



Stocked Lakes on the Kenai Peninsula

Overview

ADF&G Sport Fish has stocked lakes on the Kenai Peninsula since the early 1960s. Today, 26 lakes are stocked to broaden fishing opportunities, and to improve popular existing fisheries. Most of the lakes are small, and have no natural spawning area. Since fish in these lakes cannot reproduce, these lakes are scheduled for annual or alternate year stocking.

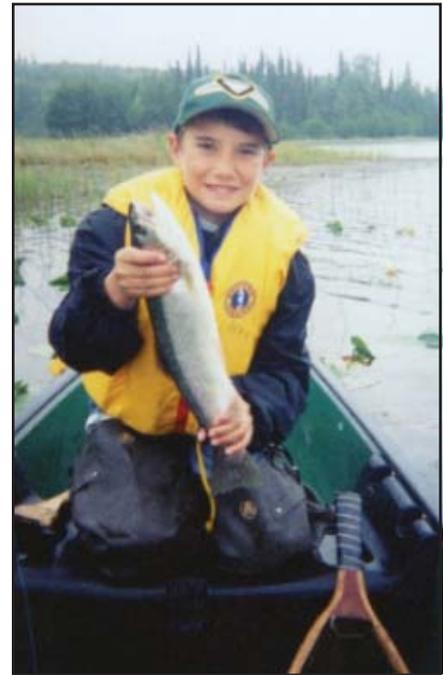
The lakes are stocked in mid to late summer. To find out which lakes have been stocked go on-line to the ADF&G Southcentral web pages at www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us and click on "Stocking Information." Most of the Kenai Peninsula lakes are stocked with fingerling, about 1-2 grams, or 2 inches in length. If catchables are stocked, they usually average 8 inches in length.

Maps to all stocked lakes can also be found on line by clicking on "Lake Maps." Or visit your local Division of Sport Fish office, or the Anchorage Regional Sport Fish Information Center at 333 Raspberry Rd., (907) 267-2218.

About the lake stocking program

Although there are hundreds of lakes on the Kenai Peninsula, only a few qualify for the stocking program. Many lakes are too shallow to support fish during the winter months. Others may not have public access. Still others may have a natural fish population already supporting a fishery.

To qualify for the stocking program, a lake must meet several criteria, including being capable of supporting a salmon or trout population, having guaranteed public



A successful young angler on Longmare Lake.

access, the lake should be landlocked so that stocked fish do not escape, and it should be in an area that the angling public wants to fish in.

About the fish

Fish stocked as fingerlings can reach 10 inches by the following summer. Fish in the Kenai's landlocked lakes can grow up to 5 pounds, but most do not go over 2 pounds before reaching sexual maturity and dying.

The Division of Sport Fish does periodic test netting to keep track of fish populations in the stocked lakes.

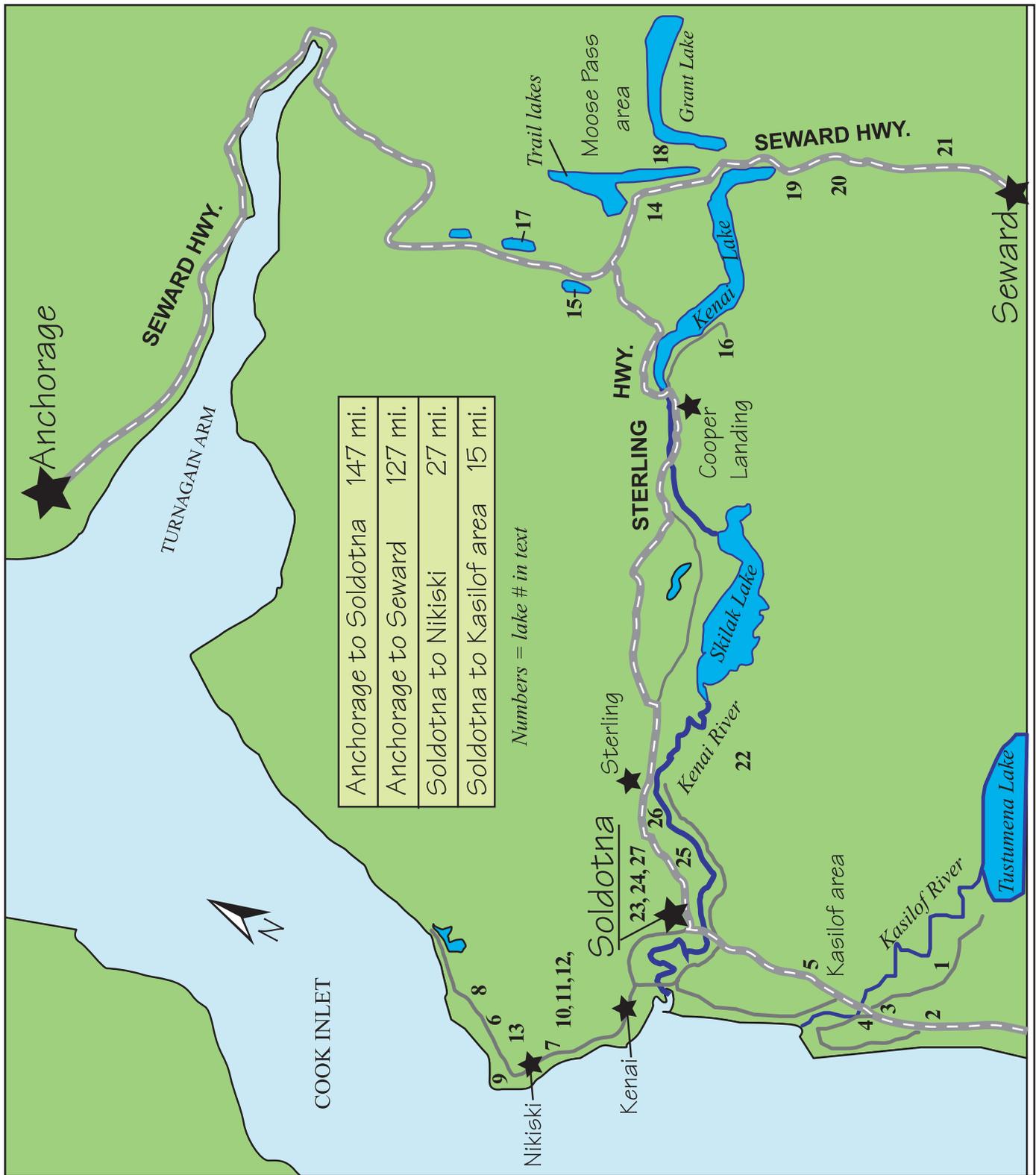
Rainbow trout

Most lakes on the Kenai Peninsula are stocked with rainbow trout. These fish are hatchery-reared from the eggs of fish from the Swanson River, and they have good survival rates in local lakes.

Rainbow trout are usually silvery-gray with a reddish band, numerous small black speckles, and a pale white belly. Coloration can vary, however, depending

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Check the back page for fishing regulations on the lakes listed in this handout.



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on habitat, diet, and stage of growth. Some rainbows are silvery-gray with a slight reddish band, and some are dark greenish-gray with a wide deep red band along the lateral line and gill plates. Flesh color can vary from pale white to pink.

Rainbows are about 12-16 inches long before becoming sexually mature. Males often mature in their second year while females usually mature in their third year. Rainbows do not reproduce in landlocked lakes because they need water flowing over a gravel bed to deposit eggs that will hatch. Large female trout harvested in the spring often have both fully developed loose eggs in their body cavity and/or skeins containing small eggs for the next season. Most trout stocked as catchables are harvested by the end of their third year, although they occasionally live 5-6 years and may exceed 4 pounds.

Rainbows are fairly active in shoreline waters as the ice is receding, and are taken on small dry or wet flies, or small spoons or spinners. During the warm summer months large rainbows are often taken by trolling, or by casting spoons or spinners in 10+ feet of water. Smaller rainbows stay near brushy shorelines and are also taken by using small dry or wet flies, small spoons, spinners, or by bait.

Rainbows feed heavily in the fall in near-shore waters and bite well at this time on lures or bait. During early winter rainbows will take both lures and bait through the ice at depths of 2 - 15+ feet.

Landlocked silver and king salmon

Landlocked silvers are generally bright silver with small black spots only on the back, upper sides, and upper portion of the tail fin. Landlocked kings have small black spots on both the upper and lower lobe of the tail fin. In winter, landlocked salmon are often mistaken for rainbow trout. Rainbows are generally darker and greener than salmon and have at least a hint of a red band.

By their third winter, landlocked salmon stocked as catchables have grown to about 12 inches long before becoming sexually mature, then dying. Landlocked salmon do not reproduce in landlocked lakes. Occasionally one of these fish may live an additional year and be over 2 pounds.

Landlocked salmon are fairly active in shoreline waters in the spring and the fall and are often taken on small dry or wet flies, as well as small spoons and

spinners or by bait. During the warm summer months they are found in 15+ feet of water, biting readily on small lures, single eggs, shrimp or other bait. Salmon are very active throughout the winter and can be taken through the ice on small lures, single eggs, shrimp, or other bait at 2 - 15+ feet.

Arctic char / Dolly Varden

Arctic char are usually an off-white to silvery-grayish-brown on the back and sides, with pink to reddish-orange spots, and a pale white belly. Mature fish may have bright orange-red spots on lower sides, belly, and gill plates. Char generally reach 12-18 inches before maturing in the late fall to midwinter. These fish may spawn in landlocked lakes if they can find an area with the right combination of oxygenated springs and gravel. Most char stocked as catchables are probably harvested by the end of their fourth year, although they may occasionally live over 10 years and exceed 4 pounds.

Arctic char are found in 15 - 40+ feet of water throughout the year. During the spring, summer or fall, an effective method for taking large char is trolling off the lake bottom in waters deeper than 20 feet, using spinner/flasher setups with a lure or bait trailing 12-18 inches behind. When fishing through the ice, small char are often taken with bait while large char are taken by jigging bright lures just off the lake bottom in waters 15 - 40+ feet.

Access

Generally, the access is day-use only, and many times the only public land is at the access point, with the remaining shoreline privately-owned. Camping is not allowed at public access sites except in designated campgrounds. It is important to respect private property and help keep the public access areas clean by packing out everything you've packed in, including used fishing line.

For more fishing info...

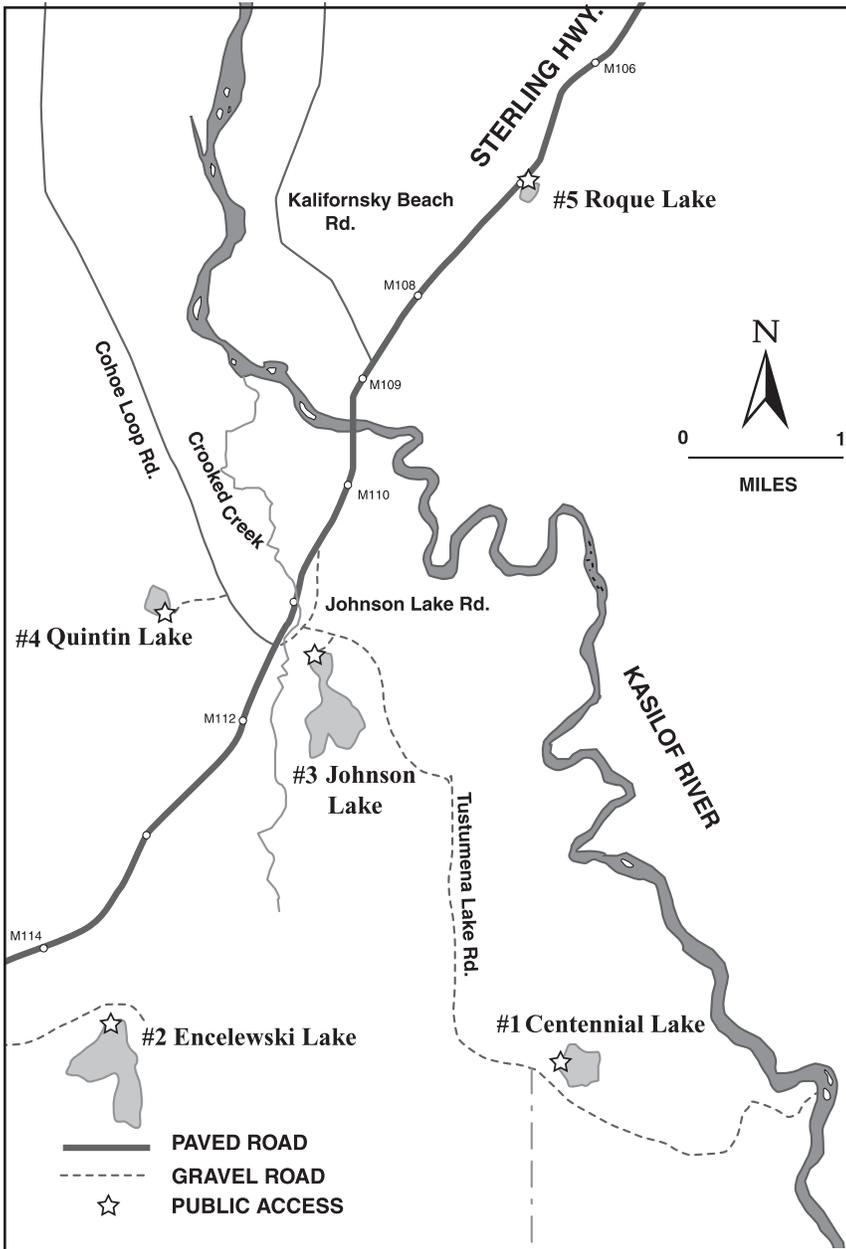
Weekly fishing reports are posted on the ADF&G Sport Fish Southcentral Region website. Point your browser to www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us and click on "Fishing Reports."

If you don't have Internet access, call the ADF&G Soldotna office at (907) 262-9368 or the Anchorage regional Sport Fish Information Center at (907) 267-2218 for current fishing information.

Kenai Peninsula stocked lakes

To find the lake, note the lake number, then find that number on the map.

For fishing regulations, see page 8.



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#1 Centennial Lake Mile 110.5 Sterling Hwy. to Johnson Lake Rd. East on Johnson Lake Rd., then left onto Tustumena Lake Rd. Go 3.9 mi. to lake access on left, with picnic area, unimproved boat launch, and sandy beach. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly, silver salmon fingerling stocked by schools in the salmon incubation program.

#2 Encelewski Lake Mile 115 Sterling Hwy. East on Tolum Rd., then 0.4 mi. to Lakeview Ct. Left on Lakeview, go 0.9 mi. to Panda Ct. Right on Panda, limited parking in cul-de-sac 15 yards from lake, no boat launch. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.

#3 Johnson Lake Mile 110.5 Sterling Hwy. to Johnson Lake Rd. East on Johnson Lake Rd., go 0.5 mi. to Tustumena Lake Rd. Left on Tustumena Lake Rd., go 0.1 mi. to Johnson Lake State Recreation Area with camping, toilet facilities, water, picnic shelters, boat launch. Non-motorized or electric motors only. Rainbow trout catchables stocked yearly.

#4 Quintin Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 111.4 Sterling Hwy, off Coho Loop Rd. North on Coho Loop, go 0.5 mi. to Thalia Dr. Left on Thalia, go 0.3 mi. then left on Naiad to limited parking at end of improved road. 200 yd. trail, to access at closest point to lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on odd years.

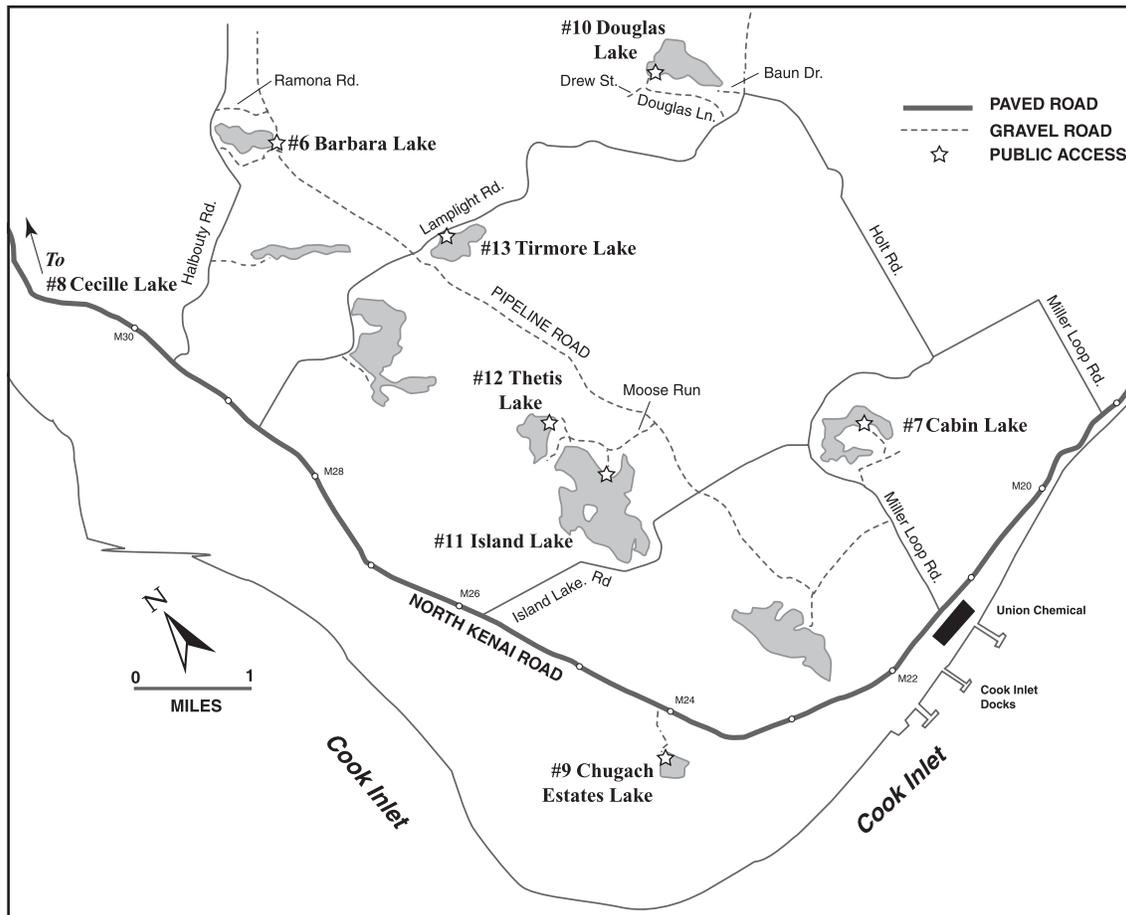
#5 Roque Lake

Mile 107 Sterling Hwy., between hwy. and Decanter Inn. Parking available at inn. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly; silver salmon fingerling stocked prior years.

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#6 Barbara Lake

Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 29.8 mi. to Halbouty Rd. East on Halbouty then go 2.3 mi. to Ramona Rd. Right on Ramona, go 0.4 mi. to Pipeline Rd. Right on Pipeline, go 0.4 mi to public access on right, on the southwest lake shore. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.



- #7 Cabin Lake** Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 21.3 mi. to Miller Loop Rd. East on Miller Loop then go 1.2 mi. to Cabin Lake Dr. Right on Cabin Lake for 0.4 mi., then left on Inter Lake Dr. Go 0.2 mi to a small parking area on the right. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.
- #8 Cecille Lake** Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 33.2 mi. to Bohlin Rd. and the Seascape subdivision. Left on Bohlin, go 0.1 mi. to access where road is closest to lake. Limited parking and no boat launch. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on odd years.
- #9 Chugach Estates Lk** Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 24.1 mi. to Tustumena St. Turn left on Tustumena St., left on McKinley St., right on Shemya St., then left on Tyonek Cir. to steep trail with no boat launch. Neighborhood sign says Bailey Lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.
- #10 Douglas Lake** Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 19.3 mi. to Miller Loop Rd. East on Miller Loop 2.1 mi. to Holt Rd. Right on Holt, go 2.9 mi. to Douglas Ln. Right on Douglas, go 0.7 mi. to Drew St. Right on Drew, access is approximately 100 yards. Small parking area and unimproved boat ramp on northwest shore. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.
- #11 Island Lake** Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 25.8 mi. to Island Lake Rd. South on Island Lake, go 2.3 mi. to Pipeline Rd. Left on Pipeline, go 0.7 mi. to Moose Run Rd. Left on Moose Run, go 0.8 mi. to Estes Rd. Left on Estes to limited parking in cul-de-sac, sandy boat launch area. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly; Arctic char catchables stocked yearly.

#12 Thetis Lake Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 25.8 mi. to Island Lake Rd. South on Island Lake, go 2.3 mi. to Pipeline Rd. Left on Pipeline, go 0.7 mi. to Moose Run Rd. Left on Moose Run, go 0.8 mi. to Wapiti. Right on Wapiti 0.1 mile to access road on left ending at small parking area. Recommended 4-wheel-drive to launch boat. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.

#13 Tirmore Lake Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 28.6 mi. to Lamplight Rd. South on Lamplight, go 2.4 mi., cross Pipeline Rd., to lake access on section line easement where the lake is closest to the road. Small parking area, no boat ramp. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on even years.

Moose Pass and Cooper Landing areas

#14 Carter Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 33 Seward Hwy, at Chugach National Forest trailhead with parking and toilet facilities. Well-developed but steep trail climbs 986 feet in 2.0 miles. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on even years.

#15 Jerome Lake Mile 37.5 Seward Hwy., 0.5 mi. north of the Seward Hwy/Sterling Hwy junction, within the Chugach National Forest. Paved parking area west of hwy., steep bank to lake. Natural population of Dolly Varden, stocked yearly with rainbow trout fingerling.

#16 Rainbow Lake Walk in lake at Mile 47.9 Sterling Hwy. off Snug Harbor Rd., in the Chugach National Forest. South on Snug Harbor, go 10 mi. to pullout on left. Hike 0.5 mi. on well-maintained trail to lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on even years.

#17 Summit Lake, Upper Mile 45.8 Seward Hwy., at Chugach National Forest Tenderfoot Campground with camping, toilet facilities, water, and boat launch. Contains natural population of Dolly Varden, stocked yearly with rainbow trout fingerling.

#18 Vagt Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 25 Seward Hwy. in the Chugach National Forest. Trailhead parking on east side of hwy., with 1.5 mile walk to lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly.

Seward Area

#19 Long Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 16.1 Seward Hwy. Gravel pullout to east of hwy. with steep, primitive trail 0.75 mi. to lake. New trail (4.5 mi.) under construction from Grayling/Meridian trailhead at mile 13.5 Seward Hwy. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on odd years.

#20 Meridian Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 13.5 Seward Hwy. Park at Chugach National Forest Grayling Lake trailhead. 1.5 mi. on well maintained trail to lake, taking the right fork on trail to Meridian Lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on odd years.

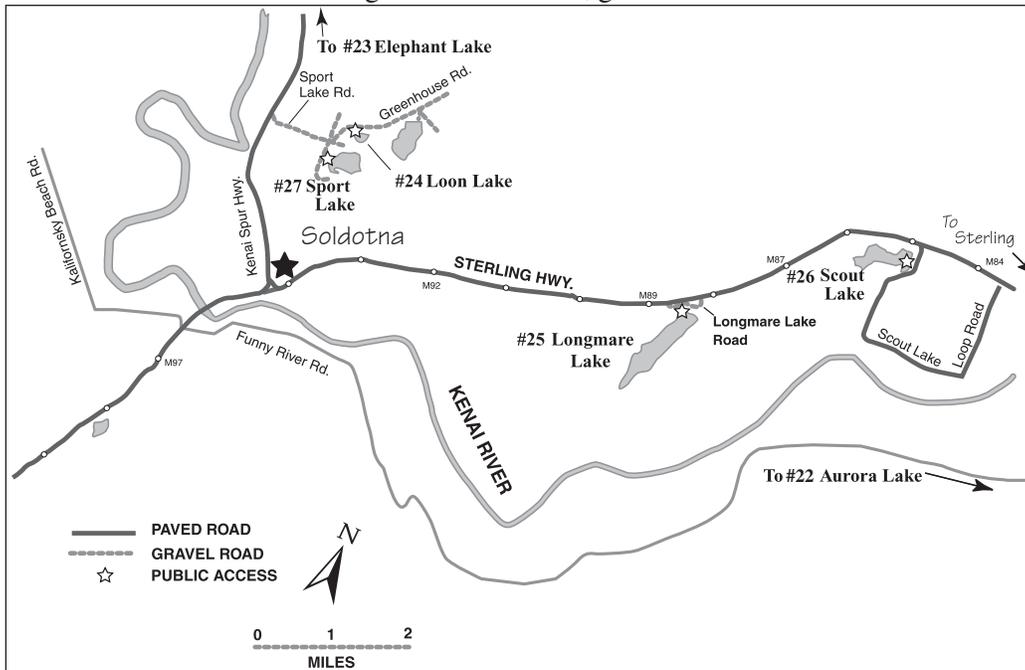
#21 Troop Lake Walk-in lake at Mile 10.9 Seward Hwy. Gravel pullout on east side of hwy. with primitive, unmarked 1 mi. trail that crosses railroad tracks. New trail (3 mi.) under construction from mile 12.9 turnout and Historic Iditarod Trail. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked on odd years.



Fishing a stocked lake is a great way to introduce kids to the fun of fishing and to Alaska's great outdoors as well.

Soldotna and Sterling areas

#22 Aurora Lake Mile 96.2 Sterling Hwy. to Funny River Road. East on Funny River Rd., then approx 14 mi. to Rabbit Run Rd. Turn right on Rabbit Run, go 1.0 mi. to Browns Lake Rd. Left on Browns Lake



Rd., go 2 mi. to Lake Rd. Right on Lake Rd., go 1.0 mi. to Aurora Ave. Right on Aurora Ave., go 0.7 mi. to unimproved access where lake is next to road. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly; silver salmon fingerling stocked prior years.

#23 Elephant Lake Also called Spirit Lake. Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 4.7 mi. to Strawberry Rd. East on Strawberry Rd. to Park St. Left on Park St., go 1 mi. to gated road on the right. Go through gate, then 2.8 mi. to public parking. Vehicle access closed in spring to protect road, foot access only. Good winter snowmachine access to lake. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly; silver salmon fingerling stocked yearly.

#24 Loon Lake Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 2.5 mi. to Sport Lake Rd. East on Sport Lake, go approx 1.0 mi. to Conner Rd. Left on Conner, go 0.3 mi. to public access where lake is closest to road, with limited parking and no boat launch. Rainbow trout fingerling stocked yearly, silver salmon fingerling stocked prior years.

#25 Longmare Lake Mile 88.9 Sterling Hwy. to West Dr. South on West Dr. 0.1 mi. to Longmare Lake Rd. Right Longmare Lake Rd 0.1 access on south side with gradient to paved parking area and improved boat ramp. Both rainbow trout fingerling and silver salmon fingerling stocked yearly.

#26 Scout Lake Mile 84.9 Sterling Hwy., off Scout Lake Lp. Rd. South on Scout Lake, go 0.1 mi. to Scout Lake State Recreation Site with day-use picnic area, toilet facilities, water, no boat ramp. Was scheduled for yearly stocking of rainbow trout and silver salmon fingerling, but stocking was temporarily discontinued in 2006 due to illegal introduction of northern pike.

#27 Sport Lake Mile 94.3 Sterling Hwy. to Kenai Spur Rd. North on Kenai Spur 2.5 mi. to Sport Lake Rd. East on Sport Lake, go approx. 1.0 mi. to Moser Rd. Right on Moser, go 0.2 mi to public access on left with small parking area and sandy boat launch. Rainbow trout fingerling and Chinook salmon catchables stocked yearly.

General regulations for lakes in this handout

These regulations are not a complete summary. Please refer to a current year's *Southcentral Alaska Sport Fishing Regulation Summary* booklet, available free wherever licenses are sold.

License requirements

With three exceptions, a sport fishing license is required each calendar year and must be in the possession of ALL persons 16 years of age or older while sport fishing, personal use fishing, and/or digging clams. The exceptions are

1. Youth under 16, either resident or nonresident; OR
2. Alaska residents (12 months residency) who are 60 years of age or older; OR
3. Alaska residents (12 months resident) who are certified by the U.S. Veteran's Administration as having a 50% or greater service-related physical disability.

Youth are not required to purchase a fishing license, but are required to carry a free Harvest Record Card (see below). Residents 60 or older and resident disabled veterans also are not required to purchase a license, but must carry a free ADF&G Permanent Identification Card (PID) as well as a free Harvest Record Card (see below). The PID is distributed from the ADF&G Licensing Section in Juneau, (907) 465-2376. Application forms are available at ADF&G offices, or on-line at www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us/admin/license/form.html.

If a license, stamp or tag is lost or stolen, a duplicate can be purchased wherever licenses are sold. If a PID is lost or stolen, contact the Licensing Section, or your local ADF&G office.

Annual limits and harvest recording requirements

For certain species and sizes of fish, there's a limit to the number that anglers may keep, and if one of those fish is caught and kept, that harvest must be immediately recorded, in ink. Anglers who purchase licenses will find their harvest record on the back of the fishing license.

Anglers who are NOT required to purchase a license are required to carry a free Harvest Record Card, available wherever fishing licenses are sold. The Harvest Record Card is for sport fishing (rod and reel), NOT for personal use or subsistence fishing.

Tackle and bait

In the stocked lakes listed in this brochure, anglers may use either one single hook, or two single hooks, or one treble hook. Bait is allowed, except that no live fish may be used as bait. When fishing through the ice, each angler may have two lines, provided there is only one lure on each line. Otherwise, each angler may have only one single line. All fishing gear must be closely attended.

SPECIES	DAILY BAG/POSSESSION LIMIT	SPECIAL REGULATIONS
Rainbow trout	5/5, only one 20" or greater	Rainbows 20" or larger must be recorded on the back of the fishing license or on the Harvest Record Card. Only 2 rainbows 20" or longer may be kept per year.
Arctic Char	5/5, no size limit	none
Landlocked Salmon	10/10	none
Northern pike	No limit	Northern pike may be taken by rod and reel, spear, or by bow and arrow, if the arrow has a barbed tip, and if the arrow is attached to the bow with a line.

For information about camping, accommodations, fishing guides, and other visitor services, contact the Alaska Division of Tourism at P.O. Box 110809, Juneau, Alaska 99811 (907) 465-2012 Fax (907) 465-3767 www.travelalaska.com



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