

Bear baiting seasons and requirements

Bear bait stations may be established in certain areas. All bait stations must be registered at ADF&G and all persons who wish to register a bait site must have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic. **Clinics are available in person or online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bearbaiting.main>**

Bait stations may be registered 15 days prior to the start of the season. Bait may not be placed at the site until the season is open.

ADF&G may prohibit bear baiting in local areas.

TO REGISTER A BAIT STATION YOU MUST:

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Have successfully completed an ADF&G-approved bear baiting clinic.
- Register at an ADF&G office. Registration requires you to provide a specific description of the location where you will place bait.

You will get a sign to post at your station. If you choose not to use this sign, you must place some other sign that clearly identifies the site as a “Bear Bait Station” and displays:

- 1) the bear bait permit number assigned by ADF&G, and
- 2) your hunting license number and hunting license numbers of others who hunt over that bait station.

You **MAY**:

- Place bait at only two bait stations at the same time. Only biodegradable materials may be used for bait. If fish or big game is used, only the head, bones, guts, and skin may be used. The skinned carcasses of furbearers, fur animals, unclassified game, and small game (other than birds) may be used as bait. In units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used for bait.
- You may also use scent lures, but only with a baiting permit.
- Other hunters may use, place bait at, and maintain your bait station with your written permission. Written permission must be carried in the field.
- In Units 6, 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-17, 19-21, 24, and 25, a registered guide may operate up to ten (10) bait stations at a time in each guide use area that they are registered to operate in. A guide contract is required for each hunter.
- In Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-21, 23-25, black bears (and brown bears where allowed-see units listed below) may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. This is **NOT** allowed on National Park Service lands.
- In Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14B, 15, 16, 18, 19A, 19D, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D north of the Tanana River, 20E, 20F, 21C, 21D, 23, 24C, 24D, and 25D brown/grizzly bears may be taken at bear bait stations. Hunters must comply with seasons, bag limits, salvage, and sealing requirements for brown/grizzly bears (registration permits and locking-tags may be required in some areas, contact ADF&G for details).

You **MAY NOT**:

- Set up a bait station within one mile of a:
 - house (including your own home),
 - school,
 - business,
 - developed recreational facility,
 - campground, or
 - permanent dwelling including seasonally-occupied cabins (including your own). Establishing bait stations within 1 mile of seasonally occupied cabins is allowed in some areas. (*See page 27 for the list of places this is allowed.*)
- Set up a bait station within one-quarter mile of:
 - a publicly maintained road or trail,
 - the Alaska Railroad,
 - the Unit 14 shorelines of the Susitna River and Little Susitna River south of the Park Highway bridge; or
 - the Unit 7 or 15 shorelines of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake), Kasilof River, and Swanson River.
- Take money, bartered goods, or services from someone who uses your bait station. This does not apply to a registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter or employee of the contracting guide for providing big game hunting services.
- Use another’s bait station without their written permission. You must write your hunting license number on the permit at each site you intend to hunt over and written permission must be carried in the field.

Bowhunters wishing to hunt bears over bait in Units 7 and 14-16 are required to complete an IBEP or equivalent course, and must carry the certification card while hunting.

All bait, litter, and equipment must be removed from the bait site when hunting is completed.

This includes all attractants.

Areas Open for Bear Baiting	Dates
Units 1A, 1B, 1D*, 2, 3, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C	April 15 - June 15
Unit 6D*	April 15 - June 10
Units 7*, 9, 11, 12, 13*, 14A*, 14B*, 15*, 18, 19, 20**, 21A, 21B, 21C, 21E, 23, 24, and 25A, 25B, 25C	April 15 - June 30
Unit 16*	July 1 - October 15 April 15 - June 30
Unit 17	April 15 - May 31
Unit 19D East Predation Control Area: those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within Unit 19D upstream from Selatna River drainage and the Black River drainage. Unit 21D Units 24C and 24D Unit 25D	August 1 - September 30 April 15 - June 30

***Bait may NOT be used and bait stations may not be registered in the following areas:**

- 1D, that portion of the Chilkat Peninsula south of the Haines Hwy and within 1 mile of the Haines Hwy, Lutak Road, the Porcupine Mine road to the confluence of the Porcupine and Klehini rivers, and the Chilkat Lake road from the Porcupine Bridge to Chilkat Landing on the Tsirku River.
- 6D, Blackstone Bay and Harriman Fiord.
- 7, Resurrection Creek and tributaries and within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River.
- 13, within one-quarter mile of the Alyeska pipeline and pipeline access road from mile 75 of the Richardson Hwy (where the pipeline crosses the Tonsina River) north to the unit boundary at mile 227 of the Richardson Hwy (Black Rapids).
- 14A, 14B within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Susitna River, and Little Susitna River south of the Parks Hwy Bridge.
- 15, within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of the Kenai River (including Kenai Lake), Kasilof River, and Swanson River.
- 13E and 16A, Denali State Park.

Bait may be used within 1 mile of seasonally occupied cabins, provided that the cabin is on the opposite side of the river from the bait site in the following areas:

- 11 and 13, the Copper River north of Miles Lake.
- 16, the Beluga, Susitna, and McArthur rivers, the Deshka River (Kroto Creek) below its confluence with Trapper Creek, the Yentna River below its confluence with the Skwentna River, and Alexander Creek.

**Chena State Recreation Area: additional hunting, shooting and off-road vehicle use restrictions apply. Call DNR at (907) 451-2705 for specific information.

It is legal to take a wolf at a bear bait station during an open wolf hunting season, provided the hunter has a hunting license, and no chemicals, scent lures, human food, animal food, mineral supplements, or garbage is present at the bait site. In addition, if game parts are used as bait, only those parts not required to be salvaged may be used. (See page 26 for game that may be used as bear bait.)