

VIEWING ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This application may be used to apply for both types of *Viewing Access Permits* at the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary (Guided and Camp-Standby). You may apply for up to four (4) choices of time blocks for each type of permit on this application. Please return this completed application along with payment for the appropriate application fees (\$30.00 per person).

2023 Viewing Access Permit applications are accepted from March 5, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

*** Please note that you may apply online using your credit card through March 1, 2023 at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/ - first enter applicant profile info, then continue to "McNeil River Bear Viewing Permit" in the ADF&G store.**

Paper applications must be mailed (they will not be accepted in person or by fax machine) and must be received in our Anchorage office by March 1, 2023.

Checks or money orders must be in U.S. funds, drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to "STATE OF ALASKA".

STEP 1

Provide the full first and last name, mailing address and the other requested information for each person in your party. You may have up to three people per application.

Note: The definition of an Alaska resident includes (but is not limited to) a person who has continually maintained their domicile (their true and permanent home) in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made and who is claiming neither residency in another state, territory or country nor obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory or country. For the purposes of applying for a permit at the McNeil River Sanctuary, you must meet the 12-month residency requirement by the start of the access permit period (June 7) to claim Alaskan residency; otherwise you must apply as a non-resident. Please contact the department if you have any residency questions.

STEP 2

List up to 4 choices of time blocks to visit McNeil River with a **Guided Viewing Access Permit**.

Note: Your application fee of \$30.00 per person includes 4 choices in both categories, Guided & Camp-Standby. If you only want to be considered for one or the other only fill in those choices.

STEP 3

List up to 4 choices of time blocks to visit McNeil River with a **Camp-Standby Viewing Access Permit**.

STEP 4

Return your completed application along with the nonrefundable application fee. Provide the appropriate credit card information or enclose a check or money order in U.S. funds, drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to "STATE OF ALASKA". Cash will not be accepted.

The nonrefundable application fee is \$30.00 for each member of your party (a maximum of 3 people). The application must be mailed and received in our Anchorage office by March 1. Applications will not be accepted in person or by fax machine.

STEP 5

Mail the completed application including check, money order or credit card information to:

**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Division of Wildlife Conservation
333 Raspberry Road
99518-1565
Attention: McNeil River Application**

STEP 6

The permit lottery is held in early-March and successful applicants will be notified by email and U.S. Mail in mid-March, or as soon as results are available (unsuccessful applicants will be notified only by email, if a valid email address is provided). Winners will also be posted on the McNeil River Sanctuary website. The winners of the lottery must pay a user fee by April 15 to receive their permit. The user fees for Guided Viewing Access Permits are \$225.00 for Alaska residents, and \$525.00 for non-Alaska residents. The user fees for Camp-Standby Viewing Access Permits are \$112.00 for Alaska residents and \$262.00 for non-Alaska residents.

While your chances of being selected in the lottery vary based on the time blocks you select (see front of form), about 15% of all applicants have been successful in recent years.

Please be advised that the information you provide is public information and will be provided to those who request it. This may include other permit holders interested in coordinating air charters and air taxis or other businesses who provide services specifically related to visiting the sanctuary. However, information released to non-permit holders will only include your name and mailing address. We will not release date of birth, social security, credit card, or other sensitive information. Email addresses and phone #'s are only provided to other permit holders in your viewing period in order to coordinate air charters.

Please fill out your application form clearly, accurately and completely. Double check the amount of money you submit with the application (\$30.00 per person in U.S. funds, drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to 'STATE OF ALASKA'). False, incorrect, illegible, incomplete or duplicate applications will be rejected and application fees will NOT be returned. If your name appears on multiple applications, all of the applications will be invalidated.

More information on the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary as well as other wildlife sanctuaries and refuges in Alaska and other programs managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game may be obtained online at www.wildlife.alaska.gov



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