



## Brooks Camp Campground



Located on the beach of Naknek Lake, the campground is situated among mature Balsam Poplar trees with stunning views of Mt Katolinat. It is considered by some to be one of the top campgrounds in North America given its location, primitive facilities, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

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The campground is constructed on the site of the original 1950 National Park Service presence in Katmai. William Nancarrow, the first park ranger assigned to Katmai, constructed his camp here. Today, this area has developed into a camping area with primitive facilities. Reservations must be made online or by phone BEFORE arriving at Brooks to

camp because there is no phone or internet access at Brooks Camp. The campground fee is \$8 per person per night and holds a maximum of 60 campers. The campground is typically full at the height of the season (mid-June to mid-August and again in September) so reserve your space today.

### Campground Facilities



**Cooking Shelters** – three, shared, covered cooking shelters are available for campers. These shelters consist of three walls and a roof. Each has a picnic table for cooking and eating out of the weather. No food or cooking is allowed away from the cooking shelters and food cache.

**Gear Storage Cache** – next door to the food cache is the gear storage cache for campers to keep gear not needed at their campsite. Campers are asked to keep gear stored inside the gear cache to prevent ‘curious bears’ from trying to investigate campsites.

**Food Storage Cache** – a central food cache building is available to store every item that would attract bears to the campground (food, toothpaste, trash, etc). All campers are required to store all food items (and any other items with odors) in the cache. There is a trash receptacle in the food cache for refuse also.

**Flammable Storage Locker** – these fireproof lockers are for storing any flammable items in the campground. Mainly for stove fuels, any other flammable items like flares, etc. must be stored in these lockers. Please store liquid fuels (white gas) separately from gaseous fuels (propane/butane) in marked lockers.



**Potable Water** – during the summer season, potable water is available from a spigot on the wall of the food storage cache. Visitors may fill water bottles and wash dishes here.

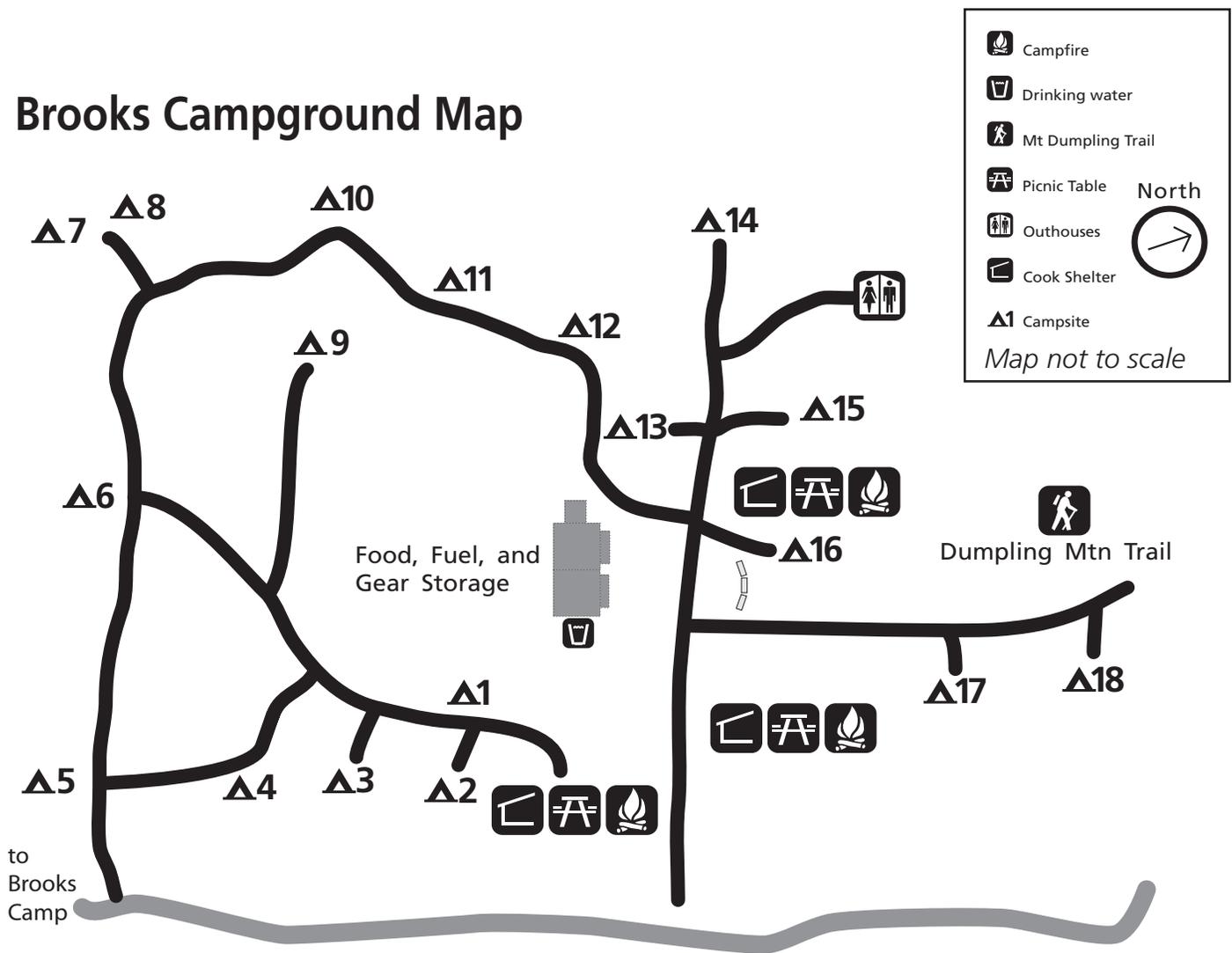
**Fire Rings** – there are three central fire rings located at each of the cooking shelters for campers wishing to have the warmth of a campfire. It is legal to collect only dead and down wood to burn, no branches or trees may be “cut down” or “broken off” to burn. Only dead and down wood.

**Toilets** – two vault toilets are in the campground.

**Electrified Fence** – in 2000, Brooks Campground was enclosed inside an electric fence to ‘deter’ bears from entering the actual campsites. The fence is NOT a bear barrier, but once shocked, bears tend to avoid any further contact with electric fences.

**Showers** – Brooks Lodge provides campers with a hot shower for a nominal fee. Inquire at the Brooks Lodge (Katmailand) for details.

# Brooks Campground Map



## Things to Know Before You Get Here:

Brooks Lodge carries white gas and propane occasionally for purchase because most airplanes will not let you bring fuels with you. Plan ahead and bring a stove that burns white gas.

Biting insects can be fierce and extremely uncomfortable at times. We recommend bringing a head net, lightweight long sleeve shirt, long pants, spray, and a pair of gloves to keep the insects at bay.

Brooks Campground is set up for 60 campers to share 18 campsites when it reaches capacity. Please make room when you set your camp up for others to get a piece of “high and dry” ground.

The campground sits at the base of Mount Dumpling and after continued rainstorms may flood in places with sites underneath ten inches of water. Be prepared to arrive and share the few high & dry areas with other campers when this occurs. Bring gear that has a good rain fly and a waterproof floor.

Please be quiet and respectful towards others.

Check out time is noon. Please make sure all of your gear is out of the campground by then. In the autumn, the sun sets earlier and earlier making the walk back to Brooks Campground from the lodge or river fairly intimidating in the dark. Bring a good flashlight or plan on being to your site early to prevent bear encounters in the inky darkness.

Brooks Lodge offers 3 hot meals a day for campers that do not wish to cook their own food. The 2005 meal rates were between \$18 - \$28.

Each camper must check in at the Brooks Camp Visitor Center to receive a bear etiquette talk and campground orientation.

If the campground is full when you try to make reservations, backcountry camping is an option. Backcountry campers are required to camp 1 1/2 miles from Brooks River Falls in any direction or farther away. Bear Resistant Food Containers (BRCs) are available at no charge from the Brooks River Visitor Center for use in Katmai’s backcountry. See backcountry camping section for details...