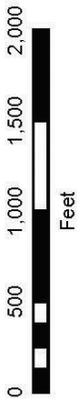


### Talkeetna Lakes Park Trail System



Date: June, 2016 Data Sources: MSB, GINA, USGS

# TALKEETNA LAKES PARK

Parking Fee \$5/day \$40/annual pass



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## AT A GLANCE

### TRAILHEAD

Comsat Road, just off Talkeetna Spur Road

### USE

Water and trail fun, winter & summer

### DISTANCE

8 miles

### LEVEL

Easy to Moderate



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## HOW TO GET THERE

From the Talkeetna Spur Road turn east on Comsat Road, take the first right into the main parking lot. A wooden sign marks the entrance to the park.

## TAKE NOTE

Dogs must be on a leash. Bring your bug spray during thick mosquito season. Wear a life jacket. Alaska lakes are cold and can cause hypothermia.

## DESCRIPTION

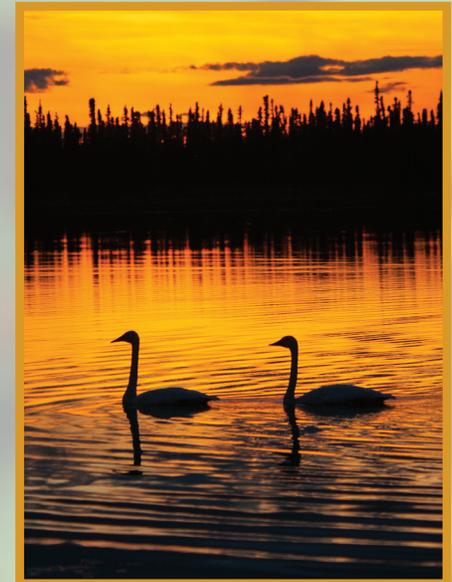
In April 2016, some 50 to 100 visitors per day enjoyed the park. Talkeetna Lakes Park is the only Matanuska-Sustina Borough park with recreation opportunities integrated between trails and water. The park encompasses 1,189 acres including four lakes, X, Y, Z and Tigger. Canoers or kayakers can travel the two-mile chain of lakes by carrying their crafts along the connecting portage trails. Lush forests of spruce, cottonwood and birch provide a quiet setting for hiking, canoeing, fishing, and mountain biking on a single track trail in the summer, and snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on 20-foot wide groomed trails in the winter. Two custom, half-log benches along the trail allow time to reflect.

The hiking trail around X Lake is 3.25 miles. In all, eight miles of trails let you take in the richness of the woods. Loons call on the lake. Beavers, foxes, bears, and moose are native. In spring, delicate roses, fiddleheads, and columbine unfold.



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