



## The Bear Essentials:

Visitors to Brooks Camp are required to begin their stay by checking-in at the visitor center for a brief "Bear Etiquette" training course and safety talk outlining park regulations.

### Bear Safety

Do not carry food, beverages, or any other odorous items around Brooks Camp. Eat and drink only in buildings or designated picnic areas. Water is the only beverage you can consume outside of designated areas.

Put garbage in designated indoor receptacles.

Do not leave gear unattended at any time.

Be alert at all times and make noise where visibility is limited. If you encounter a bear, stop making noise once the bear is aware of you.

Maintain a distance of 50 yards from any bear. In case of close encounter, speak to the bear in a soft voice, wave your arms, and back away slowly.

### Food Storage

All food, beverages, fish, garbage, equipment used to cook or store food, or any other odorous items must be properly stored.

### Bear Viewing

Three viewing platforms provide safe and ideally situated opportunities for observing bear behavior. The Lower River Platform is located just across the bridge over Brooks River. An additional .9 miles (1.4 km) of trail (one-way) provides access to the Falls and Riffles Platforms.

### Fishing Around Bears

When bear activity is at its peak at Brooks Camp, both bears and anglers compete for the same resources. Expect to spend much more time out of the water than in, and be prepared to give up your fishing hole to a bear at some time during your trip. It is critical that bears do not learn to associate anglers with fish.

Be aware of your surroundings—learn where bears are likely to appear or "pop-out." If possible, have someone "spot" bears for you.

Stop fishing well before a bear approaches within the designated distance of 50 yards.

The splash of a fish in play attracts bears' attention. If a bear approaches while a fish is hooked, be prepared to cut or break your line and move out of the water until the bear passes.

Fish may not be cleaned at Brooks Camp. If you plan on keeping a fish, kill it immediately, place it in a fish freezing bag (available free at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center) and take it to the fish freezing building near Brooks Lodge.

### Camping

Within 1.5 miles (2.4 km) of Brooks Camp (i.e., the Brooks Camp Developed Area), camping is allowed only in the Brooks Camp Campground (see page 4 for more info).

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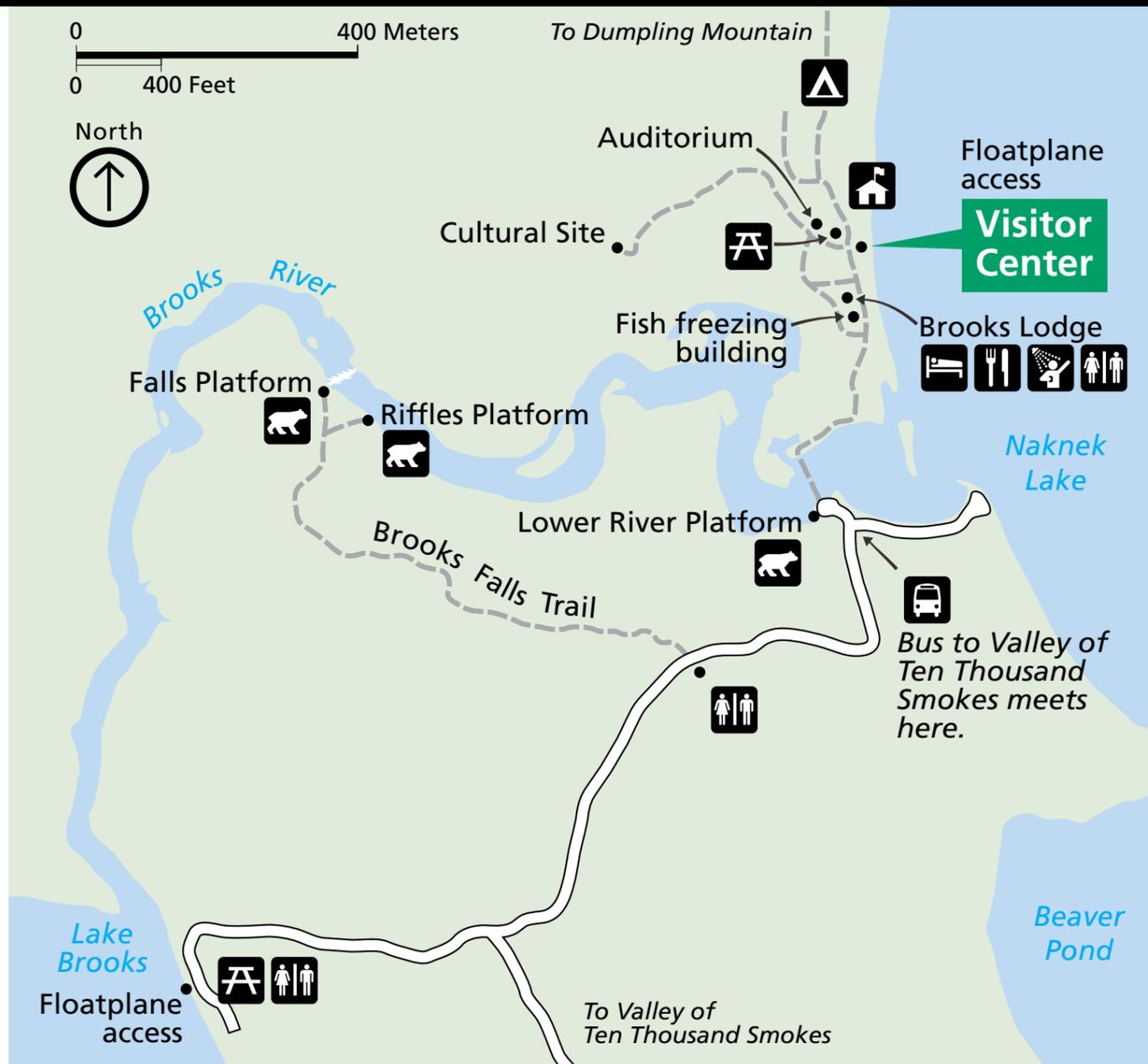
While most trails around Brooks Camp and the trail to Brooks Falls are wheelchair accessible, they are unpaved and frequently muddy. Visitors should be prepared to leave the trail in order to avoid a bear.

### Hunting and Firearms

Hunting and firearms are prohibited at Brooks Camp but may be permitted elsewhere (see page 2 for more info).

### Firewood

Please help protect park resources by gathering only dead and downed wood.



### Pets

Pets are not allowed within 1.5 miles (2.4 km) of the Brooks Camp (i.e., the Brooks Camp Developed Area).

### Preservation

Please don't remove any cultural artifacts or natural objects.

### Water Conservation

Please help us in this critical effort by complying with water use guidelines posted around camp.

### Interpretive Programs

Park ranger/naturalist-led activities occur daily. Inquire at the visitor center for times and availability (see page 4 for more info).

### Dumpling Mountain Trail

From Brooks Camp Campground, this moderately strenuous hike climbs 800 ft. (244 m) over 1.5 miles (2.4 km) (one-way) to an overlook with expansive views of Brooks Camp and Naknek Lake. An additional 2.5 miles (4 km) of trail and 1,600 ft. (489 m) of elevation gains the summit of Dumpling Mountain.

### Brooks Falls Trail

Brooks Falls is accessed via an easy, 1.2 mile (1.9 km) trail from the Brooks Camp Visitor Center.

### Cultural Trail

From the Brooks Camp Visitor Center, this easy .25 mile (0.4 km) (round-trip) stroll leads to a reconstructed prehistoric house, or *barabara*.



### "Bear Jam!"

Bear activity at the Lower River may delay crossing Brooks River bridge. Please be prepared to wait in windy and/or rainy conditions and allow yourself ample time to meet meal services and/or your departing flight.

## Brooks Camp Distances

Miles (Kilometers)	Visitor Center	Brooks Camp Campground	Brooks River "The Corner"	Cultural Site	Lower River Platform	Falls Trail Outhouse	Falls Platform	Lake Brooks
Visitor Center	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.2 mi (.3 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.2 mi (1.9 km)
Brooks Camp Campground	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.4 mi (.6 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	1.5 mi (2.4 km)
Brooks River "The Corner"	.2 mi (.3 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.8 mi (1.3 km)	1.1 mi (1.8 km)
Cultural Site	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.4 mi (.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)
Lower River Platform	.3 mi (.5 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	.1 mi (.2 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	0	.3 mi (.5 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	1 mi (1.6 km)
Falls Trail Outhouse	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.6 mi (1 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)
Falls Platform	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	.8 mi (1.3 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	.9 mi (1.4 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	0	1.3 mi (2.1 km)
Lake Brooks	1.2 mi (1.9 km)	1.5 mi (2.4 km)	1.1 mi (1.8 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	1 mi (1.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	1.3 mi (2.1 km)	0