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Lake Fishing Forecast

Management

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About the fish

Arctic Grayling

Grayling are usually silvery gray or greenish-blue with scattered small black splotches, large scales, and an off-white belly. The grayling's large dorsal fin distinguishes it from other members of the salmon family. Grayling grow to about 10-14 inches before becoming sexually mature. Males often mature in their second year while females usually mature in their third year.

Grayling are very active in shoreline waters during spring ice-out, and are taken on small dry or wet flies, or small spoons or spinners. During the warm summer months, larger grayling can be found in 15+ feet of water near submerged trees, logs, or other structures. They bite readily on single eggs, shrimp, or other small baits. Occasionally, grayling are taken on small baits through the ice.

Grayling generally do not reproduce in landlocked lakes since they need a flowing, gravelly stream to deposit eggs that will hatch. Most stocked grayling are harvested by the end of their third or fourth year, although they can live up to 10 years and may grow longer than 18 inches.

- See inside for hotspots and 2009 regulations
- Find weekly lake fishing reports online at www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us
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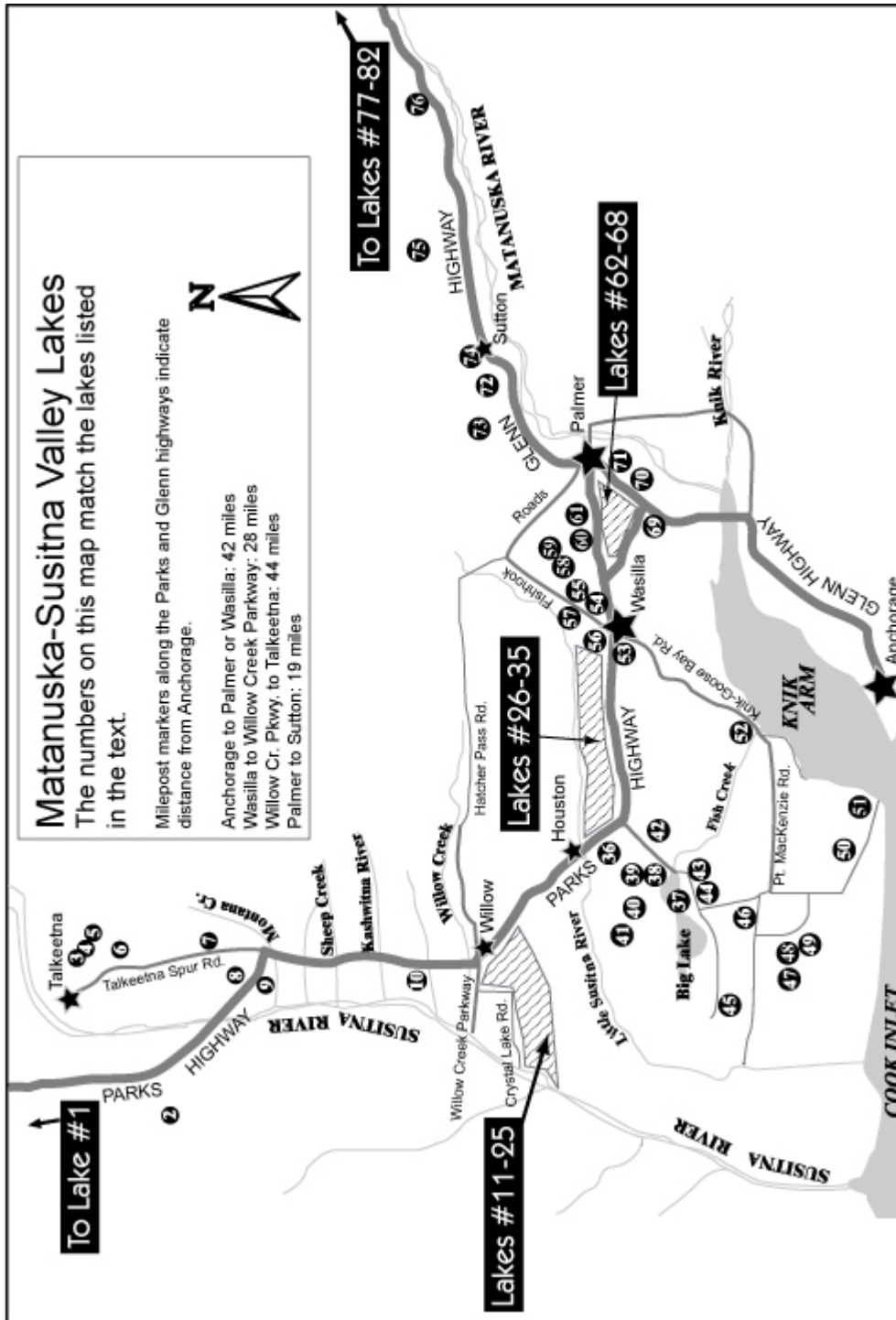
Anglers enjoy good fishing and plenty of solitude in Valley lakes.

Rainbow Trout

Rainbow trout are usually silvery gray, and have a reddish band from the gill plate to the tail. Rainbows have many small black speckles, and white bellies. Color can vary, however, depending on habitat, diet, and stage of growth. Some rainbows are light-colored with a slight reddish band, and some are dark greenish-gray with a wide deep-red band. Flesh color can vary from pale white to pink.

Rainbows are about 12-16 inches long before becoming sexually mature. Males often mature in their second year while females usually mature in their third year. Rainbows do not reproduce in landlocked lakes because they need water flowing over a gravel bed to deposit eggs that will hatch. Large female trout harvested in the late fall or early winter often have both fully developed loose eggs in their body cavity and/or skeins containing small eggs for the next season. Most stocked trout are harvested by the end of their third year, although they occasionally live 5-6 years and may exceed 6 pounds.

Rainbows are fairly active in shoreline waters as the ice is receding, and are taken on small dry or wet flies,



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and small spoons or spinners. During the summer months large rainbows are often taken by trolling, or by casting spoons or spinners in 10-plus feet of water. Smaller rainbows frequent brushy shorelines and are also taken on small dry or wet flies, small spoons, spinners, or bait.

Rainbows feed voraciously in the fall in near-shore waters and respond well to lures or bait. During early winter rainbows take lures and baits through the ice at depths of 2 -15 feet and deeper.

Landlocked Salmon

Landlocked silver (coho) salmon are generally bright silver with small black spots only on the back, upper sides, and upper portion of the tail fin. Landlocked king salmon (Chinook) are also bright silver, but have slightly larger black spots all over the body. During the low-light, ice-covered months, rainbow trout may lose their coloring and look very similar to landlocked kings. However, landlocked kings do not have a red horizontal band, while rainbows are generally darker and have at least a hint of a red band.

If not harvested by their third winter, some stocked landlocked salmon can grow to about 14 inches long, and some may become sexually mature. However, they cannot reproduce in landlocked lakes, and most will die after maturation. Occasionally one of these fish may live an additional year and grow heavier than 2 pounds.

Landlocked salmon are fairly active in shoreline waters in the spring and the fall and are often taken on small dry or wet flies, as well as small spoons, spinners or bait. During summer they are found in 15-plus feet of water, biting on small lures, single eggs, shrimp or other bait. Salmon are very active throughout the winter and can be taken through the ice on small lures, single eggs, shrimp, or other bait at depths of 2 -15 feet and deeper.

Arctic Char

Arctic char are usually a light silvery-gray or green-brown on the back and sides, with light pink to reddish-orange spots, and white bellies. Mature fish may have

bright orange-red spots on lower sides, belly, and gill plates. To help tell the difference between Arctic char and rainbows or salmon, remember that char have light spots, and rainbows and salmon have black spots. Char generally reach 12-18 inches before maturing in late fall to midwinter. These fish may spawn in landlocked lakes if they can find an area with the right combination of



oxygenated springs and gravel. Most stocked char are probably harvested by the end of their fourth year, although they may occasionally live longer than 10 years and exceed 5 pounds. Wild char in Big Lake have been aged up to 12 years old and harvested at weights exceeding 10 pounds.

Arctic char are found at depths of 15 - 40 feet and deeper throughout the year. During the spring, summer or fall, an effective method for taking large char is trolling off the lake bottom in waters deeper than 20 feet, using spinner/flasher setups with a lure or bait trailing 12-18 inches behind. When fishing through the ice, small char are often taken with bait while large char are taken by jigging bright lures just off the lake bottom in waters 15 - 40 feet and deeper.

Access: day-use only

Generally, access is day-use only, and many times the only public land is at the access point, with the remaining shoreline privately-owned. Camping is not allowed at public access sites except in designated campgrounds. It is important to respect private property and help keep the public access areas clean by packing out everything you've packed in, including used fishing line.

Boats, ice houses, vehicles and camping

Private land around the lake

In the lake listings following, some lakes are noted as having a "Lake Management Plan." This is a plan filed by the land owners around the lake, and approved by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The plans spell out what kind of boats may be used and more. Contact the Mat-Su Borough at (907) 745-4801, 350 E. Dahlia Street, Palmer, Alaska, 99645 or visit their Web site at www.matsugov.us.

Private campgrounds may be found by contacting the local chamber of commerce or visitor's center.

Mat-Su Borough Ordinances 17.59.005 - 17.59.070

Motor restrictions apply to "motorized water craft,"

which are water craft powered or propelled by a force other than human muscular power, gravity, or wind. This definition does not include airplanes as motorized water craft when landing, taking off, or taxiing on a water body.

Motorized uses producing continuous or repetitive noise are not allowed during some hours on certain lakes. Examples of prohibited uses during **quiet hours** include

high-speed joyriding, practicing aircraft "touch-and-goes," engine testing, and racing. This restriction does not prohibit the operation of aircraft, boats, or other vehicles traveling directly to their destination.

No wake zones along shorelines are established on certain lakes. "No wake" means the slowest possible speed a boat or personal water craft can go and still provide maneuverability.

On some lakes, **ice houses** must be registered. "Ice house" means a structure used for ice fishing and left on the frozen surface of a lake for more than 24 hours. To register an ice house, contact the Mat-Su Borough. Reg-

istration information must be prominently displayed on the exterior of the ice house.

On some lakes, motor vehicles are not allowed on the lakes during **ice covered months**. "Motor vehicle" means an automotive vehicle with rubber tires for use on highways.

Personal water craft are not allowed on some lakes. "Personal water craft" means vehicles known as jet skis, wave runners, and similar acrobatic or stunt equipment.

State land around the lake

If the land around the lake is owned by the State of Alaska, then the Department of Natural Resources may have a management plan that spells out boating restrictions and more. Contact the Alaska State Parks' Palmer Field Office at (907) 745-3975 or visit www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/index.htm

Regulations for lakes with state land (Alaska Ad-



A father and son target northern pike through the ice. Valley lakes offer good fishing year round.

ministrative Code 11.20.540 - 555 and 11. 20.905-990)

All state regulations can be found online at www.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac?

Enforcement

The Department of Public Safety, Division of State Troopers is the primary law enforcement agency for fishing and hunting regulations and lake management plans. Call their detachment headquarters in Palmer at (907) 745-2131.

- To find the general area of the lake, note the lake number, then find that number on the map on page 2.
- Some lakes have Lake Management Plans (LMPs) that include quiet hours, electric motors or no motors, jet skis, and more. See page 3 for LMP contact information and definitions.
- For fishing regulations, see page 13.

Talkeetna area

- #1 **Mile 180 Lake** Mile 180 Parks Hwy. Paved pullout on west side of highway, with short trail to lake. Good populations of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling and a fair population of 10" -14" rainbow trout. 👍
- #3 **Christiansen Lake** 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 lake access road 0.1 mile to public access and undeveloped boat launch. Good population of 7"- 12" landlocked salmon; and a good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Good catch rates. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍
- #4 **"Y" Lake** Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 12 miles to Comsat Rd. Right on Comsat Rd. 0.5 mile to Talkeetna Lakes Day Use Area on right. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #5 **"X" Lake** Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 12 miles to Comsat Rd. Right on Comsat Rd. 0.8 mile. Short trail to "Y" Lake is on the right. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. **Special fishing regulations apply;** see "Exceptions," page 13. 👍👍
- #6 **Tigger Lake** Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 10.8 miles. Right on gravel road for 0.5 mile to parking with short trail on left leading to lake. Good population of 7"- 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Perfect for float tubing. 👍👍
- #7 **Benka Lake** Mile 98.7 Parks Hwy. East on Talkeetna Spur Rd. 3.1 miles to Yoder Rd. Right on Yoder Rd. 0.6 miles to Lakeview Street. Left on Lakeview St. 0.7 mile to parking area and undeveloped boat launch. A good population of 10" - 20" Arctic char; and a good population of 7" - 20" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #8 **North Friend Lake** Mile 99.3 Parks Hwy. Lake on north side of highway. Access from highway right-of-way. Parking in pullout on south side of highway. Fair population of 7"- 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍
- #9 **South Friend Lake** Mile 99.3 Parks Hwy. Pullout on south side of highway. Short trail to lake. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍

Willow and Nancy Lakes areas

- #11 **Willow Lake** Mile 69.7 Parks Hwy. West at Willow Community Center 0.1 mile to lake with parking and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 8" - 12" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍

- #12 **Vera Lake** Mile 70.8 Parks Hwy. West 2.0 miles on Willow Creek Parkway to Crystal Lake Rd. Left on Crystal Lake Rd. 2.4 miles to Deshka Landing Rd. Right on Deshka Landing Rd. 1.0 mile to section line trail on the left for 0.1 mile to the lake. Limited parking off Deshka Landing Rd. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍
- #13 **Little Lonely Lake** Mile 69.2 Parks Hwy. West on Long Lake Rd. 3.4 miles where it becomes Crystal Lake Rd. Continue on Crystal Lake Rd. 1.7 miles to Beryozova Rd. Follow gravel road 0.2 mile to dirt road on left then 0.1 mile on dirt road (4-wheel drive necessary if wet). Short trail leads to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #14 **Florence Lake** Mile 69.2 Parks Hwy. West on Long Lake Rd. 3.4 miles where it becomes Crystal Lake Rd. Stay to the right, 0.2 mile to Crystal Lake Alternate. Right on Crystal Lake Alternate 1.4 miles to lake access on right. Short steep trail leads to lake. Parking is on road right-of-way only. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 8" – 12" Arctic grayling. 👍👍
- #15 **Crystal Lake** Mile 69.2 Parks Hwy. West on Long Lake Rd. 3.4 miles where it becomes 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 0.2 mile to Crystal Lake access. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a small population of northern pike. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍
- #16 **Long Lake** Mile 69.2 Parks Hwy. West on Long Lake Road 2 miles to Sides Road. Right on Sides Rd. 0.2 miles to "T." Right at "T" 0.1 mile to public access with undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 6" - 18" rainbow trout; and a fair population of northern pike to 36." **Special fishing regulations apply;** see "Exceptions," page 13. 👍
- #17 **Tanaina Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. Part of the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 4.8 miles to Nancy Lake Canoe System trailhead with picnic tables and toilet facilities. Fair population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a natural population of northern pike. State LMP: non-motorized craft only. 👍👍
- #18 **Rhein Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. Part of the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 5 miles to pull off on right side of road. 0.2 miles on trail to lake. Good population of rainbow trout 7" - 18" with occasional catches of larger trout. State LMP: Non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 👍👍
- #19 **North Rolly Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. Part of the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 6.2 miles to pull off and trail on right side of road. 0.3 miles to lake. Good population of rainbow trout 7" – 12" with occasional catches of larger trout. State LMP: Non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 👍👍
- #20 **South Rolly Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. Part of the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 6.6 miles to South Rolly Lake Campground with camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities, canoe rentals and undeveloped boat launch. Northern pike are present. State LMP: Non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 👍👍
- #21 **Red Shirt Lake** Fly-in or hike-in lake that is partially within the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 6.6 miles to State Parks South Rolly Lake. Take foot trail 3.0 miles to Red Shirt Lake. Good population of northern pike occasionally exceeding 10 pounds. Most pond and lake tributaries to Red Shirt Lake hold northern pike. **Special fishing regulations apply;** see "Exceptions," page 13. 👍👍

- #22 **Honeybee Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 0.9 mile to Long Lake Rd. Right on Long Lake Rd. 0.8 mile to gravel road on right. Right on gravel road 0.6 mile to lake access on left side of road. Good population of 7" - 18" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍👍
- #23 **Lynne Lake** Mile 67.3 Parks Hwy. West on Nancy Lake Parkway 0.9 mile to Long Lake Rd. Right on Long Lake Rd. 0.8 mile to gravel road on right. Right on gravel road 0.6 mile to lake access on right side of road. Good population of 7" – 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a good population of 10" – 20" Arctic char. 👍👍
- #24 **Nancy Lake** Mile 66.6 of the Parks Hwy. Part of the extensive Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, with camping, 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". **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. 👍👍👍

Big Lake area

- #25 **Prator Lake** Mile 56.6 Parks Hwy. East on King Arthur Drive 2.4 miles to Castle Drive. Left on Castle Drive 0.2 mile to public access on right with parking and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 8" – 16" Arctic char; and a fair population of northern pike. 👍
- #26 **Bear Paw Lake** Mile 57.0 Parks Hwy. East 1.4 miles on King Arthur Dr. to Magic Ave. Right on Magic Ave. 0.5 mile to access road on the right, then 0.1 mile on 4-wheel drive road to lake. Fair population of 7" - 10" landlocked salmon; and a fair population of 7" - 12" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍
- #27 **Loon Lake** Mile 54.8 Parks Hwy. East on Cheri Lake Rd. 0.4 mile. Turn right on Ray St. for 0.1 mile, then left to lake access with limited parking and undeveloped boat launch. Slower fishing but rainbow trout are 10-20". 👍👍
- #28 **Visnaw Lake** Mile 48.8 Parks Hwy. East on Meadow Lakes Rd. 2.5 miles to Meadow Lakes Dr. Left on Meadow Lakes Dr. 1.6 miles to Denise Ave., opposite Seymour Lake access. Left on Denise Ave. 0.2 mile to limited parking with undeveloped boat launch. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #29 **Lalen Lake** Mile 48.8 Parks Hwy. East on Meadow Lakes Rd. 2.5 miles to Meadow Lakes Dr. Left on Meadow Lakes Dr. 0.5 mile to Skyview. Left on Skyview 0.4 mile to road on right leading 0.1 mile to lake and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍
- #30 **Seymour Lake** Mile 48.8 Parks Hwy. East on Meadow Lakes Rd. 2.5 miles to Meadow Lakes Drive. Left on Meadow Lakes Dr. 1.6 miles to access road on right. 0.1 mile to lake and undeveloped boat launch. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #31 **Golden Lake** Mile 48.7 Parks Hwy. East on Pittman Rd. 0.3 mile to Golden Avenue. Left on Golden Ave. 0.3 mile to gravel road on left leading to access 0.1 mile. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #32 **Beverly Lake** Mile 48.7 Parks Hwy. East on Pittman Rd. 1.4 miles to Beverly Lake Rd. Right on Beverly Lake Rd. 3.1 miles to Kalmbach /Beverly Lake access with parking and 0.2-mile trail to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍

- #33 **Kalmbach Lake** Mile 48.7 Parks Hwy. East on Pittman Rd. 1.4 miles to Beverly Lake Rd. Right on Beverly Lake Rd. 3.1 miles to Kalmbach/Beverly Lake access with parking. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a good population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon. 👍👍👍
- #34 **Bruce Lake** Mile 48.7 Parks Hwy. East on Pittman Rd. 1.4 miles to Beverly Lake Rd. Right on Beverly Lake Rd. 3.1 miles to Kalmbach/Beverly Lake access. Left on Windy Bottom Dr. 0.2 mile to access trail on left. 0.2 mile trail to lake. Excellent population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout. 👍👍👍
- #35 **Morvro Lake** Mile 54.3 Parks Hwy. West on Delroy Way 0.7 mile to section line access with very limited parking. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍
- #36 **Big 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 Big Lake East Wayside with camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Fees required for camping and launching. **Or** left at Y on South Big Lake Rd. 1.7 miles to Big Lake South Wayside on the right with camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Fees required for camping and launching. 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. **Special fishing regulations apply;** see "Exceptions," page 13. State and Mat-Su Borough LMPs, see page 4. 👍👍👍
- #37 **Rocky Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. West on Big Lake Rd. 3.4 miles to Beaver Lake Rd. Right on Beaver Lake Rd. 0.5 mile to Rocky Lake State Recreation Site on left side of road with camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout. State LMP: no jet skis, jet boats with inboard motors, or airboats. 👍
- #38 **Big Beaver Lake** 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. 👍👍
- #39 **West Beaver Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. West on Big Lake Rd. 3.4 miles to Beaver Lake Rd. Right 2.6 miles on Beaver Lake Rd. to West Beaver Drive. Left on West Beaver Lake Drive 0.2 mile to section line access on left with limited parking and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 8" - 12" rainbow trout. 👍
- #40 **Little Beaver Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. West on Big Lake Rd. 3.4 miles to Beaver Lake Rd. Right 0.8 miles on Beaver Lake Rd. to North Big Lake Blvd. Left 1.8 miles to Rogers Road. Right 1.6 miles on Rogers Rd. to section line road access on left. 0.2 miles on section line road to lake. Good population of 8"- 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #41 **Dawn Lake** Mile 51.6 Parks Hwy. South on Johnson Rd. 1.5 miles to Dawn Lake Dr. Left on Dawn Lake Dr. 0.5 mile to Dawn Lake Court. Right on Dawn Lake Court. 0.1 mile to cul-de-sac and trail across wooden pallets to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #42 **Homestead Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. East on Big Lake Rd. 3.6 miles to "Y". Left at "Y" 2.1 miles to Echo Lake Rd. Left on Echo Lake Rd. 0.8 mile to Sun Dr. Right on Sun Dr. 0.3 mile to Alta Dr. Right 0.1 mile on Alta Drive to public access. Short trail to lake. Good population of 7"-14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. 👍👍
- #43 **Marion Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. East on Big Lake Rd. 3.6 miles to "Y". Left at "Y" on South

Big Lake Rd. 5.2 miles to Marion Drive. Left on Marion Drive for 0.5 mile to parking area for public access. Steep trail 0.1 mile to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a fair population of 8" - 24" Arctic char. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍

- #44 **Diamond Lake** Mile 52.3 Parks Hwy. East on Big Lake Rd. 3.6 miles to "Y". Left at "Y" on South Big Lake Rd. 8.9 miles to Raines Dr. Left on Raines Dr. 1.2 miles to section line access and short trail to lake. Good population of 7" - 18" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a excellent population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon. Great place to take kids. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍👍

Point Mackenzie area

- #45 **Carpenter Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Point Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T." Right at T, then left on Ayrshire Rd. 1.2 miles to dirt road on right. Right on dirt road (4-wheel drive necessary if wet) 0.5 mile to lake access and undeveloped boat launch. Good population of 7" - 20" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; a good population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon; and a fair population of 8" - 16" Arctic char. 👍👍👍
- #46 **Farmer Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Point Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T". Left at "T" on Point Mackenzie Rd. 3.4 miles to Holstein Ave. Right on Holstein Ave. 2.7 miles to access on left and short trail to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout. Good catch rates. 👍👍👍
- #47 **Barley Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Point Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T". Left at "T" on Point Mackenzie Rd. 3.4 miles to Holstein Ave. Right on Holstein Ave. 1.6 miles to Guernsey Rd. Left at 4-way intersection on Guernsey Rd. for 1.0 mile. Right on dirt road 0.1 mile to lake. Limited parking. Short trail leads to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 7" - 10" landlocked salmon. 👍👍
- #48 **Twin Island Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Point Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T." Left at "T" on Point Mackenzie Rd. approximately 8 miles. Walk-in access only on unimproved seismic trail on left approximately 0.3 mile to SW corner of Matanuska-Susitna Borough lot, then east 0.1 mile to lake. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Excellent catch rates. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍👍
- #49 **Lorraine Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. South 17.2 miles on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Right on Point Mackenzie Rd. 7 miles to "T". Left at "T" on Pt. Mackenzie Rd. 12.3 miles to pull-out on left. 0.2 mile to lake by foot or 4-wheel drive. Excellent population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling. 👍👍👍
- #50 **Knik Lake** 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. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling; and a fair population of 7" - 12" landlocked salmon. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍

Palmer-Wasilla area

- #51 **Lucille Lake** 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,*

second public access at Mile 2.3 on Knik-Goose Bay Rd. at Lake Lucille Matanuska-Susitna Borough Park Campground on north side of road. Camping, picnic tables, toilet facilities and a short boardwalk trail to lake. Fair population of 7" – 20+" rainbow trout. Try dragon fly nymph patterns. 🍷🍷🍷

- #52 **Wasilla Lake** Mile 41.7 Parks Hwy. Wasilla City Park on right with access to lake, picnic tables, toilet facilities, no public boat launch. **Or**, alternate route to private facility with boat launch at Mile 41.7 Parks Hwy. Right on Crusey St. 0.5 mile to Bogard Rd. Right on Bogard Rd. 1.0 mile to Mat-Su Resort on right. Excellent population of 8" - 19" native rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Excellent catch rates with leech or nymph fly patterns. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. There is also a private boat launch. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 🍷🍷
- #53 **Cottonwood 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. Good population of 8" - 16" native rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 🍷🍷
- #54 **Memory Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. North on Wasilla Fishhook Rd. 3 miles to Schrock Rd. Left on Schrock Rd. 1.1 miles to Hebrides Rd. Right on Hebrides Rd. 0.2 mile to Iverness Dr. Left on Iverness Dr. 0.1 mile. Public access is on the right with parking and undeveloped boat launch. A fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; a fair population of 8" – 20" Arctic char; becoming a popular pike fishery. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 🍷🍷
- #55 **Reed Lake** Mile 42.3 Parks Hwy. North on Wasilla-Fishhook Rd. 7.3 miles to Welch Rd. Left on Welch Rd. 0.4 mile to short trail on right for public access to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling. 🍷🍷
- #56 **Cornelius Lake** 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. 0.3 mile to Engstrom Rd. Right on Engstrom Rd. 1.0 mile to access on right. Fair population of 8" – 20+" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. 🍷🍷🍷
- #57 **Wolf Lake** 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. 0.3 mile to Engstrom Road. Right on Engstrom 2.5 miles. Limited parking. Short trail leads to lake. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 🍷
- #58 **Finger Lake** 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 Finger Lake State Recreation Site. Left on gravel road 0.2 mile to lake and campground with picnic tables, toilet facilities and developed boat launch. Fees required for camping and launching. Good population of 6" - 10" landlocked salmon; good population of 7" – 20+" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; fair population of Arctic grayling up to 12" and a good population of Arctic char to 24." State LMP: quiet hours 11 pm to 8 am; no wake zone within 100 feet of shore. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

- #59 **Walby Lake** Mile 41.8 Glenn Hwy. East on Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. 4 miles to Trunk Rd. Right on Trunk Rd. 2 miles to Tern Dr. Right on Tern Dr. 0.6 mile to public access on right with parking and undeveloped boat launch. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 🇺🇸
- #60 **Long Lake** Located in Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area at 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 0.6 mile past Canoe and Irene 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. Good populations of 7" - 20" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #61 **Irene Lake** 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 0.4 mile to parking lot on right. Short trail leads to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 10" - 24" Arctic char. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #62 **Canoe Lake** 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. Good populations of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; Excellent catch rates! Also, an excellent population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. Great float-tube lake, good for beginner fishers! 🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #63 **Victor Lake** Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy. Located in Kepler/Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area on north side of highway. Parking, picnic tables and toilet facilities are available. Trail approximately 0.4 mile to Victor Lake. **Or**, Mile 37.3 Glenn Hwy. from Kepler Lake private campground, across bridge, then following 4-wheel drive trail 0.5 mile to lake on left side of trail. Good population of 7" - 14" landlocked salmon. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #64 **Kepler/Bradley Lk** 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. through Kepler-Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area on north, with parking, picnic tables and toilet facilities. Trail 0.2 mile to Kepler Lake and wheelchair-accessible fishing dock. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout. Kepler/Bradley Park is open again. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #65 **Matanuska Lake** Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy. Located in Kepler/Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area on north side of highway, with parking, picnic tables, toilet facilities and short trail to undeveloped boat launch and wheelchair-accessible fishing dock. 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. Excellent catch rates. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
- #66 **Klaire Lake** Mile 36.4 Glenn Hwy. Kepler/Bradley Lakes State Recreation Area on north side of highway, with parking, picnic tables, and toilet facilities. Trail approx. 0.4 mile to lake. Good early winter fishery for 7" - 12" landlocked salmon. State LMP: non-motorized craft and electric motors only. 🇺🇸
- #67 **Loberg Lake** Mile 36 Parks Hwy. Trunk Rd. exit, left across overpass to Frontage Rd. Left on Frontage Rd. 0.3 mile to lake and undeveloped boat launch by gravel pit. Good

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

- #68 **Echo Lake** Mile 37.3 Glenn Hwy. Paved parking area on south side of highway with public access trail to lake. Fair population of 7" - 10" landlocked salmon; a good population of 7" - 18" rainbow trout and a good population of 8" - 16" Arctic char. 👍👍
- #69 **Meirs Lake** Mile 39.2 Glenn Hwy. East on Outer Springer Rd. 0.3 mile to public access on left side of road. Parking and short steep trail to lake. Good populations of 7" - 14" rainbow trout; and a fair population of 7" - 12" Arctic grayling. 👍👍

Glenn Highway area (east of Palmer)

- #70 **Seventeenmile Lake** Mile 57.9 Glenn Hwy. North on Mile 58 Rd. 0.5 mile, turn right for 1.7 miles. Then left on Twin Hills Lane for 0.3 mile to Seventeen Mile Blvd. Turn right on Seventeen Mile Blvd. for 0.2 mile to Wishbone Place. Turn right on Wishbone Place and go 0.2 mile to public access with parking and undeveloped boat launch. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a good population of 8" - 20" Arctic char. Excellent catch rates. 👍👍👍👍
- #71 **Wishbone Lake** Mile 53 Glenn Hwy. North on Buffalo Mine Rd. 3.5 miles. At "Y", turn right and follow 4-wheel drive dirt road across Moose Creek for approximately 1 mile to "Y". Left at "Y" for 1.5 miles then right at next "Y" for 0.5 mile. Turn left and follow steep uphill route for approximately 1 mile to lake. Fair population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see Exceptions, page 13. 👍
- #73 **Ruby Lake** Mile 66.4 Glenn Hwy. Fly-in lake or access on 4-wheel drive trail 5.0 miles by way of King River Trail. Good population of 7" - 18" rainbow trout. 👍👍👍
- #74 **Ida Lake** Mile 73 Glenn Hwy. North on Fish Lake Rd. 0.2 mile. Left on Gronvold Dr. 0.4 mile to Ida Dr. Left on Ida Drive 0.2 mile to Oline Circle. Left on Oline Circle 0.1 mile to cul-de-sac. Steep trail on right side of road leads to lake. Good population of 7" - 16" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; excellent catch rates, and a small population of 7" - 14" kokanee (landlocked sockeye). 👍👍👍👍
- #75 **Lower Bonnie Lake** Mile 83.3 Glenn Hwy. North on gravel road 2 miles to Lower Bonnie Lake Access with parking, toilet facilities and unimproved boat launch. Good populations of rainbow trout up to 16 inches and Arctic grayling up to 14 inches. **Special fishing regulations apply**; see "Exceptions," page 13. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍
- #76 **Ravine Lake** Mile 83.3 Glenn Hwy. North on gravel road 0.8 mile to lake on right side of road. Roadside parking with short steep trail to lake. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout. Mat-Su Borough LMP, see page 4. 👍👍
- #77 **Long Lake** Mile 85.3 Glenn Hwy. Long Lake State Recreation Site with parking, camping sites, picnic tables, toilet facilities and undeveloped boat launch. Burbot up to 20 inches; a good population of 8" - 14" rainbow trout with occasional catches of larger trout; and a good population of 8" - 24" Arctic char and lake trout. 👍👍👍👍
- #78 **Weiner Lake** Mile 87.5 Glenn Hwy. Short dirt road on right with limited parking and undeveloped boat launch. **Or**, pullout along highway at Mile 87.6. Good populations of 7" - 14" rainbow trout and 7" - 12" Arctic grayling. 👍👍
- #79 **Bench Lake** Fly-in lake 1 mile east of Mile 97 Glenn Hwy. Access via snowmachine in the winter. Good population of 7" - 14" rainbow trout. 👍👍

Selected regulations for lakes in this handout

For a complete summary of sport fishing regulations, refer to the *Southcentral Alaska Sport Fishing Regulation Summary* booklet available free wherever licenses are sold.

SPECIES	DAILY BAG/POSSESSION LIMIT	SPECIAL REGULATIONS
Rainbow trout	5/5, only one 20" or longer, unless listed as an exception below.	Rainbows 20" or longer that are kept must be recorded immediately on the back of the fishing license or on the Harvest Record Card. Only 10 rainbows 20" or longer may be kept per year from Mat-Su Valley stocked lakes.
Arctic Grayling	5/5 (any size), unless listed as an exception below.	none
Arctic Char	5/5 (any size), unless listed as an exception below.	none
Landlocked Salmon	10/10, any size	none
Burbot	5/5, any size	see Big Lake
Northern pike	No limit in most lakes	Pike may also be taken by spear in most lakes, or by bow and arrow.

EXCEPTIONS to the above general regulations:

Big Lake (Knik Arm Unit):

1. Rainbow trout daily limits: 2/2, only 1 20" or longer.
2. Arctic char/Dolly Varden daily limits: 1/1, must be 20" or longer.
3. Closed year-round to fishing for salmon.
4. Only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure is allowed Nov. 1 - April 30, including fishing for burbot.
5. When fishing through the ice, anglers may use two lines, but each line may have only one single hook.
6. The daily bag and possession limit is 2 burbot per day/ 2 in possession.
7. Closed to retention of burbot March 15 - April 30.

Bonnie lakes, including connecting stream:

1. Rainbow trout daily limits: 2/2, only 1 20" or longer.
2. Arctic grayling daily limits: 2/2, any size.
3. From the outlet at Upper Bonnie Lake to the inlet of Lower Bonnie Lake, open season is July 1 - April 14.

Wasilla, Cottonwood, Mud, Nekalson, Cornelius, Anderson, King, and Dry lakes (Knik Arm Unit):

1. Rainbow trout daily limits: 2/2, only 1 20" or longer.
2. Arctic char/Dolly Varden daily limits: 5/5, only 1 over 12" long.

3. Closed year-round to fishing for salmon.

Nancy Lake (Knik Arm Unit):

1. Rainbow trout daily limits: 2/2, only 1 20" or longer.
2. Arctic char/Dolly Varden daily limits: 5/5, only 1 over 12" long.
3. Closed year-round to fishing for burbot.
4. Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.

Red Shirt Lake (Knik Arm Unit):

1. Rainbow trout daily limits: 2/2, only 1 20" or longer.
2. Closed year-round to fishing for king salmon.

Willow Creek drainage lakes (Crystal, Shirley, Long, Rainbow and Willow lakes, Susitna River Unit 2):

1. Closed year-round to fishing for salmon.
2. No retention for Arctic grayling.
3. In Crystal and Willow lakes, daily limits for rainbows are 5/5, only 1 may be over 20" in length.
4. In Shirley, Long, and Rainbow lakes, daily limits for rainbows are 2/2, only 1 may be over 20" in length.

Wishbone, X, Long Lakes (Kepler-Bradley Rec. Area):

1. Open season May 1 - October 31. Closed to sport fishing Nov. 1— April 30.
2. No retention for rainbow trout.
3. Only one unbaited single-hook, artificial lure allowed.