the park roads are groomed for skate and track skiing. The restroom in the lower campground loop is open for winter use. The actual trail system is not groomed in winter due to its narrow width and low hanging branches, so the trails provides a perfect place to snowshoe.

### **\* Take note**

Dogs must be on leash and under your control at all times.

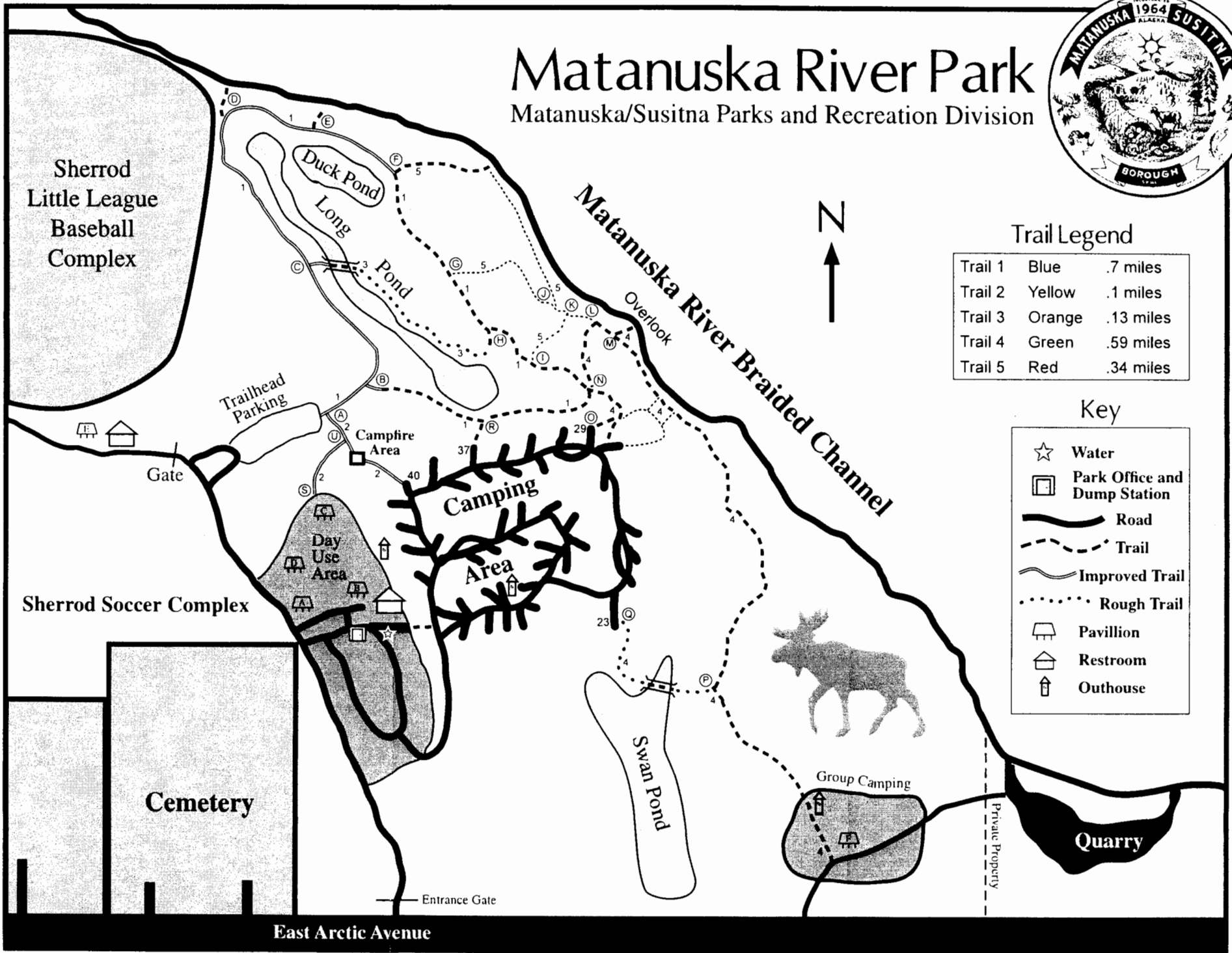
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Matanuska/Susitna Parks and Recreation Division



## Trail Legend

Trail 1	Blue	.7 miles
Trail 2	Yellow	.1 miles
Trail 3	Orange	.13 miles
Trail 4	Green	.59 miles
Trail 5	Red	.34 miles

## Key

	Water
	Park Office and Dump Station
	Road
	Trail
	Improved Trail
	Rough Trail
	Pavillion
	Restroom
	Outhouse



Private Property

East Arctic Avenue