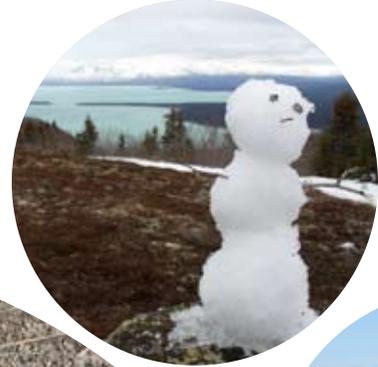




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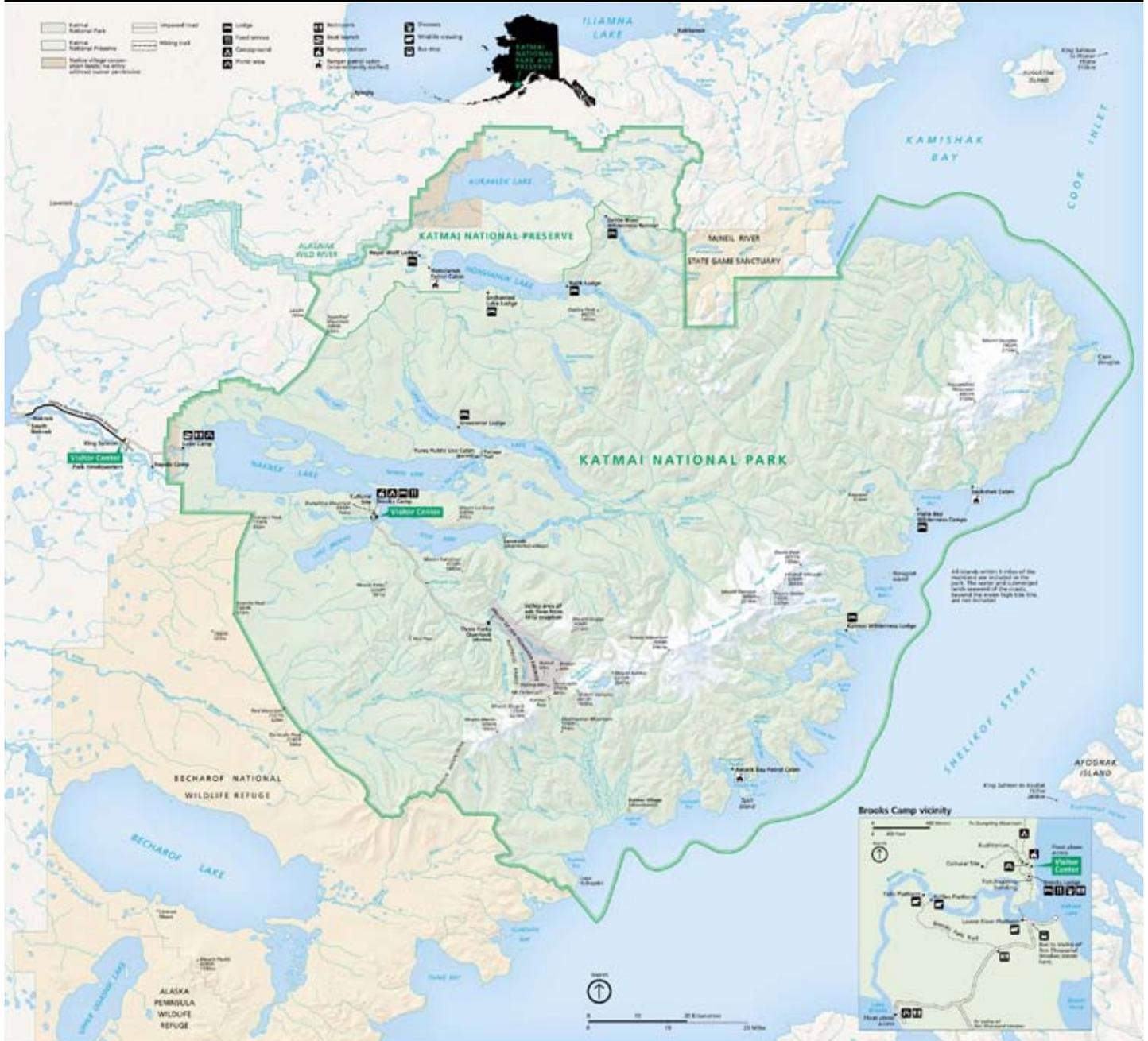


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A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to Katmai National Park! We are pleased you have decided to join our team.

Our staff is dedicated to striving for excellence in the National Park Service mission of resource stewardship and visitor service. Your co-workers are bright, caring professionals who are eager to share their knowledge and wonder of Katmai with you.

Your summer in Katmai will be an adventure remembered for a lifetime. You will find a land, resources, and experiences unequaled anywhere in the world. I am confident your contributions here will add to an enduring legacy that makes each of us proud to work for the National Park Service.

We want to do all we can to prepare you for your trip and work at the Park. Hopefully, this publication will answer many of the questions that have started you thinking about your Katmai experience. We all look forward to meeting and working with you. Please contact your supervisor or myself if you have further questions or need assistance.

Have a safe and enjoyable trip.



Ralph Moore
Superintendent
Katmai National Park and Preserve
Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
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Congratulations!

So you have accepted a position at Katmai - Aniakchak - Alagnak and taken on the adventure of a lifetime in the legendary Alaskan Bush. Enjoy your time in these wonderful wilderness lands.

Seasonal employees working at Katmai National Park and Preserve, Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, or on the Alagnak Wild River will be in for an experience requiring a great deal of planning, preparation and organization. This is particularly true if you will be stationed in one of the backcountry areas.

This guidebook presents a brief overview of some basic guidelines and provides answers to commonly asked questions. Hopefully, it will help you navigate through situations you'll likely encounter while employed at Katmai National Park and Preserve. Your supervisor should be consulted for additional guidance and information, especially when it involves unfamiliar activities (e.g., procurement, travel, time sheets, etc.). Please feel free to make comments regarding the contents of this guidebook. Your experiences will help update and refine this information to make it a more useful tool.

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact the park at 907-246-3305.

Travel to Katmai Country

Katmai National Park and Preserve and the Alagnak Wild River are located approximately 290 air miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska. Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve is another 100 miles farther to the south. Headquarters is located in King Salmon, Alaska, a "bush" community accessible by air only. The most practical way to get to King Salmon is to fly from Anchorage via Alaska Airlines or Peninsula Airways (\$300-\$500 round-trip). Generally, two checked bags (maximum 50 lbs each) are allowed and excess baggage can be added for a fee (\$50+/bag). A common practice for shipping goods to the "bush" is to mail non-perishable goods from Anchorage through the U.S. Postal Service, saving baggage space for frozen and perishable goods.

When you arrive in King Salmon, the park's maintenance and employee complex facilities are located across the road from the airport. The headquarters office is located several hundred feet to the west (right as you exit the terminal) and across the road in the King Salmon Mall. Let your supervisor know when you plan to arrive and arrangements can be made to meet you. An e-mail including your airline, flight number, day, and time for both arrival and departure serves as

a great written reminder!

Area Descriptions

Anchorage

Anchorage contains about half the population of Alaska (frequently more since that's where most of the rest of us go to get our supplies). If you have time you may want to visit one of the interesting and informative locations listed below.

The Alaska Public Lands Information Center: a multi-agency visitor center operated jointly by the NPS and other state and federal agencies. This is a very good place to stop for advice on Anchorage area activities.

Earthquake Park/Tony Knowles Coastal Trail: at the west end of Northern Lights Boulevard and running north and south along the edge of Turnagain Arm. Good for running and biking. Visitors Bureau: the log cabin visitor center downtown has all the brochures you will ever need to find interesting things to do in Anchorage and around the state.

Potters Marsh: a terrific spot to go birding just outside Anchorage to the south on the Seward Highway. The month of May is prime viewing as so many different species of birds are arriving into Alaska for our short breeding season. Species include Arctic Terns, gulls, ducks, warblers, shorebirds, and lots of mammal species can also be seen here.

Visit www.anchorage.net for other suggestions

(Previous) 11Tour to Ukak Falls in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. A variety of Ranger-led programs are available for everyone to enjoy.





Park Headquarters located upstairs in the King Salmon Mall

King Salmon

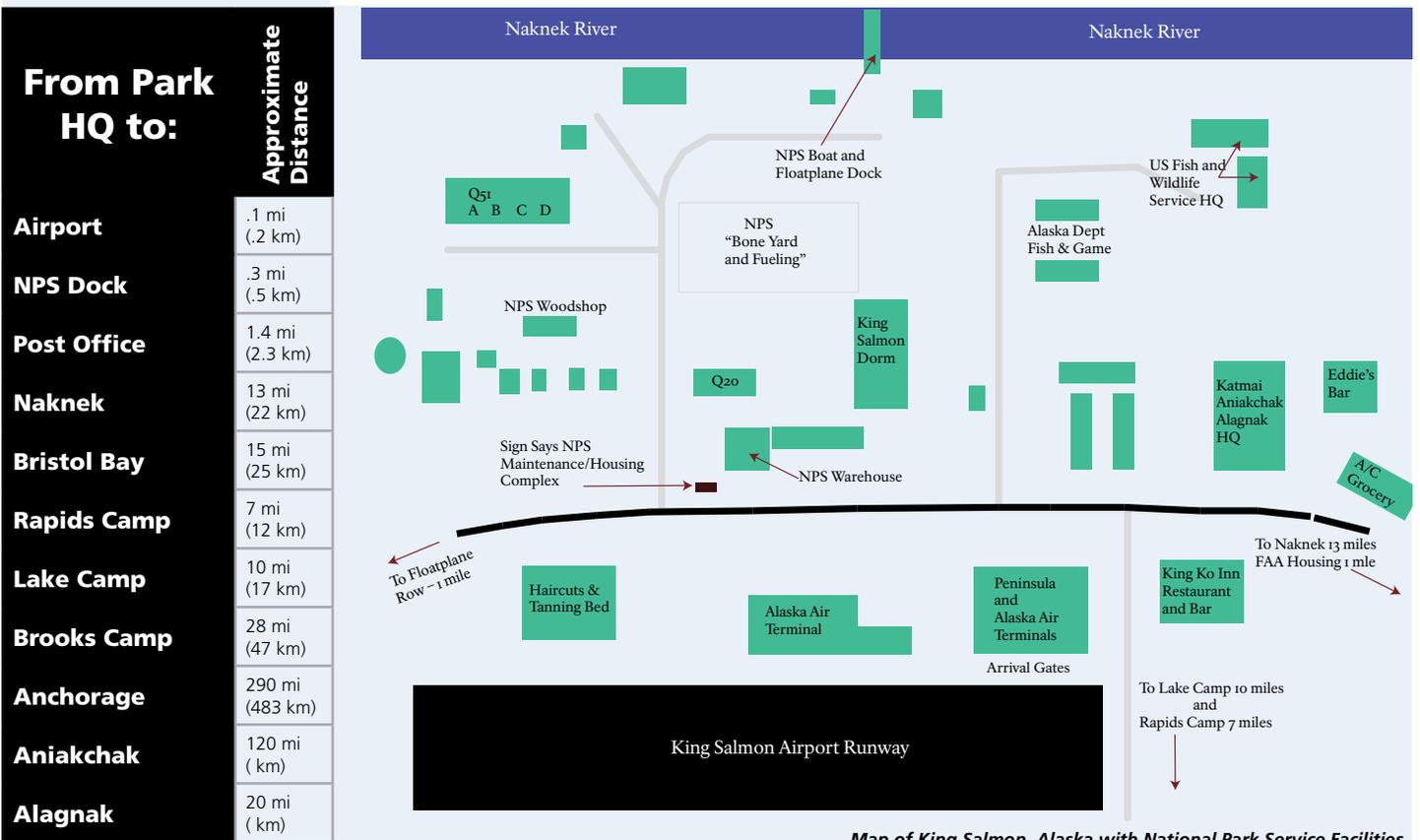
King Salmon is the headquarters for Katmai NP&P, Aniakchak NM&P and the Alagnak Wild River, with a population of about 450. Naknek, about fifteen miles down the road, adds another 575 (this increases many fold during the summer as a result of commercial fishing operations). Ten miles the other direction is Lake Camp, which consists of a few cabins and a newly constructed boat ramp which provides access to the west edge of Katmai National Park & Preserve. This is the extent of the road system. The area economy is largely based on state and federal governments, commercial fishing and tourism. Fishing, wildlife viewing and hunting are probably the top three tourism attractions. Most visitors to Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve and to the Brooks River District of Katmai National Park and Preserve come through King Salmon, Alaska

Backcountry Stations

The location and staffing of backcountry stations varies annually and depends on need and funding. Typically, camps are placed at such locations as on the coast of Aniakchak (near the mouth of the Aniakchak River), the coast of Katmai (in Amalik Bay and Kukak Bay), Fure's Cabin on Naknek Lake and on the Alagnak and Nonvianuk River. Fure's Cabin is also available to the public by reservation through headquarters.

Backcountry quarters are generally rustic 10' X 12' wall tents, weather ports, or plywood cabins, without electricity or inside plumbing. A propane refrigerator may be installed. Most have oil stoves for heat and propane or Coleman cook stoves.

King Salmon Area Map



Map of King Salmon, Alaska with National Park Service Facilities Scale is approx 1 inch = 250 feet

Brooks Camp

The Brooks Camp area (located on the Brooks River between Brooks and Naknek Lakes, 30 air miles east of King Salmon) is the hub for both NPS and the Brooks Lodge summer operations. The predominant means of access for Brooks Camp (as well as the rest of the park) is by floatplane. There is a lodge and campground for overnight visitors. The area also gets a large number of day use visitors, particularly in July (when bears come to feed on spawning fish).

There are approx 32 NPS employees and 25 lodge employees that live at Brooks Camp.

Brooks Campground has a maximum of 60 campers per night and the Lodge accommodates up to 60 people. Buffet style meals are available in the lodge. There is also a small store where you can buy film, mailers, souvenirs, clothing, candy bars, pop and fishing gear. Prices reflect the remoteness of the location. The park service operates an Alaska Natural History Association (ANHA) outlet which sells education materials & Katmai logo items (water bottles, shirts, hats, patches, and pins).

Employees who will be opening up Brooks Camp (April-May) may need to have three weeks' worth of food and gear separate from the remainder of their supplies. Space is at a premium for the first few weeks of summer, so non-essential supplies are frequently delayed. This should be a consideration when organizing and packing your food and gear.

Brooks Camp Map and Distance Chart

Distances Miles (km)	Visitor Center	Campground	Brooks River (The Corner)	Cultural Site	Lower River Platform	Falls Trails 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 (.9 km)	1.2 mi (2 km)	1.2 mi (2 km)
Campground	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.4 mi (.6 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.5 km)	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	1.5 mi (2.4 km)
Brooks River	.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 (1.5 km)	1 mi (1.6 km)
Falls Trail Outhouse	.6 mi (1 km)	.9 mi (1.5 km)	.4 mi (.6 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)	.3 mi (.5 km)	0	.6 mi (1 km)	.7 mi (1.1 km)
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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



Brooks River is a short 1.5 mile river between Lake Brooks (right), which is @ 60 feet above sea level, and Naknek Lake (left) at @ 34 feet above sea level.

People have used this river to support their livelihood for 4,500 years in various capacities.

Over 80 individual adult bears (with 20 or so cubs) were identified using Brooks River in July 2007.





King Salmon Dormitory

Government Quarters

Check in with the Katmai office clerks to get your quarter's assignment and key. If stationed at Brooks Camp, check with your supervisor. All employees will have the cost of quarters deducted automatically from their payroll each pay period. Volunteer housing costs are paid by the benefiting work unit/division.

There is a housing coordinator for the park who assigns housing (seasonal & temporary quarters) for King Salmon and Brooks Camp. A priority system is in place (refer to Park Directives) with full-time employees on business having highest priority. Presently a housing shortage exists which requires everyone to be patient. It is always best to get housing requests to the coordinator well in advance, particularly for the use of Brooks Camp area units, so as to minimize conflicts. Overnight guest use of shared housing at Brooks Camp requires guests to use the yurt or campground unless otherwise approved by the Brooks Camp manager.

Occupants of seasonal government housing are prohibited, by regulation, from keeping pets in their government quarters; regulations also restrict personal firearms in the park, but may be kept if cased and in an unloaded, inoperable state (i.e., firing pin removed, broken down). You must provide a lockable container or trigger lock. At employee quarters, bedding and utensils for cooking and eating are furnished but it is the employee's responsibility to maintain them.

Occupancy of government housing is a privilege, as the park is not required to provide housing to any employee or contractor. Employees are expected to conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect favorably upon the National Park Service and Katmai National Park. Review the Housing Management Plan for additional information regarding rules and regulations (pets, quiet hours, guests, etc.).

You are responsible for sharing the cleaning in communal areas in park housing.

Upon moving in and prior to checking out of your assigned personal quarters an inspection will be conducted by your supervisor. Quarters are expected to be left neat and clean. An unsatisfactory check-out could result in deductions from your paycheck for cleaning and/or repairs.

All housing repairs and problems should be made known to the maintenance supervisor in your area.

King Salmon Housing

Seasonal quarters at King Salmon range from a dormitory to small cabins or a wall tent with no bathroom facilities. A bathhouse is centrally situated so that both cabins and wall tents have access to bathroom, showers, and laundry facilities. The dormitory has communal bathrooms, kitchen facilities (2), and laundry areas.

Brooks Camp Housing

There are five different types of housing units available at Brooks Camp and each unit itself is unique. On the Brooks River (west side) of camp, there are tent framed cabins, some cabins without bathrooms, and a few cabins with bathrooms. On the Lake Brooks (east side) of camp, there are two cabins and a historic cabin. Generally, all housing at Brooks Camp is shared quarters and deducted from your paycheck biweekly. Your supervisor will be able to tell you the rate for your unit.

Tent Frame Cabin

These are shared plywood sided wooden frames covered by canvas tents. Each one has a separate loft that provides 'semi-private' sleeping quarters for the occupants. Heating for each unit is provided by electric space heaters that take a little getting used to before you can find that 'perfect' setting that keep your home at the right temperature. No bathroom in these units.

Cabin without Bathroom

These are wooden cabins with shingle roofs. They have a single room that is long and slender for the shared living space. Generally, the sleeping spaces are divided by metal clothing lockers and the other end of the cabin is the kitchen/dining/living room area. These units have electric heaters as well.

Cabin with Bathroom

These are wooden cabins with shingle roofs. They have: one main living/dining/sleeping room, a very small kitchen, and moderately sized bathroom. They are heated with electric space heaters. These units are a bit smaller than the cabins without bathrooms.

Lake Brooks Housing

These are 2 cabins with spacious living conditions including three separate bedrooms, large kitchen/dining/living room with wood stove, and bathroom. No images available for this type of housing yet.

Historic BL3 Housing

This is a historic cabin located on the shores of



Brooks Camp Cabin w/o Bath



Brooks Camp Cabin w Bath



Historic BL3 Lake Brooks Housing

Lake Brooks that is divided into four bedrooms with a common kitchen/living/dining room around a large fireplace. It has a bathhouse a short walk from the house. No images available for this type of housing yet.

Standard Seasonal Housing Amenities

Each housing unit has been ‘customized’ over the years to include a variety of unique dishes, silverware, pots/pans, and miscellaneous items. All quarters have electricity, refrigerator/freezer, oven/stove, sink, dishes, cookware, twin mattresses, and furniture. The following is an explanation of quarters facilities:

Refrigerator/freezer

Each unit has a normal sized refrigerator/freezer that is shared by both occupants. Keep in mind that at times it can be difficult to fit all of the frozen/refrigerated items into the unit if both occupants receive groceries at the same time.

Stove/oven

Depending on the cabin, stoves may be propane or electric, but it will cook your food just as well.

Sink and Water

Each unit has water heaters and provides hot & cold running water to the sink for most of the season. Keep in mind that early in the season (May) and late in the season (September) that if weather conditions could cause the pipes to freeze up, we may have to live without running water for short periods of time or if the systems breaks down. During those time periods, it is easy to take a pot down to the lake and boil the water for safe usage. Maintaining a clean food prep area is essential at Brooks Camp because of the high density of bears in the area. Some sinks drain into the main sewer system and others into gray water pits under the housing unit.

Dishes/silverware

There are enough dish sets in each unit for at least 4 serving sets. Occasionally, there are almost too many dishes (left from someone who probably did not want to wash their own dishes regularly) in each unit as well. Included are plates, bowls, cups, mugs, forks, knives, spoons, quart sized pots, skillet, and a baking pan. If you prefer specialized cookware (non-stick surfaces, etc), bring those along with you, otherwise know that quarters are sufficiently stocked.

Bedding/Mattress

Each housing unit has two twin mattresses on a frame (except tent frame lofts where the mattress is on the floor of the loft). It is advisable to bring your own sheets (fitted/flat/pillowcase), pillow, and blankets with you to Brooks Camp. There

are some older sheet sets and leftover blankets at Brooks Camp from previous residents in limited quantities available on first come first served basis. A sleeping bag (rated down from 40F or 15F depending on your sleeping needs) is very handy on cold nights and for backcountry trips too.

Furniture

Each unit has some basic furniture including pantry space on shelves or in cabinets, table, chairs for at least two people, and some are blessed/cursed with a sofa/couch. Dressers or clothing lockers are provided for privacy and clothing management.

Electricity

Each unit has electricity that is supplied by the generators 24 hours a day. There is a constant hum that is soothing and comforting as it masks the comings and goings of floatplanes on Nanknek Lake, (at least partly). The electrical outlets in each house provide ample power, but can easily be overloaded by too many appliances or an extension cord causing the breaker to kick off. Overloaded outlets are fire hazards (and Brooks Camp has no significant fire department).

NPS Community Bathhouse

The bathhouse has showers, flushable toilets, sink, laundry, and mail room. Keep in mind that this bathhouse serves all the NPS residents living on the Brooks River (west side) and can be crowded depending on how many people have a ‘need’ at the same time.

Respect and patience is required in order to keep the bathhouse clean and functional. For the sake of others, do not leave items stored in the bathhouse (as they may disappear like towels-shampoo-etc) and clutter the space for the rest of camp users. Clean up after yourself by picking up toilet paper scraps, wiping out hair from sinks/showers, flushing, and mud you may track in. Be as quick as possible when there are other folks waiting to use the facilities as well.

Laundry Room/Mail room

This room has two energy efficient washers, two dryers, a stand up freezer, refrigerator/freezer, ironing board, reading library, microwave, and also serves as the mail room.

Visitation

Employees sharing a bedroom or common area used for sleeping must arrange for overnight guests to use the yurt, campground, or some other facility for overnight use. Guests in shared living space should limit visiting hours in consideration of the schedule and needs of the host’s roommate.



King Salmon Dormitory Interior



Brooks Camp Tent Frames



Brooks Camp Cabin w/o Bath



Brooks Camp Cabin w Bath



*Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes
Breakfast at Baked Mountain Huts*

Recreation and Entertainment

Katmai, being as isolated as it is, requires folks to entertain yourself. This works both ways. There are literally endless opportunities for recreation including hiking, boating, fishing, wildlife viewing, and the list goes on and on. It makes for great evenings strolling along the river, watching Alpenglow fade from the mountains, and enjoying the peaceful sounds of the natural silence. However, without urban distractions to keep busy, the isolation can quickly become quite an issue for the unprepared.

Reading, journaling, watching films, playing cards, or attending potluck dinners are a great ways to entertain yourself and others as well. In today's internet world, you can order books, movies, food, and supplies online when needed and have it delivered almost to your doorway. Don't worry too much about bringing everything you MIGHT ever want to entertain yourself with you, just bring the essentials and worry about the rest later. After all, it can be delivered shortly or you might find out how much stuff you don't really need.

Bicycling and Running

Bicycling and running are possible at Brooks Camp, although the density of bears can make this fraught with unaccustomed hazards. There are some bicycles (mostly clunkers) at Brooks Camp which are available when not needed for official use. Some seasonal employees bring their own mountain bikes with them although transporting them out and back to King Salmon can be hard on them and expensive.

Brooks Camp Auditorium (after hours)

Brooks Camp does not really have an indoor community area, except for the auditorium (which is used nightly for the evening program and occasionally during the day). The auditorium is generally available for recreational use after 9 pm, or when not needed for official government business. It has audio/visual equipment like a LCD projector, DVD/VHS player, chairs, 1 small table, and can be cleared to make a large open space. Please leave the auditorium set up for the next evening program (window's closed, vacuumed, chairs arranged, and the heat in the upright position) so the interpreter is not delayed in preparing for the evening program.

Social gatherings at Brooks Camp are a recurring phenomenon. Ranging from formal celebrations of notable events to impromptu potlucks put together at the drop of a brownie mix. Bring your favorite dish and an appetite.

Reading Library

A small, reading library, in the laundry room, contains lots of Science Fiction and Romance novels that are available for checkout, but some have not found the selection all that interesting. Occasionally, someone will donate current titles (like the most recent Harry Potter book showed up off and on last season), but don't count on it if you have very specific interests.

Basketball

There is a basketball hoop located outdoors that gets some use during the season, but plan on lots of biting insects playing with you as well (kinda like the 6th man award). The net usually needs replacing once a season and a new ball needs to be purchased occasionally, too.

Weightroom(s)

A simple weight room is available with a small selection of free weights and boom box for music at Brooks Camp and King Salmon.

The Brooks River Brown Bear Club

This is similar to the 'polar bear clubs' around the world except that we have brown bears. The idea is that for most of the year the water around camp is wicked cold, except for those glorious few days, in July and August at Lake Brooks. The water heats up and provides a grand swimming experience. The NE side of Lake Brooks is extremely shallow for hundreds of yards and has the softest sandy bottom for bare footed swimmers. To join, one must submerge in the waters around camp once a month all summer long (just kidding). Swimming should be enjoyable, but just be aware there are a few wonderfully warm moments to be found once a summer!!

Camping

An endless supply of mysterious and exciting opportunities exist for Wilderness camping in these units. The parks combined have less than 10 maintained trails in close to 5 million acres.

Navigation in these trailless tracts of land requires a self reliance and will test the limits of your skills. River crossings, inclement weather, wind events, wildlife encounters, and many factors both enhance the trip stories and test the abilities during trips.

Be careful not to undertake overly ambitious trips. It seems each summer, employees attempt to pack 3 to 5 day excursions into 2 day weekends. Eventually, this overly optimistic approach catches up and employees require "a rescue" missing work shifts. Talk with experienced park staff about planned routes for insight before your departure. Have a back up plan in case of a delay.



Early May lake temperatures are in the 30s F for Brown Bear swimming



Paddling Lake Brooks



Hallo Bay

Bear Resistant Containers

The park maintains a stash of Bear Resistant Containers (BRCs) for anyone to properly store food and odorous items during their trips. BRCs can be checked and returned at either the Brooks Camp or King Salmon Visitor Centers at no charge.

Please return your BRC empty, clean, and dry immediately upon returning from your trip as these are on a limited supply. Do not “hoard” your favorite BRC all season.

Boating

Recreational skiffs, kayaks, and canoes are generally available at Brooks Camp and King Salmon (MOCC certification and demonstration of proficiency is required before use of motorized craft). The Katmai employees association has purchased personal flotation devices, paddles, and other gear over the years for staff to use for off duty recreation. This equipment is on limited supply and of basic quality usually, but it is adequate for safe enjoyment of the park waters.

Failure to take care of this limited equipment will result in no one being able to use the broken/worn out items. An honor system requires that if you break it, then you fix/replace it so that all may enjoy it.

Air Taxi Transportation

Floatplanes are available for charter (costs a few hundred dollars/hour) for sightseeing or access to remote areas of the park. This expensive

option is one of the best methods to get out to remote areas of the park(s) quickly for short weekend excursions.

Valley Road Recreation Vehicle (Excursion)

Transportation, along the park road and to the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, can generally be arranged for those at Brooks Camp to day hike or take a back country trip out to Novarupta. There is a sign up sheet in the Ranger Station to schedule the vehicle when it is not used for official government business.

Hunting

In the fall and winter, caribou and moose (to list just two species) are hunted in areas outside the park and in the preserve. Hunting is not permitted in Katmai National Park. It is allowed in Katmai National Preserve and on some surrounding lands. A nonresident (all game) hunting license cost \$85, small game \$20.00 and hunting and trapping \$250.00 in 2005. There are additional nonresident big game Tag fees.

Angling

Fishing for salmon, rainbow trout, grayling, etc. is a very popular activity throughout the area. Many areas are fly-fishing and/or catch and release only. Most areas are limited to artificial flies. An Alaska State fishing license is required and can be purchased either in King Salmon or at Brooks Camp. Fly and spin gear range for three-pound grayling to fifty-pound king salmon. Everyone has their favorite lures, but just about

One of my best National Park experiences ever and I have seen most of the parks in the lower 48 states.



Anglers have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of world class sized sport fish in Katmai especially rainbow trout.



anything seems to work to some extent. Non-resident fishing licenses cost \$100 per year, \$50 for 14 days, \$30 for 7 days and \$10 for 1 day in 2005.

Employees are allowed to clean your legally kept fish in your government quarters. This is a privilege not afforded to regular visitors (who must go at least five miles from Brooks Camp to clean a fish). Special disposal of entrails is required for those cleaning fish in their quarters, please take care of this privilege.

Banking

There is a Bank (Wells Fargo) and ATM located on the ground level of the King Salmon Mall. It is possible to open an account from this bank for the summer.

Sign up for online banking from your bank to keep up with your accounts while employed at Katmai. Banking online is much easier than traveling into town to manage funds.

Restaurants and Bars

Restaurants in King Salmon and Naknek provide good food at reasonable "bush" pricing, which by Lower 48 standards is expensive. It is important to know that as National Park Service

employees you may not accept free or discounted meals from the park concessionaire or anyone else. Brooks Lodge at Brooks Camp provides buffet-style meals for \$12 for breakfast, \$18 for lunch, and \$28 for dinner. You may need to make reservations ahead of time at the lodge.

Several restaurants in King Salmon/Naknek are open in the summer months offering a wide variety of cuisine from hamburgers to halibut.

Several restaurants also double as bars for after hours entertainment and spirits. Some offer live music, darts, pool, and other games.

Transient Housing

The park(s) maintains a few beds for transient usage which allows employees to reserve overnight accommodations away from their duty station (King Salmon and Brooks Camp) for a small fee.

Employees are responsible for submitting a housing request form (via e-mail) to park dispatch (719) BEFORE your trip begins to obtain a reservation. Employees are also responsible for cleaning up the quarters at the conclusion of your stay including washing sheets, dishes, sweeping, etc.

Floating and fishing on the Alagnak are very popular activities. Several park commercial services providers provide transportation and equipment for Alagnak trips.

This housing is available on a priority based system beginning with Katm/Ania/Alag employees on official business first, all NPS employees on official business, and eventually to personal recreational visits.

Gardening

Gardens are allowed in King Salmon near the quad plex. Electric fencing is highly recommended to prevent damage from bears and other wildlife. Provide your own tools, soil, etc.

Gardens are not allowed at Brooks Camp due to disturbance of cultural resources and the introduction of non-native species into the park.

Weather

Summers in King Salmon may be warm, but at times cool and rainy. Be prepared for a variety of conditions that change by the hour. It is not uncommon to have a day or two of 30 mph winds and rain, followed by a day or two of sunny 75F calm days. Mosquitoes, white sox (a type of biting fly), and no-see-ums (another tiny type of biting fly) are abundant due to numerous nearby bodies of water. Bug nets, long sleeves, long pants, gloves, and repellents are highly recommended (you will be miserable without them). Some people have mild allergic reactions to white sox bites, so bring some benadryl.

Visit http://www.wunderground.com/US/AK/King_Salmon.html for daily weather updates



Clockwise from top left: Relaxing on Naknek Lake's sandy beach; Brooks Camp Transient Housing (Yurt); Fure's Cabin, Naknek Lake North Arm; Some people enjoy watching wildlife!

Below: Bear viewing in Hallo Bay along the Katmai coast has become a major attraction to view dozens of bears courting and feeding in the sedge meadows.



Everyone brings Joy to the office:

Some when they enter...

Others when they leave!

Administration

Check In

Check in involves the assignment of quarters, receipt of accountable property (keys, badges, park radios, etc.), paperwork, and orientation. Please report to the Katmai Park Headquarters on the second floor of the King Salmon Mall for check-in upon arrival. The length of orientation will vary depending on the type of work you will be doing. There is a park-wide orientation program for all seasonal employees offered at Brooks Camp early each spring and you are strongly encouraged to attend relevant sessions. Please check with your supervisor regarding your involvement in this orientation.

Familiarize yourself with the Katmai Park Directives that address issues unique to Katmai as well as National Park Service policies. Park Directives address such issues as recreational boat use, vehicle use, personal use of park facilities, etc. A copy is kept at the front desk or check with your supervisor.

End of Season Check Out

All employees are required to check out when terminated from employment. Your last pay-check will be held until you hand in a completed check out sheet. Talk to your supervisor and follow instructions closely in order that your clearance will be complete. You must turn in your radio, library books, keys, badges and other equipment and leave a forwarding address. Your supervisor's signature verifying you have returned all accountable property is required

At the end of the season you are responsible for shipping your personal belongings home from King Salmon, nothing can be left behind. No one in King Salmon can take responsibility for your things, so please allow ample time to box, mark, and take your things to the post office. Failure to do so will constitute a charitable contribution on your part to whatever worthy cause the warehouse manager chooses.

Uniforms

Maintenance employees wear either the field or work uniform. Ranger positions will generally wear the field or service uniform (optimized for the area). If your job position requires you to wear a uniform the Park Service will provide an allowance towards its purchase. Proper wearing of the uniform is a required condition of your employment. Check with your supervisor for the specific requirements for your position. Refer to NPS Directives for information on uniforms.

The park will issue equipment necessary for the performance of your duties, but if you have specific requirements or don't want to wear used equipment, you may choose to bring your own.

Ethics

Our conduct as Department of the Interior (DOI) employees is governed by regulations, which demand a deep sense of responsibility for the public trust and the highest standards of ethical behavior in our official and personal affairs. The way in which we perform our work, what we do, what we say, how we do it, and how we

What better image of the National Park Service than the flat hat and polished leather.





Who would have ever thought flag lowering could be hazardous?

say it are subject to close scrutiny by a discerning citizenry. We must carefully guard against any behavior which might give rise to a conflict of interest or which might reasonably be incompatible with the interests of the DOI, whether we are on or off duty. Each one of us must be guided in our activities and expressions by thoroughly familiarizing ourselves with government-wide responsibility and conduct regulations as outlined in Part I of the Executive Order 12574 and 5 CFR Part 2635. Employees will read the NPS ethics guide to ensure that you are aware of conduct expectations for DOI employees. Ask your supervisor for access to these regulations so that you can familiarize yourself with them.

Safety and Health

Safety is the responsibility of all employees. No job is so important or urgent that proper precautions cannot be taken to perform it in a safe manner. Our goal is the prevention of any personal injury and damage or loss of government and personal property within the park.

If you are injured on the job, you may be entitled to medical, surgical and hospital care at government expense. You are responsible for notifying your supervisor immediately of any job-related

injury, regardless of how minor it seems to you. Your supervisor will ensure that the injury is reported properly and that medical treatment, if required, is authorized.

Report all emergencies, fires, accidents and safety related incidents immediately to your supervisor or park dispatch via radio or in person. Katmai National Park has adopted smoking policies for the comfort and safety of all employees. All public buildings within the park, including personal offices are designated no smoking areas.



"Bear in Camp!"

Park Rules and Regulations Apply to You

As an employee, you have the individual responsibility of knowing and observing all regulations. Remember these regulations apply both on and off the job and provide for your safety, the safety of others, and the protection of resources. It is unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase, or have in his/her possession any alcoholic beverage. Similarly, the possession, sale, distribution, or use of narcotics or other drugs within the park is in violation of federal & state law and will result in legal action as well as immediate dismissal from employment.

There are regulations prohibiting the disturbance or collection of artifacts or any specimens without a Collection Permit. This includes moose or caribou antlers, any skull or animal bones, plant species and rocks. Visitors and staff may collect wild edible plants for personal consumption (except mushrooms).

All animals found in the park are wild and potentially dangerous and should be treated with caution and respect.

The park maintains distance rules with respect to bears: you must maintain at least a 50-yard distance from all bears. Failure to do so may result in immediate dismissal from employment. Do not feed animals at any time. If you carry a daypack, in the backcountry (including the Brooks Camp area) you should have it on your person at all times. Do not leave equipment unattended. This includes personal gear on the Naknek Lake beach when arriving or departing from Brooks Camp. Do not leave food items, even in coolers or boxes, outside your quarters for even a few minutes.

Bears frequent the beach and the housing area of Brooks Camp, and may appear suddenly out of nowhere. Unattended food and gear invites disaster and is prohibited. You should also avoid carrying food items on your person. Report anyone breaking these rules and otherwise acting unwisely to the law enforcement rangers immediately. Be a good example for visitors and coworkers. Setting a bad example could influence others behavior with disastrous results.

When in the backcountry you must always be aware of the potential for bear confrontations. Bears are attracted by the smell of food and extreme caution must be used in keeping it from them. The park has bear resistant food containers (BRC) that you may borrow for use during backcountry travel. Seasoned backcountry campers lay out their campsite with their sleeping area a minimum of 100 yards from the

food cache/storage and cooking area. Always try to keep your food and cooking areas downwind from your sleeping area so that scent-investigation bears will not walk through your camp while tracking scents.

Always carry a flashlight and proceed cautiously when moving about in the night. Always make noise (e.g., whistle, talk, etc.) to help warn bears of your presence and eliminate the chance of a surprise encounter. Please go to the Brooks Camp visitor center for additional information on how to behave in bear country.

Backcountry Use Permits are recommended if you plan to camp in the backcountry. These are available at the Brooks Camp and King Salmon Visitor Centers.

The park hosts rich archaeological resources as evidenced by abundant house depressions in the Brooks Camp area. Federal regulations strictly prohibit disturbance of any archaeological site or remains and failure to heed this may result in termination of your employment. Do not dig anywhere in the park without prior clearance and do not handle any artifacts, even if your intention is to bring them to the attention of the park archaeologist. You may take careful note of where and what it was you saw, but do not disturb artifacts, even to pick them up and turn them over. Report this information immediately to the park archaeologist.

If you have any questions concerning park regulations, discuss them with your supervisor or a law enforcement ranger. "Not knowing" or "I'm new here and didn't know" are not valid excuses for inappropriate behavior. Remember violating park regulations can be cause for dismissal.

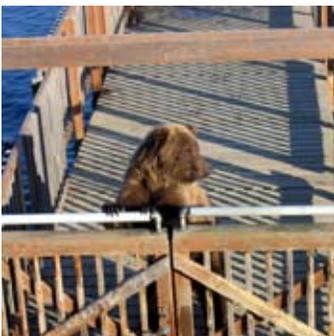
Personnel

The personnel procedures you will be involved with are minimal. The Personnel Office will send you a copy of all personnel actions (Standard Form 50) concerning your employment, schedule change, termination or other action. Check over the personnel action carefully for accuracy. Report any discrepancies to your supervisor. Personnel actions (SF-50) are important records and should be retained.

The Alaska Regional Personnel Office needs at least two weeks notice for all personnel actions: termination, request to recruit, hiring, conversion to full-time or intermittent, etc. It is also preferable that personnel actions become effective at the beginning of a pay period.



The Brooks School of Bear Etiquette



Brooks River bridge



Prehistoric Home - Katmai Coast



Sockeye salmon in full breeding regalia in late summer fill the rivers.

"The Gates" of the Aniakchak Caldera wall breached some 500 years ago allowing salmon to colonize surprise lake.



Payroll - Time & Attendance Guidelines

The Payroll Schedule divides the year into 26 two-week pay periods. Time and Attendance Reports are prepared the second week of the pay period. Supervisors are responsible for approving and submitting leave/premium pay forms for their employee to their timekeeper by the second Thursday of each pay period. Payroll is usually certified and sent to Payroll Operations Division on the first Monday after the close of a pay period. If for some unknown reason there was unscheduled overtime or leave, you should get that information to your supervisor and they can forward it to the timekeeper and have it input before payroll is sent. This avoids unnecessary corrections and delayed payment.

Employees will receive overtime pay for those pre-authorized hours worked which exceed 8 hours a day (10 hours if on a 4/10, 8 or 9 if on a 5/4/9), or 40 hours a week. A premium is paid for holidays worked (double time); a differential is paid for regularly scheduled hours worked at night, after 6:00 p.m. (10%), or on Sunday (25%). The form "Authorization for Overtime, Compensatory Time, Holiday, Hazard Pay, or Additional Hours" is to be used when requesting any work time fitting one of these categories. The form must have the correct account number; all blanks filled in and a signature/approval from your supervisor before submitting it to the timekeeper. Overtime, Compensatory Time, and Holiday Pay must be approved in advance. Hours worked which have not been approved by your supervisor are donated hours!

Compensatory (comp) time should be used within six months or it will automatically be converted to overtime pay. You should remember that both overtime and compensatory time are charged against your project budget.

Leave

Each employee is responsible for requesting sick* and annual leave. "Application for Leave" forms (SF-71) are available at the Katmai Headquarters Office and the Brooks Camp Ranger Station. Forms must be completed and submitted to your supervisor for approval in advance. If leave occurs in different pay periods a separate form needs to be completed for each pay period.

*Unscheduled Sick Leave – should be called in by the start of your work day (or the night before) with an Application for Leave form completed and submitted immediately upon return. Sick leave in excess of 3 days requires a doctor's note.

Each pay period employees accrue 4 hours of sick leave and 4 hours of annual leave (6 hours of annual leave if you have over 3 years of government service).

At the end of your employment with Katmai you will receive a lump sum payment for any unused annual leave. A lump sum payment is not paid for sick leave. Your unused sick leave will be re-credited upon reemployment in federal service.

Payroll is directly deposited to your account and generally takes 4 -6 weeks for the first deposit. Deductions will be made from your salary for quarters, federal income tax, and social security.

Employees must ensure submitted information is accurate. The employee must provide accurate, timely information to their supervisor and by carefully checking the Leave and Earnings Statement received every pay period online. Notify your supervisor of any discrepancies noted on the statement immediately. Please put needed corrections in writing and send to the King Salmon office. They will fax the changes to payroll. The payroll hotline number is (303) 969-7732.

“No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.”
– Helen Keller

Travel

An employee is officially in travel status when he/she is gone for over 12 hours from their duty station. To travel on official government business an employee must have a pre-approved Travel Authorization (TA). If you travel without the authorization (even at your supervisor’s request) you may not be reimbursed for expenses and in the event of an accident you may be held personally accountable. You must provide the day and time of your departure and return, the desired mode of travel (air, government or private vehicle), the purpose of the travel, and the location of the meeting, training, etc. There is a “Travel Request Worksheet” available in the office to make it easier to provide all the necessary information for the person completing the TA. Travel Request Worksheets must be approved and signed by your supervisor. Please submit requests for routine travel to the designated travel person ideally, as soon as you know you will need to travel but no later than seven days prior to the beginning of your travel.

Backcountry travel should be authorized on a quarterly TA. A short form “Request for Reimbursement for Backcountry Travel” is provided for submitting the actual travel expenses.

Travel Vouchers should be submitted to your travel person within 5 working days after completion of travel. The travel person will verify your voucher information, process a final Travel Voucher for your signature and forward it to the Administrative Officer for approval.

To complete a travel voucher you need to turn in the following along with the SF 1012 Form:

- Lodging receipts and car rental receipts.
- Any other pertinent receipts such as taxi, airport shuttle, parking fees in excess of \$75.00.
- Actual departure and return dates and locations.
- Your airline ticket and itinerary (that came with your ticket).
- If you made official telephone calls while in travel status, you can be reimbursed if these calls are identified (circled) on your lodging receipts and explained.
- A sample Travel Voucher form (SF 1012) is posted on the wall next to the dispatch office.

Supplies

A supply of pens, pencils, paper, markers and other supplies are available as needed. If you need to order supplies from GSA, a supply request form should be taped to the inside of the supply cabinet. In addition to a written list of items you are requesting, you will need to provide an account code for billing. Supplies can be ordered weekly and generally arrive within 6-7 days. Please see your supervisor or an office clerk for assistance in ordering supplies.

The procedure for checking out backcountry equipment is addressed under a separate heading. Other supplies needed are purchased locally and must be done through either your supervisor or the office clerks.

The Valley Road has three separate stream crossings which both add to the excitement and wild flavor of the drive. Watch out for swollen streams in the spring.





The Brooks Camp Ranger Station is vital for office space and internet access for Brooks Camp staff.

Computers and Office Equipment

Personnel needing access to park computers and official e-mail will need complete NPS Information Technology security training to obtain a user name and password. If you will be conducting official Park Service business using e-mail you must obtain and use a Lotus Notes mailbox. Check with your supervisor regarding your computer needs and options.

Although all park computers are government property, they may be assigned to individuals who are accountable for them. Do not use a computer assigned to an individual without their permission. In King Salmon, the GIS workstation is not available for personal use or for Internet access. There are several computers and workstations set up for seasonal personnel. Access to the Internet on government computers for personal use is only allowed before (8:00 a.m.) and after hours (5:00 p.m.). Familiarize yourself with the Internet, IT Security and computer use policies.

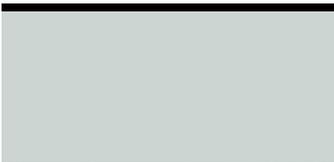
In the event problems arise with computer hardware and/or software, please contact the computer specialist or your supervisor first. When in doubt please ask! Our systems here at

Katmai run well 99% of the time and most problems are easily fixed. It is important that you seek help before trying to fix it yourself. Please report all problems so that equipment can be kept in good working condition.

Do not download programs from the Internet without permission or load personal software programs onto park computers. If you have brought files or data with you and would like to access them on a park computer you must ask permission. E-mail attachments from known sources and imported files need to be checked for viruses using the most current and updated version of the Norton Anti-Virus program. If a file, message or attachment is not expected or comes from an unknown source DO NOT OPEN IT.

Do not load, copy or "pirate" copyrighted government owned programs or software. Unlicensed use or making unauthorized copies constitutes theft and is punishable by law. There is one photocopier at Katmai Headquarters and one at Brooks Camp. Alternatives should be considered for large and/or complex printing jobs.

Limited personal use of the park photocopier



Practicing with inert bear spray during training.



The Agony of Motorboat Operator Certification Course cold water swim in early May.

machines is permitted, but must be approved by your supervisor. This is uncommon at government installations but is an exception offered here due to the relative isolation of King Salmon. Any abuse will jeopardize this privilege for all so please be considerate.

Do not discard paper indiscriminately! We have recycling bins for copies with one side clean and these are often used for in-house memos and so forth. For your own protection, do not recycle paper that includes sensitive personal information such as social security numbers, credit card numbers and/or other account numbers. A paper shredder is located in the Headquarters copy room for proper disposal of these documents.

A facsimile (fax) machine is located in the front office of the Katmai Headquarters (907-246-2116). A personal fax can be sent but must be billed to a credit card number. Do not direct dial when sending a personal fax. Limited personal faxes can be received but realize that there is no privacy so advise your family and friends accordingly.

Telephones

In King Salmon, park telephones are intended for business calls only (no personal calls). However, after hours use with a personal credit card or phone card is permissible. Dial 9 to reach an outside line. All calls placed at government expense show up on our monthly billing and are regularly reviewed by park administration. For local calls to King Salmon or Naknek, dial 9 + the local number.

When using the telephones (or work space) and computers at Katmai Headquarters, please remember to respect the needs of those who have office/work space there. For example, if you need to use a phone, check to see if someone is out of the office and use his or her telephone line rather than tying up the telephone of someone who is there. If you must use the phone of someone who is there, please try to be brief.

Occasionally, seasonal personnel assigned to King Salmon as their duty station arrange for Bristol Bay Telephone Company to install a personal telephone line. Under this arrangement, the seasonal is responsible for all charges and must have it disconnected at the end of their stay.

A public phone is located outside the first level of the King Salmon Mall, the Park Headquarters building. Use calling cards to pay for long distance charges on all phones.

No personal phone services are maintained for federal employees at Brooks Camp. The concessionaire, Katmailand, has a satellite phone at the Brooks Lodge office, but its use is highly restricted, infrequently granted, and very expensive (@ \$50 for 20 minutes). The park service maintains a satellite telephone at Brooks Camp for official Park business and emergencies only. You must obtain your supervisor's permission to use the satellite phone.

Personal cellular telephones will not get reception as there are no repeaters within reach, and the only exception might be Bristol Bay Phone Service in King Salmon that you have to have a special contract for service and then travel to the heights of Dumphling Mountain, turn your head a certain way, and perhaps if the stars are aligned just right you will get one bar.

Transportation

Since the only way to King Salmon is by air carrier, the most you could bring along with you would be a bicycle. However, there are some clunkers at Brooks Camp and unless you plan to do a fair amount of biking on the Valley Road it may not be worth the hassle of shipping your bike. You should also consider that mountain bikes are not allowed off road in Katmai. However, some seasonal employees bring their bike year after year and enjoy them.

Vehicles

If you are accepting a position where you will be driving a government vehicle, you must have a valid driver's license (from any state). Wearing of seat belts is mandatory for all operators and passengers of government vehicles at all times.

Government vehicles are maintained both in King Salmon and at Brooks Camp. At King Salmon you must first check with the office clerks before taking any vehicle and these are to be used only for government purposes.

At Brooks Camp, a calendar for scheduling use of the park's Excursion is maintained in the Ranger Station. This vehicle can be used to transport employees out to the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes for recreational purposes. Please check with the Ranger Station for current policy on this vehicle use. Employees who drive the Brooks Camp government vehicles must have a valid driver's license and proof of personal insurance on file. Short-term usage of any other vehicles at Brooks Camp must be cleared with the Maintenance Foreman. Read the Brooks Camp Vehicle Use Policy for BCDA/VTTS Road for further details.



The valley tour bus passing by the recreational vehicle at Margot Creek. Always drive defensively, expecting to encounter other vehicles.

Park roads (Brooks Camp area and the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes road) are designed for use at lower speeds. In and around Brooks Camp the proper speed limit is 10 mph and on the Valley Road it is 25 mph. Bears and visitors use these roads heavily as travel corridors around the area.

There are many blind spots along the Valley Road and soft shoulders. Concessionaire vehicles may be present any time traveling either direction, heavy equipment for maintaining the road is commonly present, and wildlife frequent the road as well. Failure to abide by speed limit and exercise caution endangers you and others, drive carefully and defensively. Drivers are required to make radio contact with other traffic at checkpoints along the VTTS road.

Immediately report all accidents to your supervisor or headquarters. Any accident resulting in damage or personal injury will require an investigation. Failure to report an accident, no matter how minor, could result in disciplinary action.

All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas at Brooks Camp.

Radio Use

Radios are issued to field personnel for communications and employee welfare and are intended for park business only. Professional protocol and appropriate language should be used at all times. Users should be identified by call number and transmissions kept short and to the point. Our radio system is not secure and others may be monitoring traffic. Please be sensitive as to the information you broadcast.

Radios operate in one of two modes: unit to unit direct or via a repeater. The park maintains 3 repeaters: the Dumpling Mountain repeater, the Raspberry repeater (on Raspberry Island near Kodiak Island) and Sugarloaf. The Dumpling Mountain repeater is the most heavily used and provides fairly extensive coverage for western portions of the park in and around Brooks Camp. The Raspberry repeater covers the coast from Cape Douglas south to Katmai Bay but coverage is very spotty. Before traveling in the backcountry, talk to the dispatch or other experienced staff regarding radio coverage in the area and for directions on accessing the proper repeater for that area.

New employee training held at Brooks Camp each year briefly touches on radio use and should provide an opportunity for an informal question and answer session. If additional questions arise, please consult with your supervisor. Refer to Park Directives for proper radio use.

The Public and the Media

When dealing with the public, always present a professional image. An appropriate greeting with eye contact, a helpful attitude, good posture, and a neat and clean uniform will create a positive impression. Even when you are not in a uniform you still represent the National Park Service, it is a small living area and people will recognize you as a ranger while you are off duty as well. As such, the public still expects service and assistance when necessary, as well as being courteous toward all park visitors. Assistance can be as simple as directing the visitor to the Visitor Center or calling on the radio for an on-duty employee. If you can answer someone's question, do so. If you do not know the answer or are unsure, offer to get the correct information for them, or direct them to someone who can.

If contacted by a member of the media refer them to the Ranger Station or your supervisor. What you say could be construed as representing the park's official position. Therefore, it is best not to respond to questions from the media unless prior arrangements have been made.

Backcountry Equipment

Backcountry equipment is stored in various locations at the Katmai Maintenance and Employee Complex in King Salmon and at Brooks Camp. You are not to take equipment without first clearing it with the division chief to whom the equipment is assigned. All equipment must be signed out before it is taken. Additionally, it needs to be in clean and serviceable condition upon return. All field gear should be tagged at the end of each use with: 1) its condition (e.g., serviceable), 2) a note describing any problems (e.g., stove does not work properly or mattress leaks), 3) the date, and 4) your name. Please provide your supervisor with a list of equipment, which you have checked out to yourself, and identify any problems that need attention.

Bear Spray

Beginning in the summer of 2006, the park(s) issues Bear Spray to employees who have completed the bear spray training course (1 1/2 hours) and are approved by their supervisor. The spray must be carried during business hours when engaged in activities outdoors in high density bear areas and may also be carried by off duty employees for bear deterrent.

Bear spray is extremely expensive and difficult to get to the remote Alaskan bush. Employees can purchase personal spray (if you want to) in Naknek.

Personal Equipment

During the summer months, Katmai can experience cold temperatures and inclement weather (snow is not unusual), so plan to bring warm clothing as well as summer gear. Sturdy hiking boots and rubber footwear (waders or knee-high boots) are recommended. Good rain gear is a must as well as gloves, a warm hat, and sweaters. Synthetic long underwear, hats and gloves are considered essential outdoor wear by many. Check with your supervisor regarding outer and foot wear that may be supplied for your job.

Be prepared for any type of weather at any time of the year in Alaska. It is not unusual to have extreme weather shifts during the week.

For example in July of 2003, the temperatures hovered just below 80F for a week or so, but as a front passed through the temperature began to drop down into the 30s F with rain. Overnight, the rain turned to snow and accumulated about 7 inches (great wet snow for a snowball fight)! The very next day, the temperature rose again until it was in the mid 60s. The message here is that on any given day of any given month you could experience extreme weather shifts from heat, wind, rain, or sleet/snow conditions. Pack accordingly.

Suggested Clothing List

Here is a suggested list of items you MAY (or may not) find useful:

Good Rain Gear (A Must!!):

- Parka/jacket with hood
- Pants/bibs
- Gloves
- Gaiters (optional)
- Waterproof footwear

Insulation Layers

- Synthetic, wool, or fleece – no cotton
- Pants
- Shirts/jackets
- Gloves
- Hats
- Long underwear set
- Socks (heavyweight for cold days)

Insect Gear

(You will be miserable without this!)

- HEAD NET
- Long sleeve shirt (lightweight)
- Long pants (lightweight)
- Gloves
- Repellent (if you wear it)

Everyday Clothing:

- Long pants
- Short pants
- Swim Suit (it can be nice)
- Long sleeve shirt(s)
- Short sleeve shirt(s)
- Sweater
- Underwear
- Socks (light and heavy weight)
- Shower robe, towel, & flip-flops
- Pajamas or sleeping clothing
- Hat(s)

Footwear

- Waterproof hiking boots
- Comfortable shoes
- Sandals/flip-flops
- House shoes

NPS Uniform

- Required parts
- Optional parts
- Shoe polish (brush, polish, applicator)

Gear and Equipment List

There are many things that are easy to forget, but painful when forgotten. Keep this in mind when planning for your summer (food & personal hygiene). Getting the items to and from Brooks Camp may be a pain, but when you add the benefit of having it, the pain goes away. For instance, deciding between a still camera, video camera, and binoculars. Each has its own place in things and you may not currently use any of these even once a week, but in the madness of July it is possible to want all three every waking moment. Consider this when packing and purchasing. The memories you make this summer are going to last a lifetime, make them good ones. Buy enough food, pack enough floss, get the best rain gear you can afford, and write down your memories daily.

Here is a list of supplies & equipment others have found useful:

- alarm clock must have battery backup
- binoculars
- fishing equipment (rod-flies)
- chest or hip waders
- favorite reading materials
- puzzles
- favorite movies
- music (CD or MP3)
- player or iPod
- stationary (the ancient art of letter writing)
- stamps & envelopes
- digital camera
- video camera
- backpack
- day pack
- hiking poles
- tent
- backcountry stove
- sleeping bag rated below 40F
- sleeping Pad
- flashlight
- satellite radio equipment
- games
- deck of cards
- art supplies
- yoga mat
- decorations & pictures
- personal laptop computer
- video games & players
- camp chair (crazy creek or similar)
- medicine & benadryl

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

For Brooks Camp Employees:
(907) 246-3305 (for message phone)
Your Name (mailing to yourself)
Brooks Camp/Katmai National Park
P.O. Box 229
King Salmon, AK 99613

For King Salmon Employees:
(907) 246-3305 (for message phone)
Your Name (mailing to yourself)
Alagnak Wild River
Katmai National Park & Preserve
Aniakchak National Monument & Preserve
P.O. Box 7
King Salmon Mall, Suite 1
King Salmon, AK 99613

Food Service

Alaska Bush Services (907) 344-6690
201 E. Diamond
Anchorage, AK 99515

Alaska Grocery Shippers
(907) 276-1656 (mail order service)
(907) 276-2422 (fax # for orders)
1400 Post Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99502

Span Alaska Sales (800)-367-9833
P.O. Box 1240
Monroe, WA 98272-1240

Brown Jug (800)-478-2413
(Alaska's liquor and wine merchant)
P.O. Box 190027
Anchorage, AK 99519-0027

Petco (907)-365-5500
8621 Old Seward Hwy.
Anchorage, AK 99519
(bush delivery 877-337-3826)

Fred Meyer
(800)-478-6211
www.fredmeyer.com

Walmart (and RX)
(800)-833-2874

Animal Food Warehouse
(800)-478-3663
(907)-357-3667

Other Useful Contacts

Alaska Marine Hwy System
(800) 642-0066
(State run ferry system between
Bellingham, WA and SE Alaska
towns)
1591 Glacier Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801

Alaska Public Lands Information
Center (APLIC) (907) 271-2737
605 W. 5th Ave., Suite 105
Anchorage, AK 99501

Anchorage Museum of History and
Art (907) 343-4326
121 W. 7th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Katmailand, Inc. (800) 544-0551
(Park concessionaire, operates
Brooks Lodge and Katmai Air)
4125 Aircraft Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502

National Park Service
Alaska Support Office (Regional
Office)
240 W. 5th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99503

Aviation Management Directorate
(AMD) (907) 271-3935/6032
4405 Lear Court
Anchorage, AK 99502

Peninsula Airways (800) 448-4226

Alaska Airlines (800) 426-0333

Anchorage Post Office
(907) 266-3299
(Next to airport/open 24 hrs. /day)
4141 Postmark Dr.

Youth Hostel
(Hosteling International)
(907) 276-3635
700 H Street
Anchorage, AK

Spenard Youth Hostel
2845 W 42nd Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99517
(907) 248-5036
stay@AlaskaHostel.org
www.alaskahostel.org





Partial List of Katmai Resources

This list is by no means a complete list of all the relevant information related to Katmai, but it is a starting point to basic Katmai knowledge and resources. Up to date information on Katmai National Park and Preserve can always be found from the park website at www.nps.gov/katm with links to some of the following sites.

Flora & Fauna:

Southwest Alaska Network (SWAN) Inventory & Monitoring Program
<http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/swan/>

Staying Safe in Bear Country: A Behavioral Based Approach to Reducing Risk. Wild Eye Productions, 2001 Video

Bear Facts The Essentials of Traveling in Bear Country
http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/forest_facts/safety/bearfacts.htm

Field Guide to the Pacific Salmon (Adopt-a-Stream Foundation) by Adopt-A-Stream Foundation and Robert Steelquist (Paperback - Aug 1992)

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Notebook Series Juneau: ADF&G Public Communication Section, 1994.
<http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/pubs/notebook/notehome.php>

All about Alaska's Birds can be found at Alaska Bird Observatory
<http://www.alaskabird.org/>

General Information related to many topics can be found at Alaska Science Forum University of Alaska Fairbanks
<http://www.gi.alaska.edu/ScienceForum/text/index.html>

History & Culture:

Isolated Paradise: An Administrative History of the Katmai and Aniakchak National Park Units by Frank Norris, Anchorage: NPS Alaska Support Office, 1996.
<http://www.nps.gov/katm/adhi/adhi.htm>

A Naknek Chronicle: Ten Thousand Years in a Land of Lakes and River and Mountains of Fire by Don Dumond, NPS Publication 2005

Tourism in Katmai Country by Frank Norris NPS Publication available online
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/katm/index.htm

Building in an Ashen Land: Katmai National Park and Preserve Historic Resource Study by Janet Clemens, Frank Norris. Anchorage: NPS Alaska Support Office, 1990.
<http://www.nps.gov/archive/katm/hrs/hrs.htm>

Buried Dreams: A Rise and Fall of a Clam Cannery on the Katmai Coast by Katherine Johnston
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/katm/clam.pdf

National Park Service Legacy for information regarding the history and legacy of the National Park Service
<http://www.nps.gov/legacy/>

The National Park Service and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (Administrative History) by G Frank Willis 1985
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/williss/adhib.htm

Alaska Native Heritage Center Web Links – Great links to all cultures in Alaska
<http://www.alaskanative.net/25.asp>

Looking Both Ways: Interactive Exhibit on the Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People of Southern Alaska
<http://www.mnh.si.edu/lookingbothways/>

Geology & Volcanoes:

Alaska Volcano Observatory University of Alaska
<http://avo.alaska.edu>

Griggs, Robert., (Historic National Geographic Magazine Articles on 1912 Eruption)

...1918 The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes: an account of the discovery and exploration of the most wonderful volcanic region in the world: National Geographic Magazine, V33, n.2, pgs 115 – 169

...1922, The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes: Washington DC, National Geographic Society, 340 p., 3 sheets, scale unknown

...1921, Our Greatest National Monument: The National Geographic Society Completes its Explorations in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes: National Geographic Magazines, v. 40, n.3, pgs. 219-292

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Alaska's Deadly Volcano. National Geographic – a video about the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes & Novarupta Volcano 1994

Witness: Firsthand accounts of the largest volcanic eruption in the Twentieth Century by Jeanne Schaaf - Anchorage NPS Lake Clark-Katmai studies center, April 2004

http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/katm/witness.pdf

Wilderness:

National Wilderness Preservation System - Great Site!

<http://wilderness.nps.gov>

Wilderness.net non-profit site about wilderness management
www.wilderness.net

Leave No Trace Ethics
www.lnt.org

Wild by Law (Wilderness Video) 52 Min Arthur Carhart Wilderness Center a film about different viewpoints of Wilderness

Arthur Carhart Wilderness Center - <http://carhart.wilderness.net/>

Alaska Geographic Association Bookstore:

www.alaskanha.org

A number of high quality guidebooks are available on birds, flowers, mammals, tracks, fish, and general park information. You can obtain a basic library set that could be taken to the field during your trip to greatly enhance a trip to Katmai. The park cannot recommend any certain series or book, so find one

A number of resources can be purchased from the Alaska Geographic Association (AGA) www.alaskanha.org . AGA is a cooperating association with Alaska's National Parks, whose mission is to support education and interpretation in Alaskan Parks. A portion of the sales directly supports public lands in Alaska.

Search the web for the following subjects to find books, DVDs, and other useful information:

- Alpine Tundra / Boreal Forest
- Brown Bears / Bear Viewing
- Sockeye Salmon
- Rainbow Trout
- Wilderness
- National Historic Landmark – Brooks River District
- Subsistence
- Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)
- Volcanism – Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, Novarupta, Katmai, Trident, Mageik, Martin, Fourpeaked
- Glaciers & Glaciation
- Katmai National Park and Preserve
- Brooks River
- Katmai Coast
- Alaska Peninsula History

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