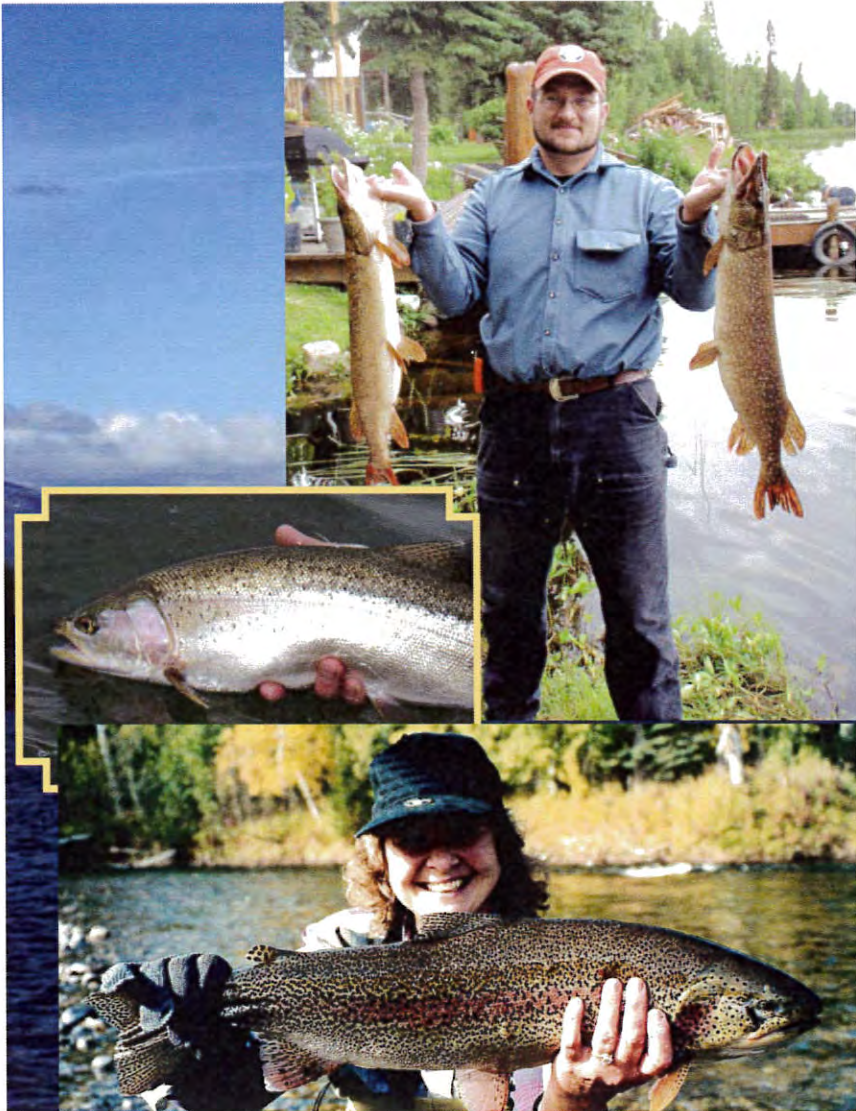


Matanuska-Susitna Borough

The Stillwater Fishing Capital
of Alaska





The bite is on! Welcome to the Stillwater Fishing Capital of Alaska. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough holds an impressive concentration of quality waters and diversity of species.

There are over 80 lakes—wild and stocked—all within an hour's drive. Within six minutes you can hop to new lakes and catch a different experience: semi-remote lakes, hike-in lakes, drive-to lakes. Rainbow trout, arctic char, grayling, and land-locked Coho are swimming around here getting as big as the lakes will let them.

Fish are on, often on the first cast. There are no crowds, yet. Some river fisherfolk here have headed to the lakes and not looked back.

Recently, world flyfishing expert Philip Rowley produced two TV shows, dubbing the Mat-Su the Stillwater Fishing Capital of Alaska. Rowley, whose *The New Fly Fisher* reaches 90 million households, said he was impressed with these productive lakes because they are located so close together and their bounty is mostly unnoticed.

Join us in the adventure and tranquility. From your canoe, float tube (highly recommended) or shoreline, the world will fall away. And you'll focus solely on what's tugging your line.

Enjoy.

John Duffy
Borough Manager

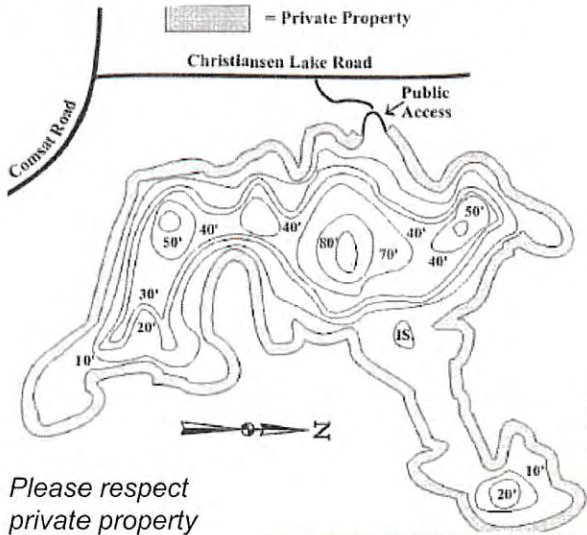
The number next to the lake name corresponds with the AK Fish & Game map located on page 17. Not all 80 lakes are depicted in this booklet.



Christiansen Lake (#3)

Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 12 miles to Comsat Rd. Right on Comsat Rd. 0.8 mile to Christiansen Lake Rd. Left on Christiansen Lake Rd. 0.7 mile, then right on Bottner Rd. 0.1 mile to Christiansen Lake Park and undeveloped boat launch, picnic sites, 3 pavilions, open 8 am.- 10 pm summer only. Personal watercraft prohibited, 15 HP limit, quiet hours 10p-8a Sun.-Sat.

Good population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon; and a good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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Y Lake (#4)



Access via X Lake.

Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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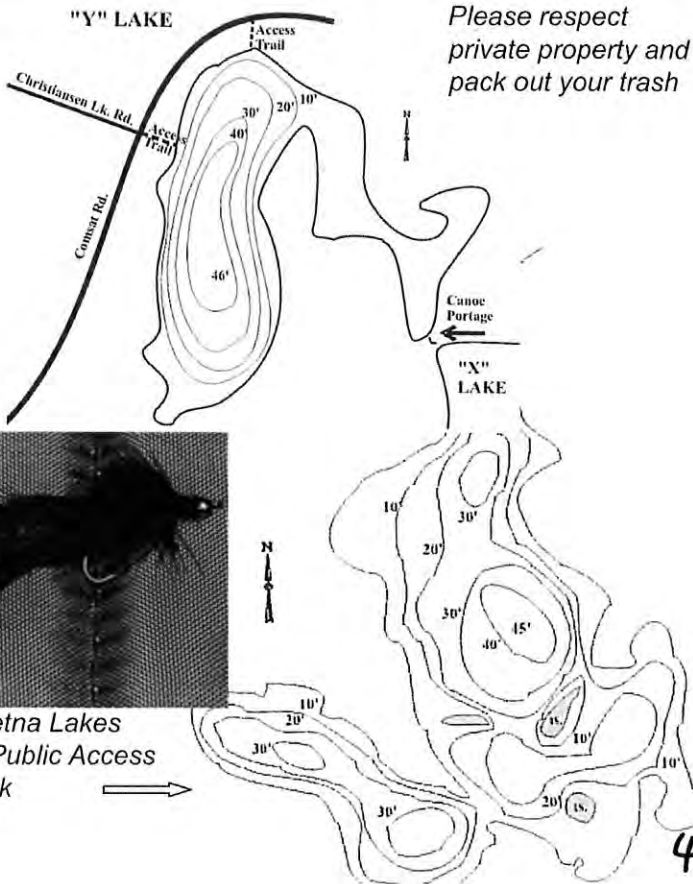


X Lake (#5)



Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 12 miles to Comsat Rd. Right on Comsat Rd. 0.1 mile. Right (Gate) to Talkeetna Lake & Park. Small access road for off-loading small boats and canoe dock. Park in parking lot by road. Park open 8am-10pm. Check fishing regulations.

Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



Talkeetna Lakes
Park Public Access
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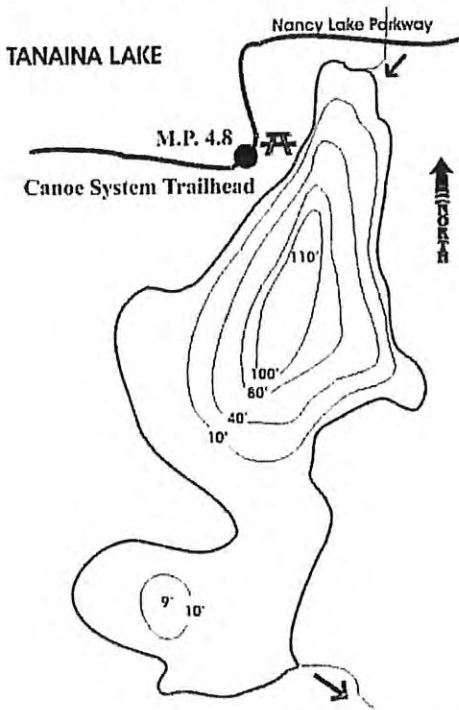
Willow & Nancy Lakes Areas

Tanaina Lake (#17)



Located in Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 4.8 miles to Nancy Lake Canoe System trail head with picnic tables and toilet facilities. State LMP: non-motorized craft only.

Fair population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a population of northern pike.



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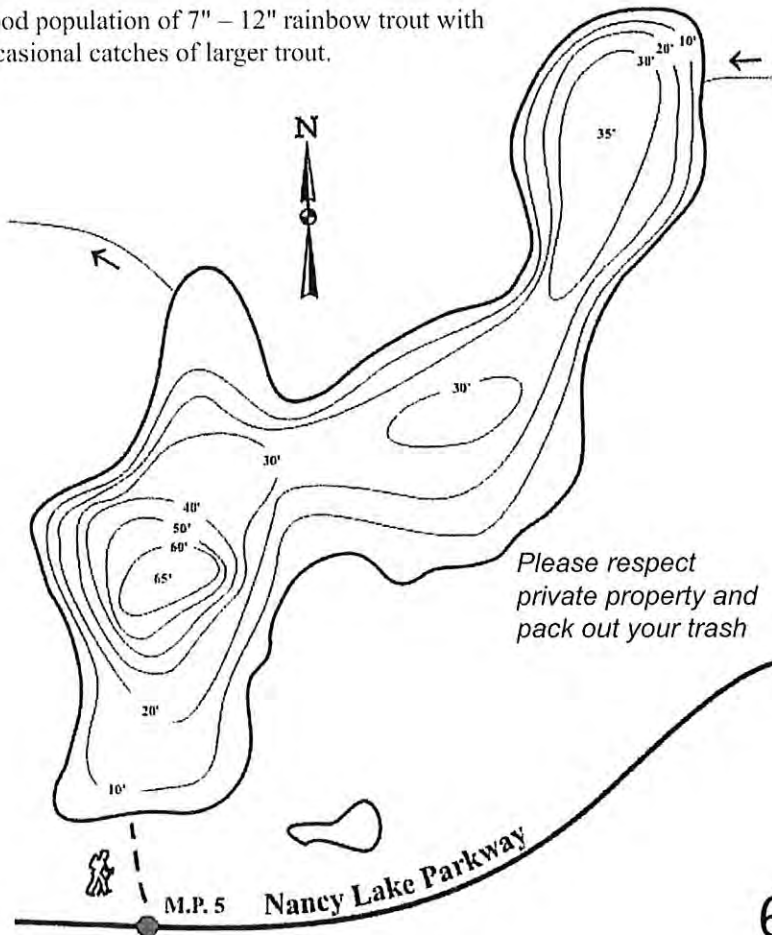
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Rhein Lake (#18)



Located in Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 5 miles to pullout on right side of road. 0.2 miles on trail to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" – 12" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.

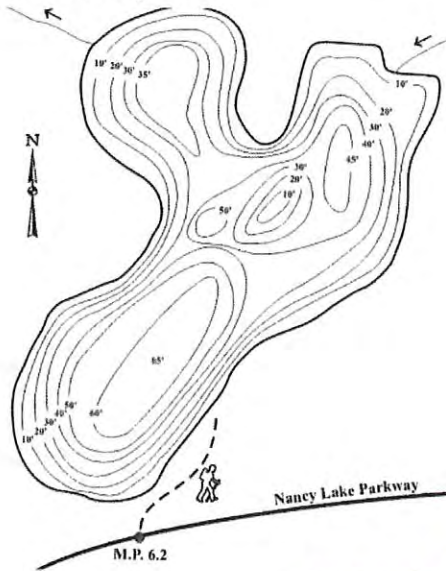


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North Rolly Lake (#19)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 6.2 miles to pullout and trail on right side of road. 0.3 miles to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" – 12" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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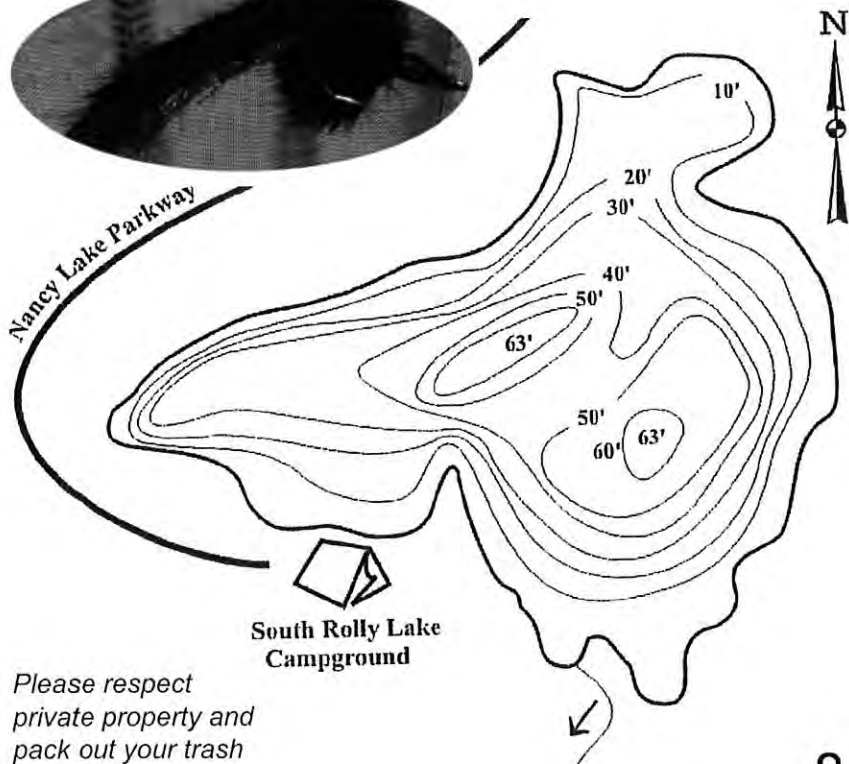
South Rolly Lake



(#20)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 6.6 miles to 96 site campground (fee) with 12 picnic tables, toilet facilities, canoe rentals (privately-run) and undeveloped boat launch. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 8" - 12" rainbow trout; and a population of northern pike.



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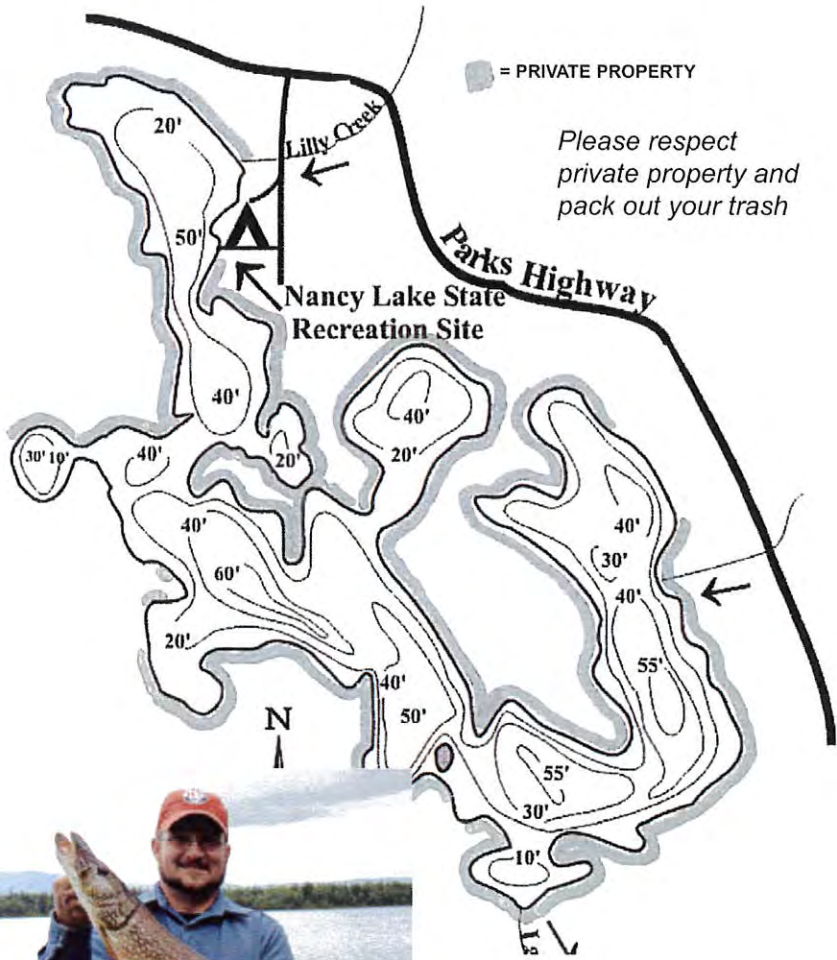
Willow & Nancy Lakes Areas

Nancy Lake (#24) (a wild lake)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Nancy Lake State Recreation Site. Mile 66.6 of the Parks Hwy., with 13 rustic cabins and 30 sites for camping (fee), picnic tables, toilet facilities and boat launch.

Contains natural populations of rainbow trout and Dolly Varden / Arctic char, both up to 20 inches, and a population of northern pike up to 42".





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Crystal Lake (#15)

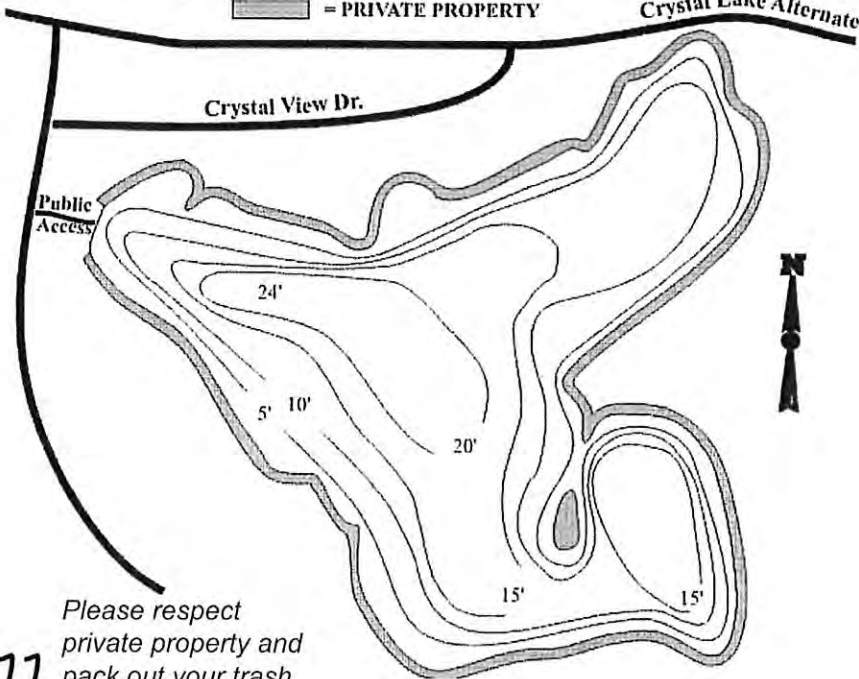
Mile 69.2 Parks Hwy. Weston Long Lake Rd. 3.4 miles. Stay to the right, road is now Crystal Lake Rd. 0.2 mile on Crystal Lake Rd. to Crystal Lake Alternate. Right on Crystal Lake Alternate for 1.1 miles to Crystal View Dr. Left on Crystal View Dr. for 0.9 mile to Crystal Lake access. Street parking.

Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. and a small population of northern pike. Catch and possess limit 5 rainbow trout with only one over 20".



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Crystal Lake Alternate

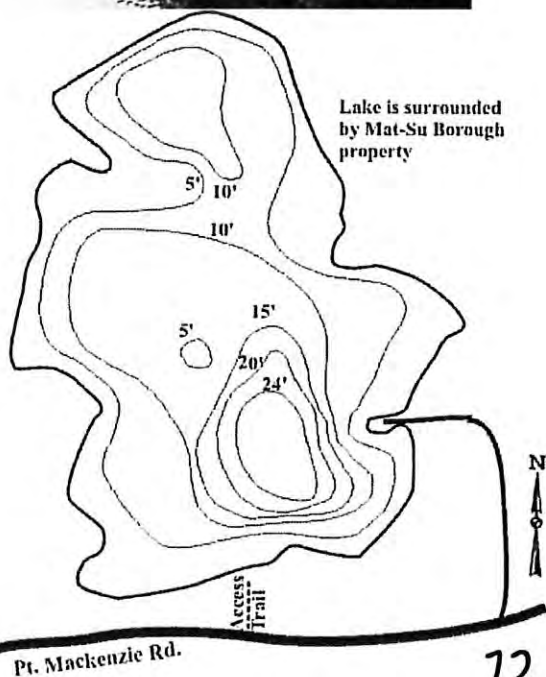
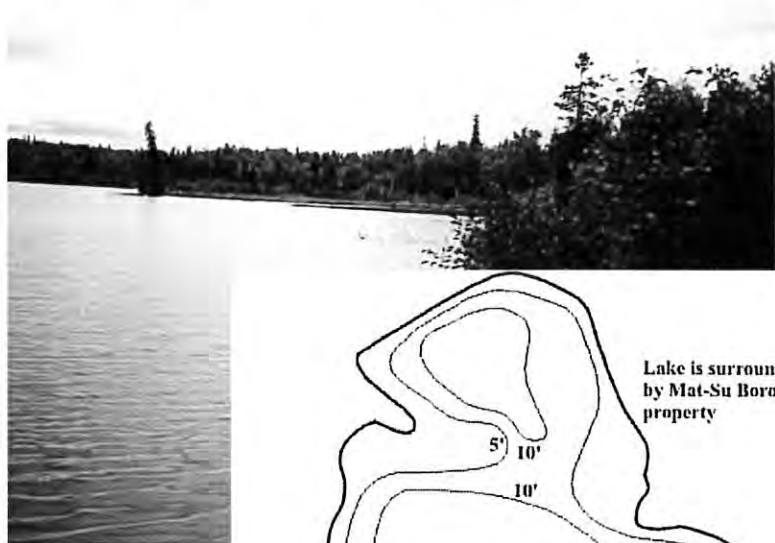


Point Mackenzie Area

Lorraine Lake (#49)

Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Pt. Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T". Left at the T on Pt. Mackenzie Rd. 12.3 miles to pullout on left. 0.2 mile to lake by foot or 4-wheel drive.

Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling.



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Point MacKenzie Area

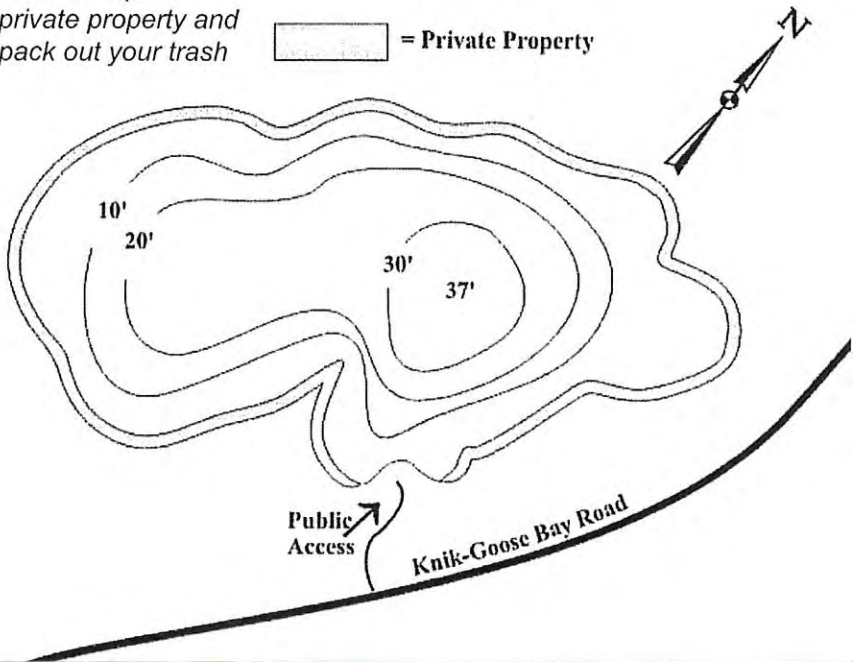
Knik Lake (#50)

Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 14 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on gravel road by Knik Museum 0.1 mile to public access and undeveloped boat launch. 5 HP limit, quiet hours 10p - 8a Sun.-Thurs., 11p - 8a Fri. - Sat.

Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling; and a fair population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon.

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Big Lake Area

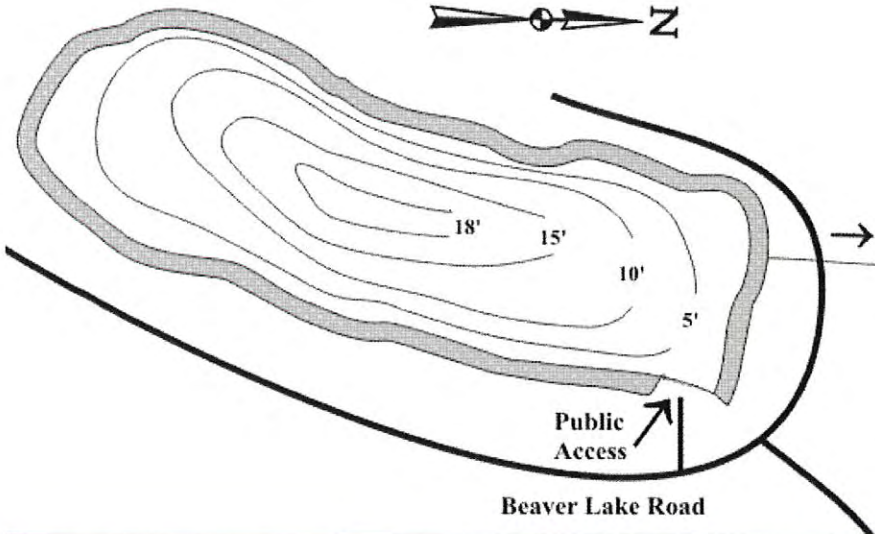
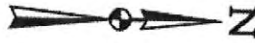
Big Beaver Lake (#38)

Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. West on Big Lake Rd. 3.4 miles to Beaver Lake Rd. Right 2.5 miles on Beaver Lake Rd. to parking area and undeveloped boat launch.

Good population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.

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Big Lake (#36) (a wild lake)

Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. West on Big Lake Rd. 3.6 miles to "Y". Right at Y on North Shore Dr. for 1.6 miles to Alaska State Parks' Big Lake East Wayside with camping (60 sites North, 20 sites South), 24 picnic sites, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Or left at Y on South Big Lake Rd. 1.7 miles to Alaska State Parks' Big Lake South Wayside on the right with camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Fees required for camping and launching at both facilities. Motorized watercraft prohibited on Meadow Creek, quiet hours 11pm-8am Sun.-Sat. No wake zone 150' from shoreline

Populations of Dolly Varden /Arctic char, rainbow trout, and burbot up to 20 inches with occasional catches of larger char to 8 pounds; and a population of northern pike.

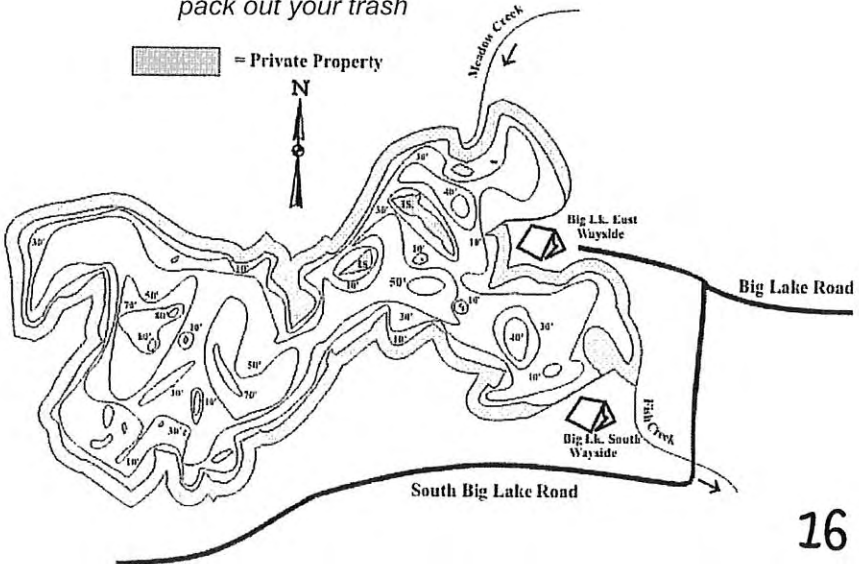


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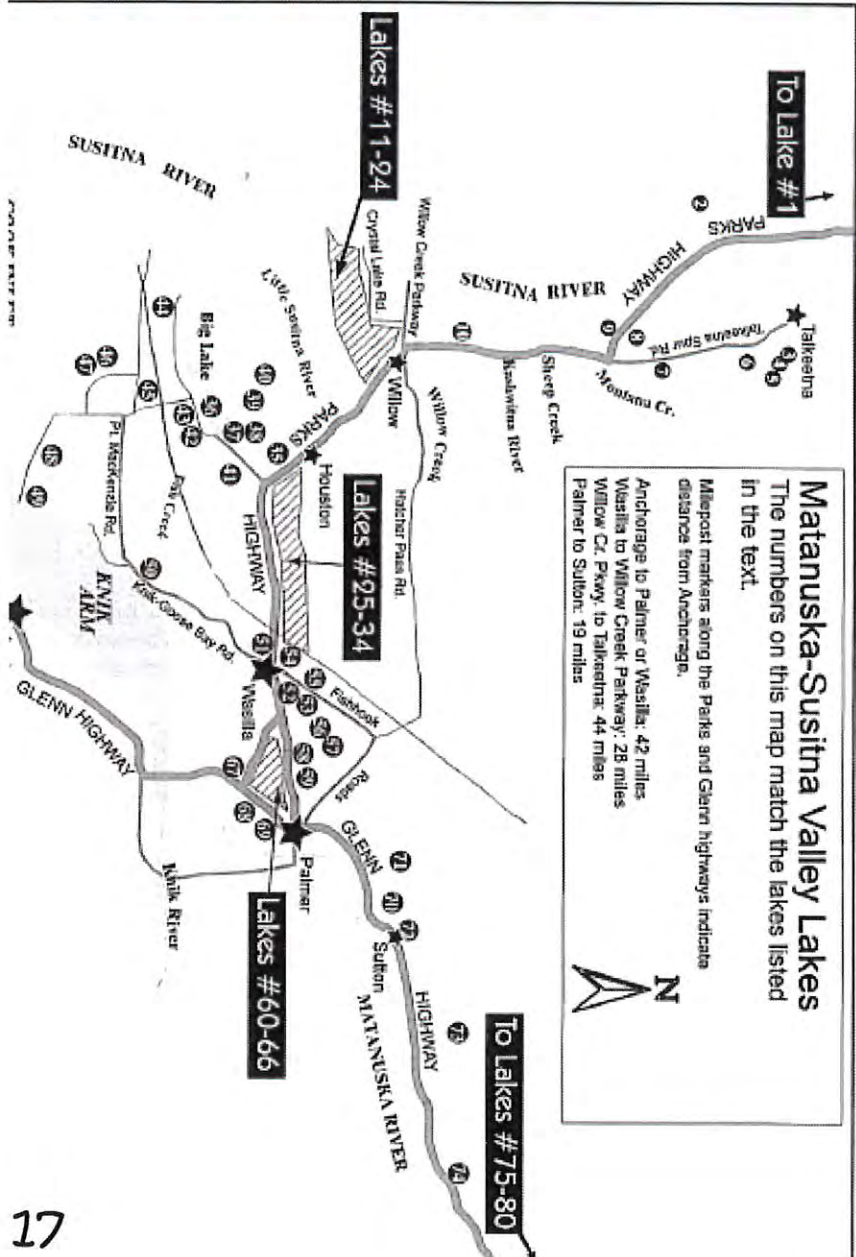




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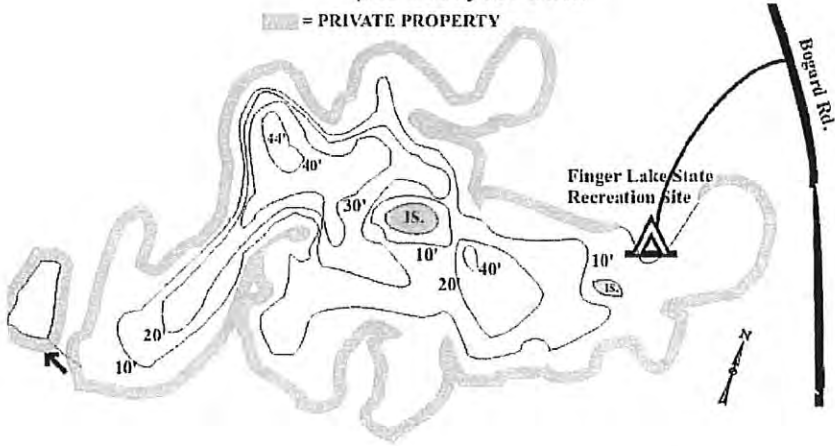
Palmer-Wasilla Area

Finger Lake (#58)

Mile 41.8 Glenn Hwy. East on Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. 4 miles to Trunk Rd. Right on Trunk Rd. 1.1 miles to Bogard Rd. Left on Bogard Rd. 0.7 mile to Alaska State Parks' Finger Lake State Recreation Site. Left on gravel road 0.2 mile to lake and 36 site campground (fee) with 10 picnic sites, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Fees required for camping and launching. Mufflers, cowlings, exhaust systems mandatory, quiet hours 11p - 8a Sun.-Sat; No Wake Zone 100' from shoreline. State LMP: quiet hours 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.; no wake zone within 100 feet of shore

Good population of 6" - 10" landlocked salmon; good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; fair population of Arctic grayling up to 12 inches; good population of Arctic char up to 24 inches.

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Philip Rowley, The New Fly Fisher



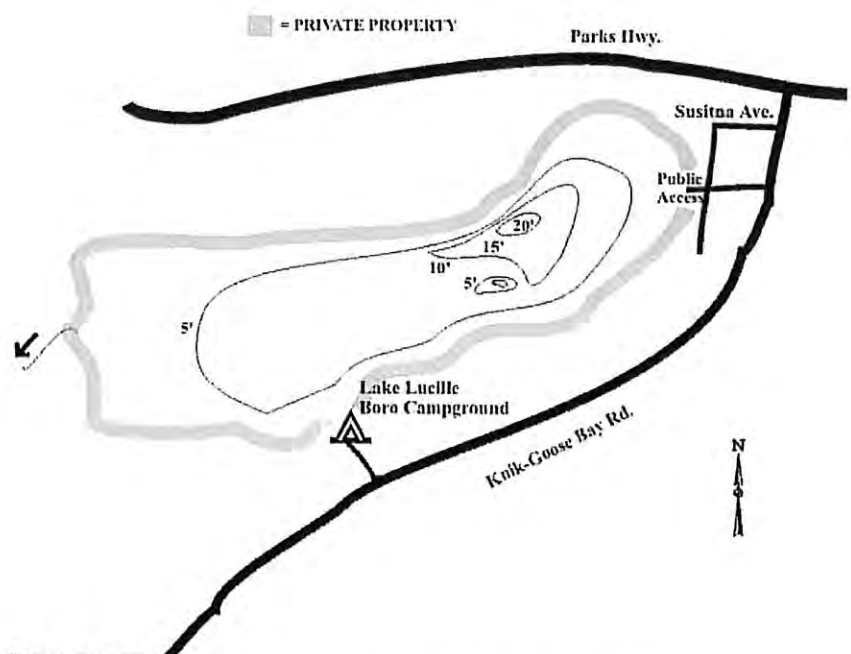
Finger Lake Canoe Trail Photo by Bruce Paulsen 20

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Lucille Lake (#51)

Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. 0.1 mile to Susitna Ave. Right on Susitna Ave. 0.2 mile to access with parking and undeveloped boat launch. Or, Mile 2.3 on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. at Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Lake Lucille Park Campground on north side of road. Camping (59 spaces, tent/RV, 2 pull-through), picnic tables, toilet facilities and a short boardwalk trail to lake.

Fair population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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Restrooms at the campground

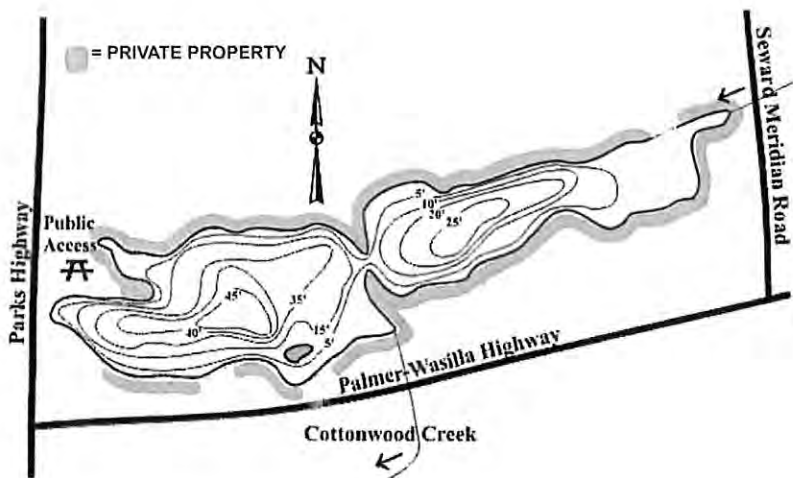
Wasilla Lake (#52) (a wild lake)

Mile 41.7 Parks Hwy. Wasilla City Park on right with access to lake, picnic tables, toilet facilities, no public boat launch. Or, Mile 41.7 Parks Hwy. Right on Crusey St. 0.5 mile to Bogard Rd. Right on Bogard Rd. 1.0 mile to privately-owned Mat-Su Resort on right, with boat launch. Mufflers, cowlings, exhaust systems mandatory, quiet hours 11p - 8a Sun.-Sat; No Wake Zone 100' from shoreline.

Good population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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Mean Depth: 17' Surface Acres: 374
Maximum Depth: 48' Shoreline Length: 4.4 mi

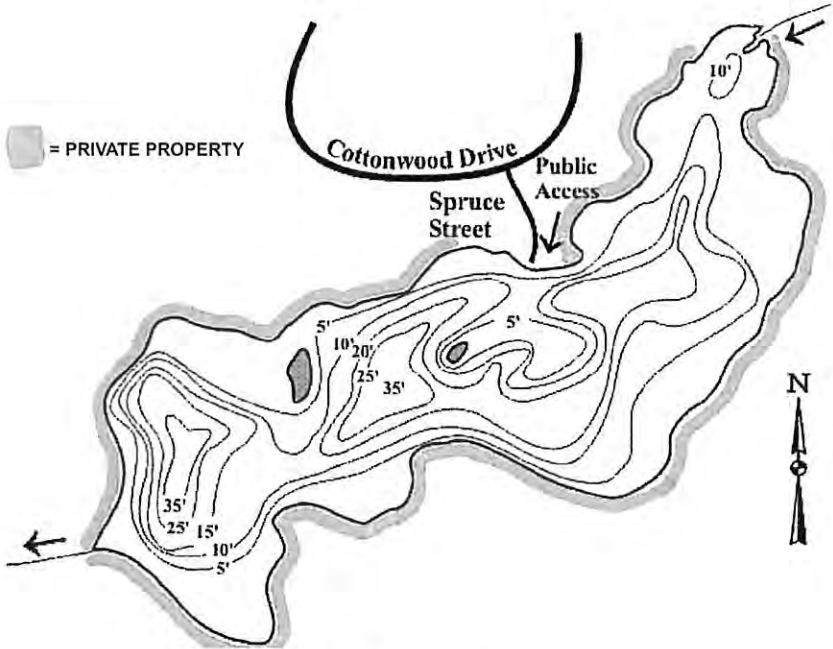
Wasilla Lake is part of the Cottonwood Creek Drainage, primarily surrounded by private land, mostly residences with some commercial. The south end is bordered by the Parks Highway. The lake still supports a healthy rainbow trout fishery.

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Cottonwood Lake (#53) (a wild lake)

Mile 41.7 Parks Hwy. Right on Crusey St. 0.5 mile to Bogard Rd. Right on Bogard Rd. 4.5 miles to West Cottonwood Dr. Right on W. Cottonwood Dr. 1.0 mile to Spruce Dr. Right on Spruce Dr. 0.2 mile to public access with undeveloped boat launch. Mufflers, cowlings, exhaust systems mandatory, quiet hours 11p - 8a Sun.-Sat; No Wake Zone 100' from shoreline.

Good population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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Irene Lake (#61)

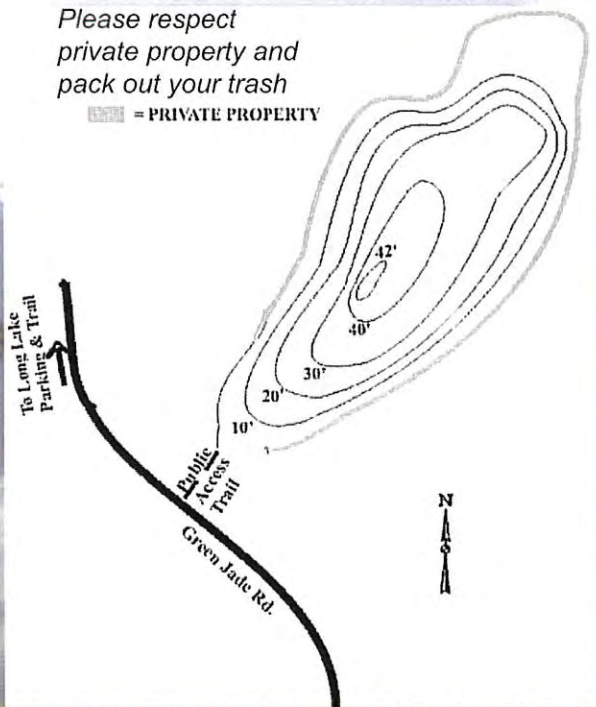


Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 38 Glenn Hwy. North on Coleen St. 0.1 mile to "Y". Left at the Y on Bradley Lake Ave. 0.2 mile to Green Jade. Right on Green Jade 0.4 mile to parking lot on right. Short trail leads to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 10" - 24" Arctic char.

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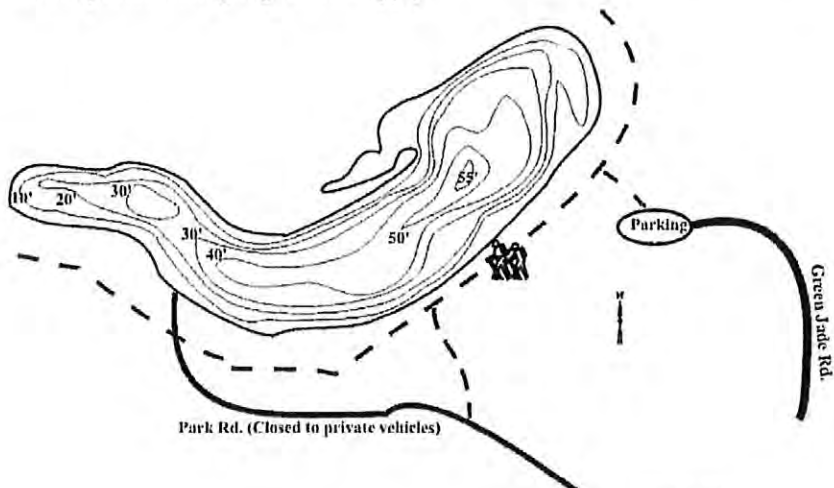


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Long Lake (#60)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 38 Glenn Hwy. North on Coleen St. 0.1 mile to "Y". Left at the Y on Bradley Lake Ave. 0.2 mile to Green Jade. Right on Green Jade 0.6 mile past Canoe and Irene lakes' access sites to parking area. Follow trail to various access points along the lake. Or, Mile 37.3 Glenn Hwy. from Kepler Dr. following trails approximately 0.9 mile to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Special fishing regulations apply.



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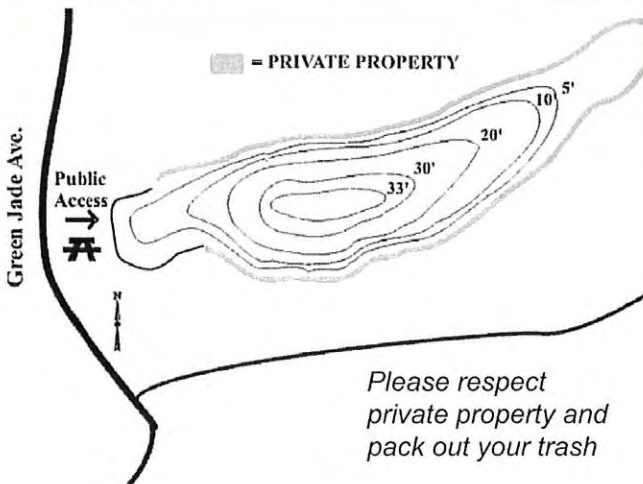
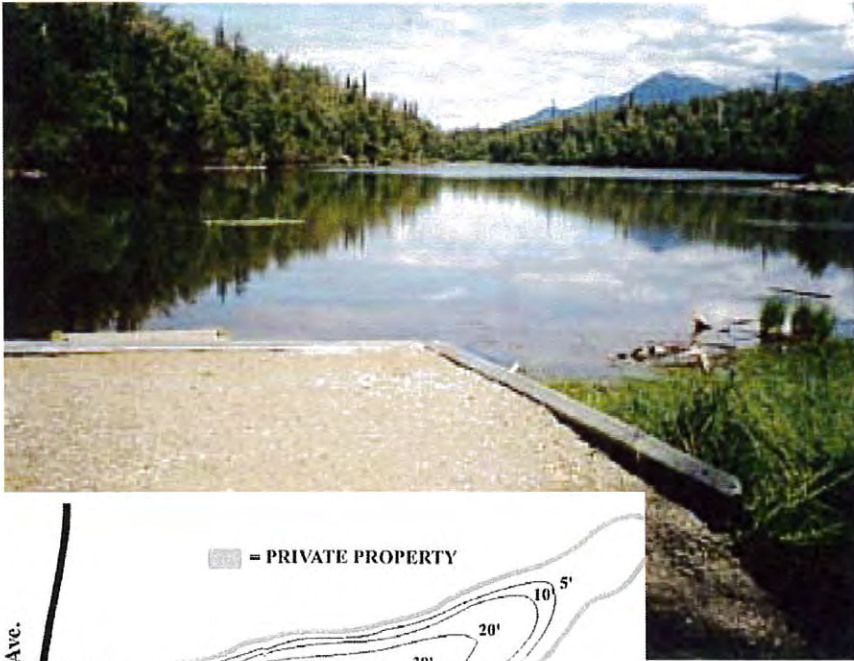


Canoe Lake (#62)



Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 38 Glenn Hwy. North on Coleen St. 0.1 mile to "Y". Left at Y on Bradley Lake Ave. 0.2 mile to Green Jade. Right on Green Jade 0.2 mile. Parking with short trail to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" – 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a good population of 7" – 12" Arctic grayling.



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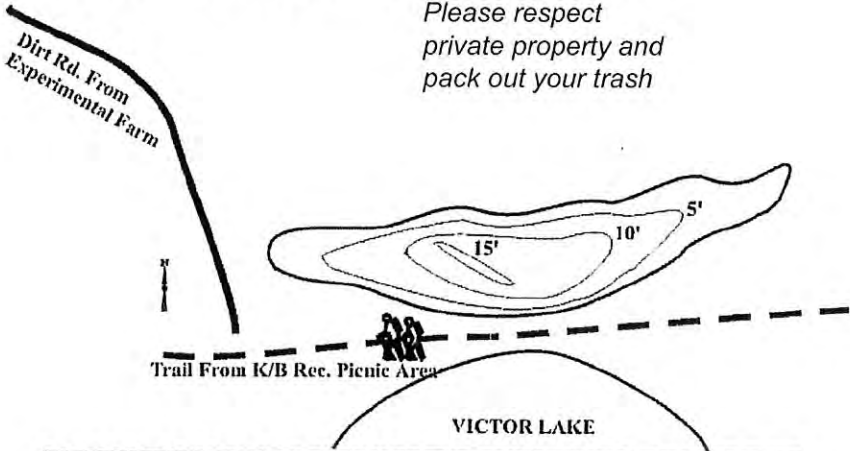
Klaire Lake (#66)



Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy., with parking, picnic tables, and toilet facilities. Follow trail 0.4 mile to lake. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good early winter fishery for 7" – 12" landlocked salmon.

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Victor Lake (#63)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy. with parking, picnic tables and toilet facilities. Follow trail approximately 0.4 mile to Victor Lake. Or, through the private campground at Mile 37.3 Glenn Hwy. Cross bridge, then follow 4-wheel drive trail 0.5 mile to lake on left side of trail. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" - 14" landlocked salmon.

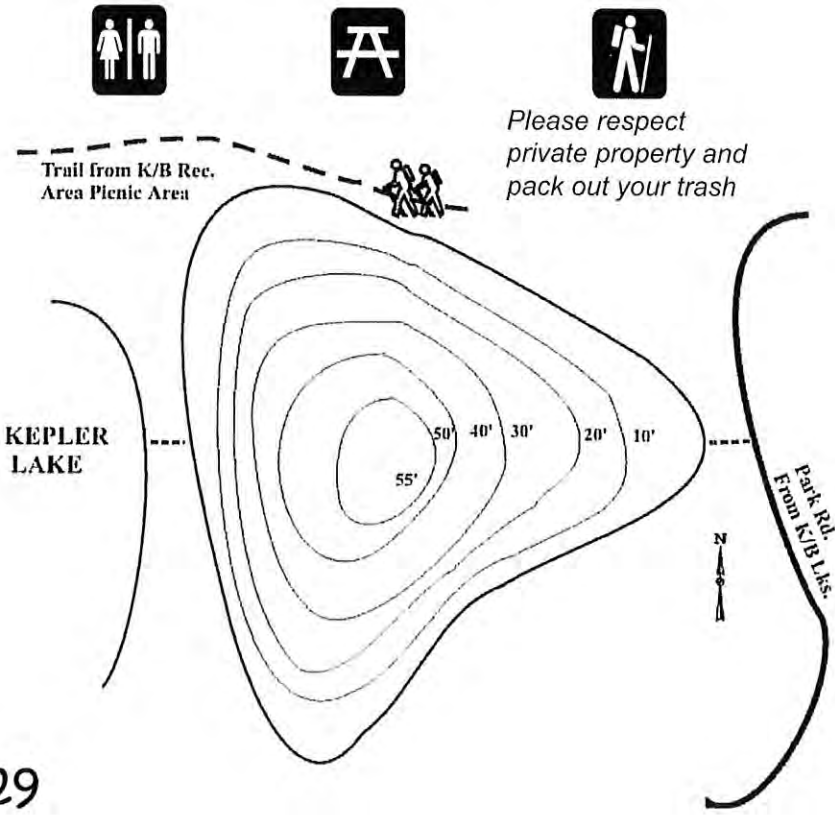




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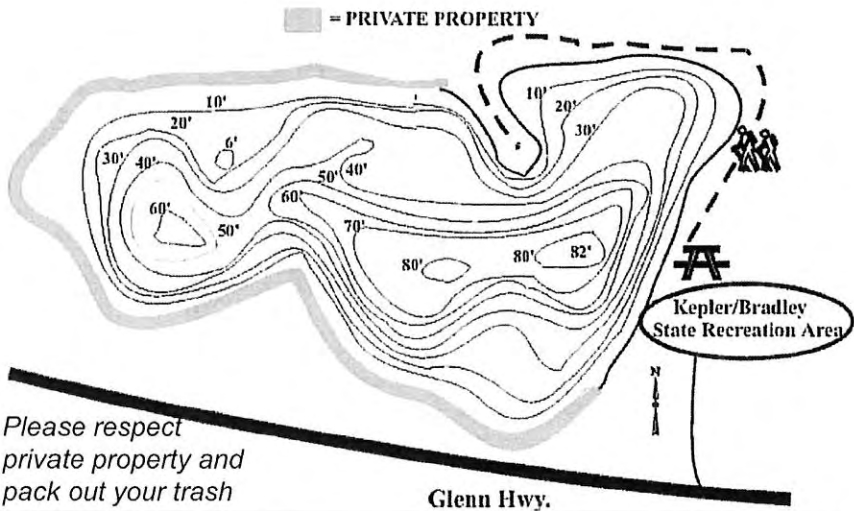
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Matanuska Lake (#65)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy., with parking, picnic tables, and toilet facilities. Follow short trail to undeveloped boat launch and wheelchair-accessible fishing dock. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; a good population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon; and a fair population of 10" - 20" Arctic char.

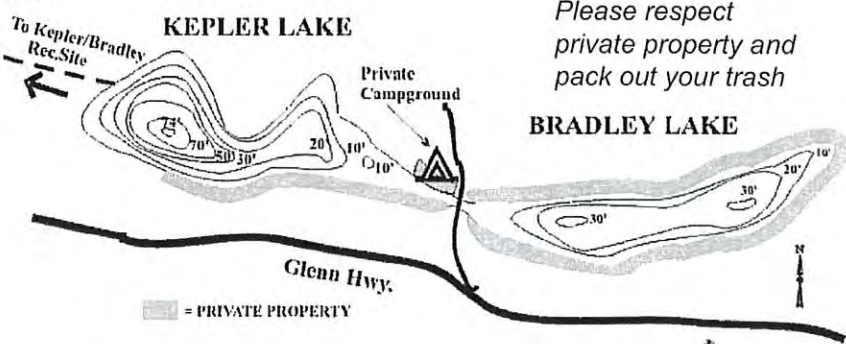




Kepler-Bradley Lake (#64)

Located in Alaska State Parks' Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area. Mile 37.3 Glenn Hwy. North on Kepler Dr. 0.1 mile to undeveloped public boat launch on Bradley Lake. Kepler Lake accessible by boat from Bradley Lake through connecting channel between the lakes. Or, Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy. with parking, 6 tent campsites, picnic tables and toilet facilities. Follow trail 0.2 mile to Kepler Lake and wheelchair-accessible fishing dock. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only.

Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout.



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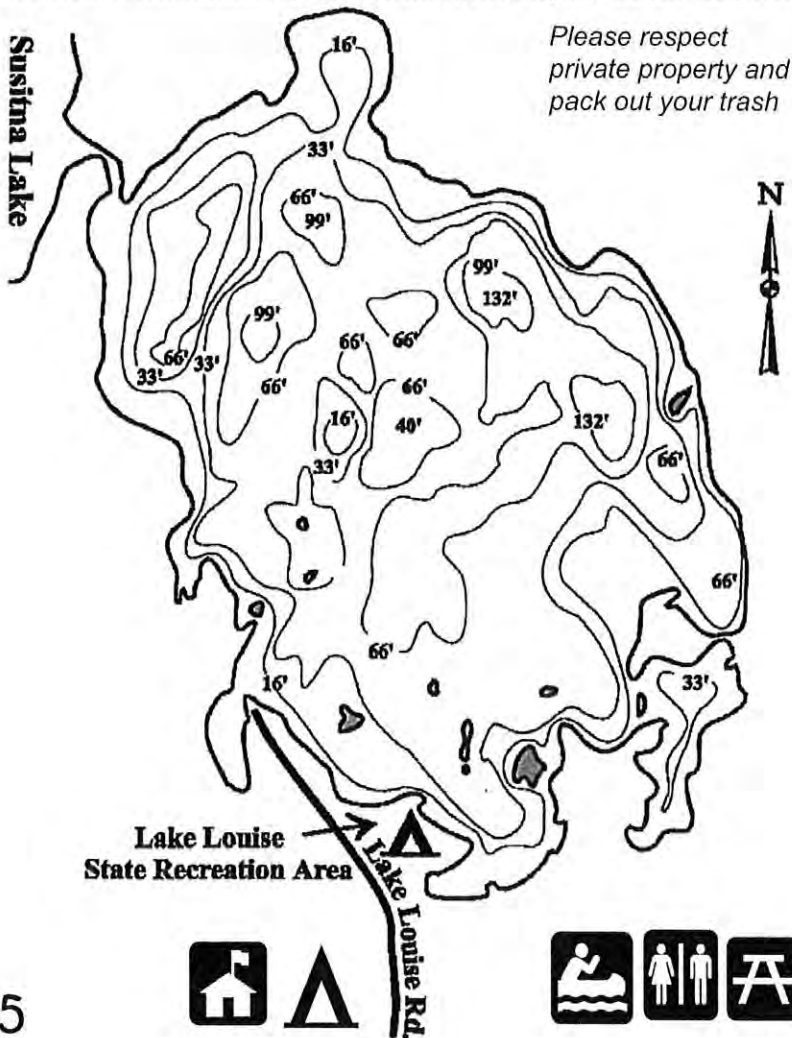
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With only your drivers license and fishing license, Fish & Game will
lend you a rod & reel for 7 days. They are at 1800 Glenn Hwy, #4 in
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Lake Louise (a wild lake)

Mile 159.8 Glenn Hwy. North on Lake Louise Road 17.2 miles to side road on right leading to lodge and Lake Louise State Recreation Area with camping, toilet facilities, picnic tables and boat launch. Fees charged for camping and boat launching. OR: Mile 19.2 end of road with boat launch and parking. NOTE: Limited public access. Please respect private property. Keep lake and access sites free of litter.

Lake Louise is connected to Susitna Lake. Both lakes can be rough; underpowered boats are not recommended. Species Present: Arctic Grayling, Burbot, Lake Trout



*Photo of Wasilla Lake by Phil Rowley,
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