

# Afognak Island Access

Afognak Island is part of the Kodiak Archipelago and is located 25 air miles north of the city of Kodiak. It is the second largest island in the Kodiak group at forty miles long and twenty-five miles wide. Afognak Island is known for its rugged topography, dense old-growth Sitka spruce forests, and salmon spawning habitat. This prime habitat supports populations of salmon, brown bear, Sitka black-tailed deer, and Roosevelt elk, making Afognak Island an attractive and popular destination for hunting and fishing. The island also offers other recreational opportunities such as sightseeing, boating, hiking, photography, and camping.

## Bear Safety and Avoiding Contact with Wildlife

All fuel, trash, food, fish waste, gray water, and other potential wildlife attractants (including petroleum-based products) must be securely stored in bear-resistant containers. These containers should be made of durable materials such as metal or hard-sided plastic and have tight-fitting lids with secure latches. Only containers specifically designed and approved for bear resistance should be used. Where feasible, electric fencing should also be installed around food and waste storage areas. Guidance on staying safe in bear country and avoiding negative interactions, including the use of bear-resistant containers and electric fences, is available on the Alaska Department of Fish & Game's (ADF&G) website. Any human-wildlife conflicts should be reported to ADF&G's Division of Wildlife Conservation.

## Vehicle Access on State Park Lands

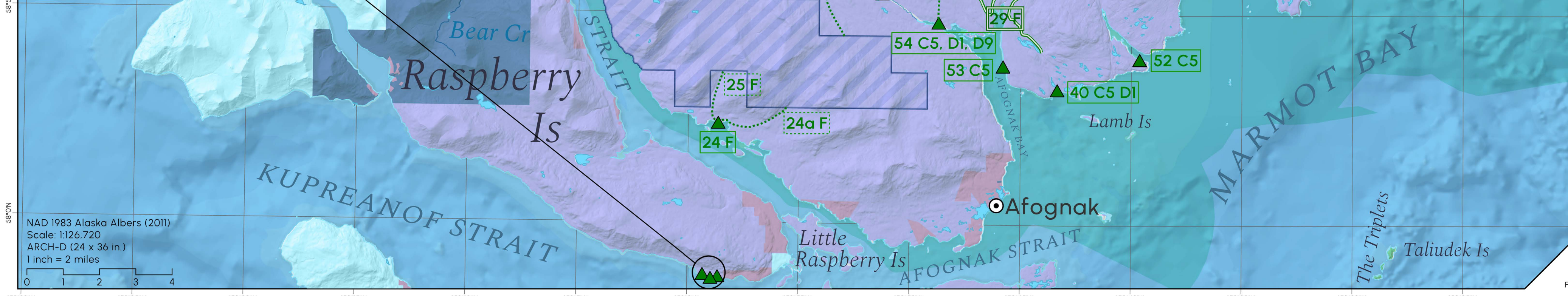
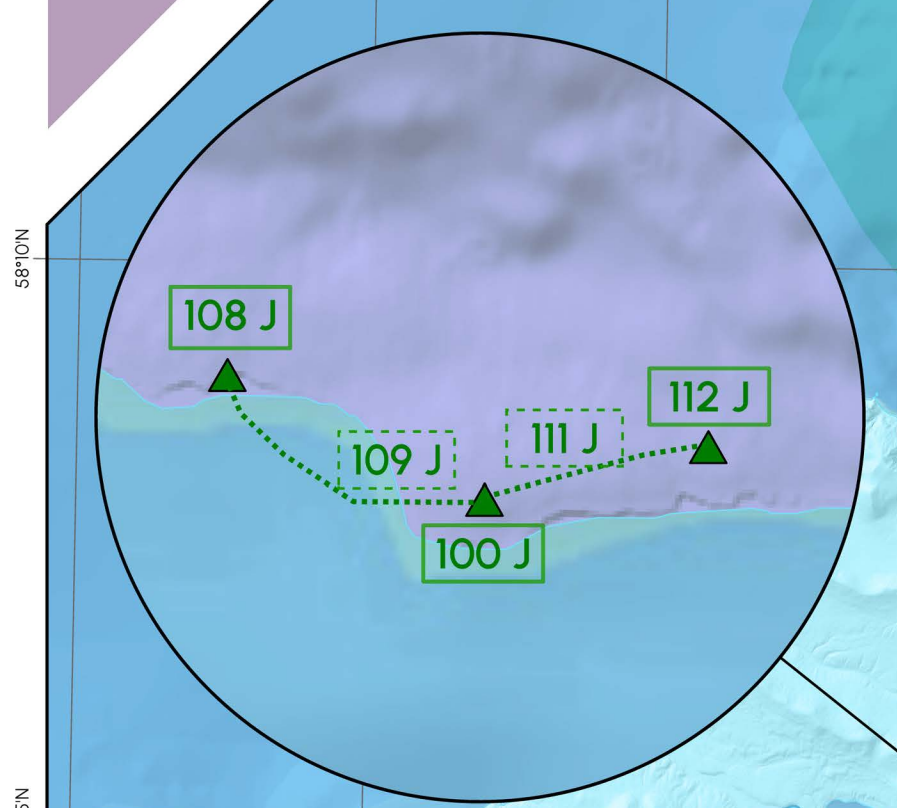
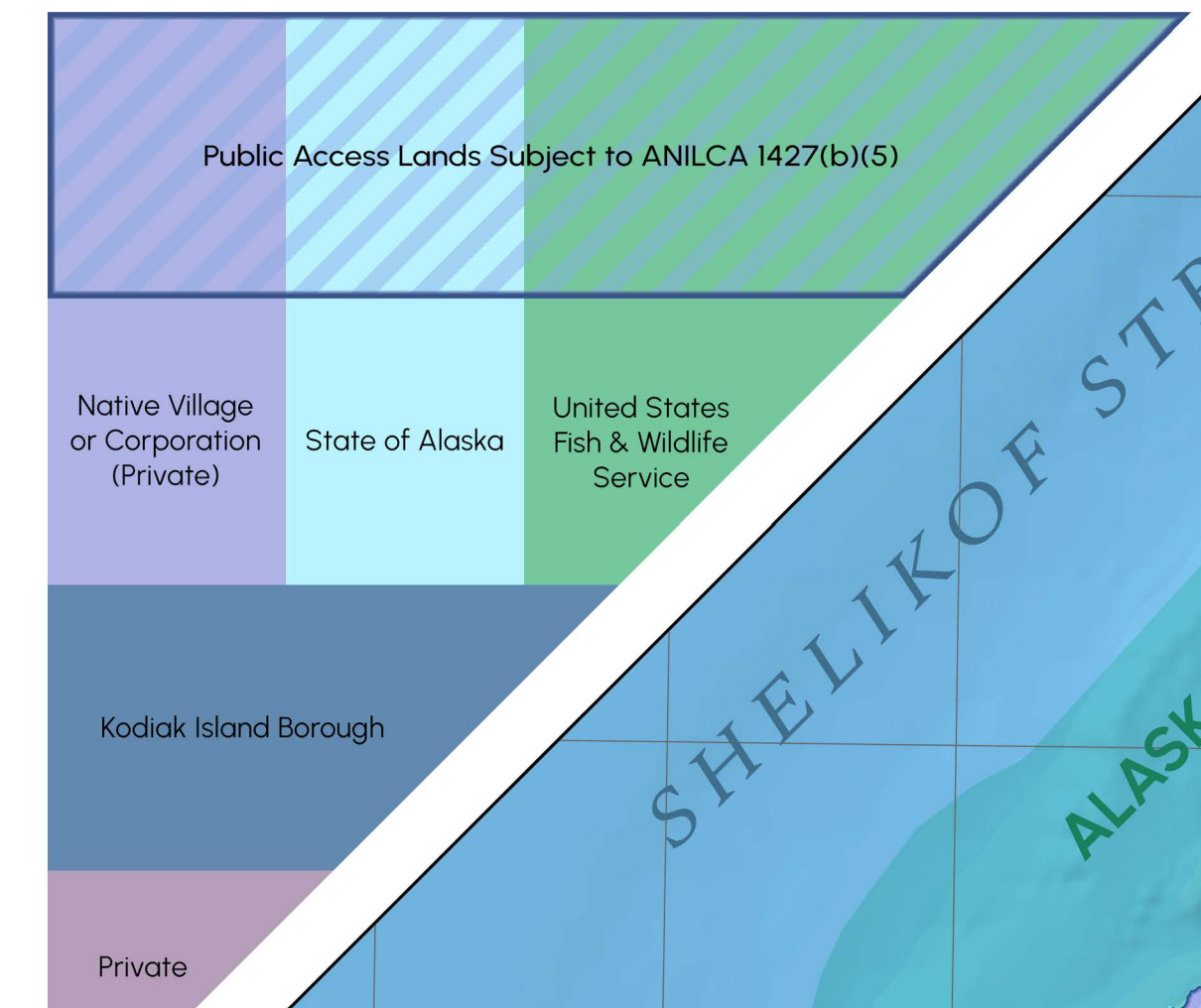
All roads and trails within State Park boundaries on Afognak Island are open to bicycles and electric bicycles per 11 AAC 12.115. Many roads or trail segments on state park lands on Afognak Island are open to motor vehicles by provisions of ANILCA 1427(b)(5), 17(b) easements, statute, or regulation, including all segments of the Kazakof Bay-Discoverer Bay Road as depicted in the 1997 Kodiak Island Borough Public Access Atlas prepared by the Department of Natural Resources, and segments of the 700, 730, and 740 roads. Contact Alaska State Parks for additional information.

## Afognak Island Land Status

There are a number of landowners on Afognak Island: Afognak Native Corporation, Natives of Kodiak, Ouzinkie Native Corporation, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska State Parks, & private individuals. A permit or prior permission from the owner or the owner's designee is required anytime the visitor wishes to enter, cross, or use private land, except at designated easements. Use of private land, including travel across the land without obtaining prior permission, may be trespass.

## Public Access Lands Subject to ANILCA 1427(b)(5)

Lands depicted with this title are subject to 1427(b)(5) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). This section of ANILCA states that these lands shall remain open and available to sport hunting and fishing and other recreational uses by the public under the applicable law (but without liability on the part of Kodiak, Incorporated or any Kodiak Village Corporation, except for willful acts, to any user by reason of such use), subject only to such reasonable restrictions which may be imposed by Kodiak, Incorporated and the affected Kodiak Village Corporations for the purposes of limiting or prohibiting such public uses in the immediate vicinity of logging or other commercial operations which may be undertaken by the corporations upon the affected lands. Such restrictions shall comprise only those restrictions necessary to ensure public safety and to minimize conflicts between recreational and commercial uses.



**Tread Lightly**  
Hunting, fishing, or any other kind of recreation is not allowed on a 17(b) easement because the underlying land belongs to an Alaska Native Village or Regional Corporation. Please be respectful of the land you traverse and recreate on. Not all trails exist on the ground and others may exist in a location different than depicted. Some easements may not be suitable for year round use.

## ANCSA 17(b) Easements

The 17(b) Easements are named after the section of the Federal Regulation, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act "ANCSA" (PL 92-203 - 85 Stat. 688). This Federal Regulation allows reserving easements on lands which will be conveyed to Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations in order to allow public access to public land and water. Departing from these easements on to Native lands without express permission from the Native Land owners is trespass. Because of the state's size, a large percentage of the trails reserved are currently undeveloped and unmarked. Scan the QR code for more information.



**25-Foot Trail**  
The uses allowed on a 25-foot-wide trail easement are: travel by foot, dogsleds, animals, snowmobiles, two- and three-wheeled vehicles, and small all-terrain vehicles (less than 3,000lbs. gross vehicle weight).

**50-Foot Trail**  
The uses allowed on a 50-foot-wide trail easement are those allowed for a 25-foot trail plus large all-terrain vehicles (more than 3,000lbs. gross vehicle weight), tracked vehicles, and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

**60-Foot Road**  
The uses allowed on a 60-foot-wide road easement are those allowed for 25- and 50-foot trails plus automobiles and trucks.

**100-Foot Road**  
The uses allowed on a 100-foot-wide road easement are travel by foot, dogsleds, animals, snowmobiles, two- and three-wheeled vehicles, small and large all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), tracked vehicles, four-wheel-drive vehicles, automobiles, and trucks. All roads in this category must be proposed for construction within a five-year period; if the road is not constructed, the easement will be reduced to a trail and the uses will be consistent with the trail width. If, after the road has been constructed, a lesser width is sufficient to accommodate the road, the easement shall be reduced to a 60-foot-wide road easement.

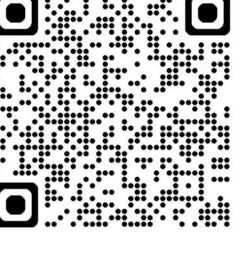
**1-Acre Site**  
The uses allowed on a site easement are: vehicle parking (e.g. aircraft, boats, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, cars, and trucks), temporary camping, and loading or unloading. Temporary camping, loading, or unloading is limited to 24 hours.

ANCSA 17(b) Easements are referenced by the **Easement Identification Number (EIN)**. This includes the easement number and the easement sponsor code.

A Alaska Center for the Environment	C8 Alaska Power Administration	F RCA Alaska Communication
B Department of Defense	D1 State of Alaska	G United States Forest Service
C Department of the Interior	D2 Division of Lands	H The Alaska Railroad
C1 Bureau of Outdoor Recreation	D3 Division of Parks	I Federal Aviation Administration
C2 National Park Service	D4 Department of Highways	J United States Coast Guard
C3 Bureau of Mines	D5 Division of Planning & Research	K Corps of Engineers
C4 BLM State Office	D6 Division of Aviation	L General Public
C5 BLM District Office	D7 Division of Public Works	M Village Corporation
C6 Fish & Wildlife	D8 Department of Fish & Game	N Regional Corporation
C7 Geological Survey	E Land Use Planning Commission	

## Alaska State Parks Recreational Cabins

Alaska State Parks offers 98 recreational cabins for use by the public. Cabins are located along trails and near remote lakes, streams, and saltwater beaches. Some cabins are accessible by highway vehicle. Most cabins are accessible year-round by floatplane, wheel plane, boat, or trail. Hikers and visitors should prepare for backcountry travel and carry appropriate emergency shelter in the event they are unable to reach their cabin.



It is unlawful to use a public use cabin or its facilities without a valid permit. Each day of unauthorized use of a public use cabin constitutes a separate offense and is subject to a \$50 fine. For more information regarding Alaska State Parks, public use cabin reservations, and applicable regulations, please visit [alaskastateparks.org](http://alaskastateparks.org).

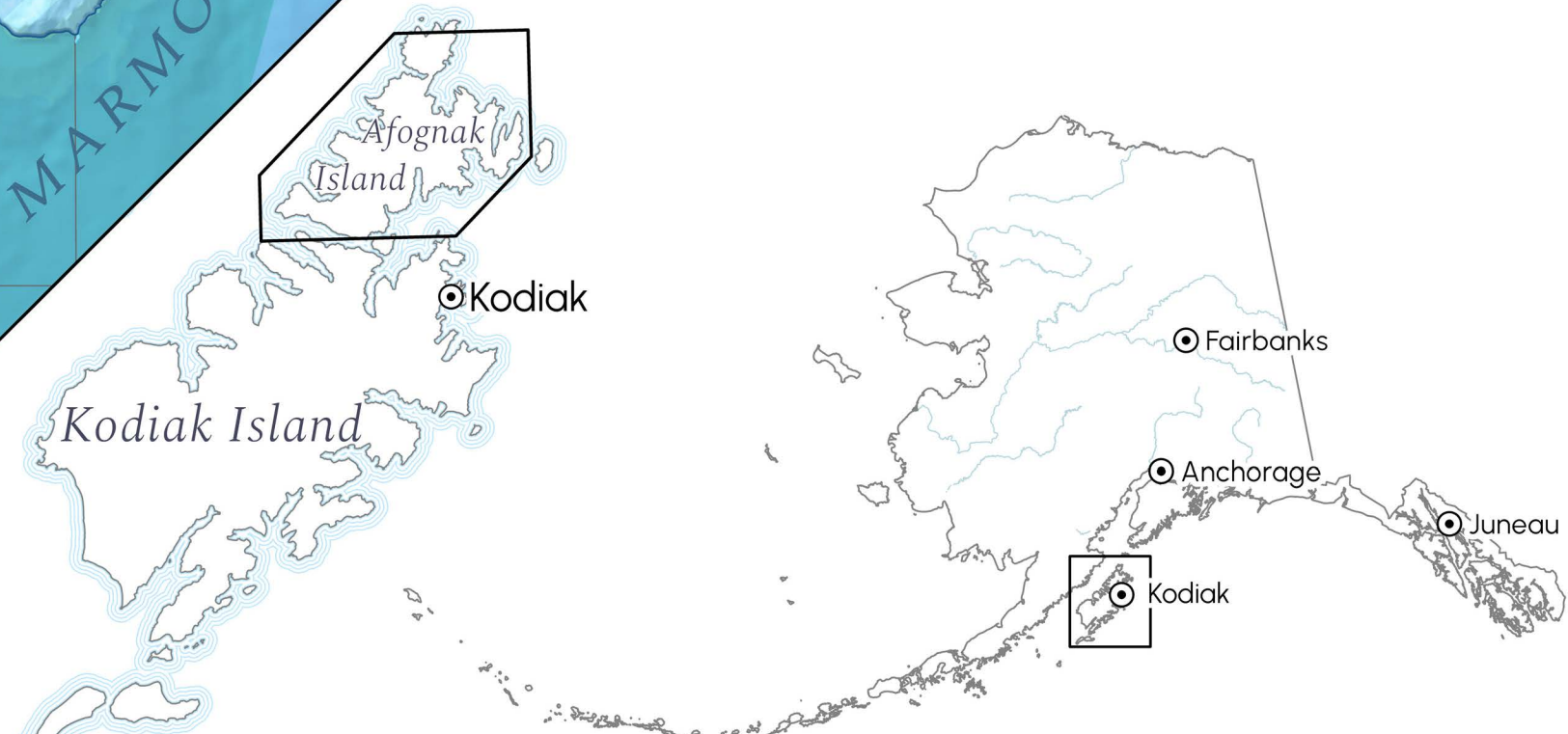
Camping near a public use cabin is not permitted. A person may not camp, pitch a tent, or stay overnight within 300 feet of a public use cabin.

Smoking in any form, including vaping, is strictly prohibited inside cabins. Cabin users are responsible for any damage to cabins, associated facilities, or park resources. Please report any damages discovered to the local park office or the DNR Public Information Center.

The use of explosive devices, including fireworks, is strictly prohibited within all Alaska State Parks.

It is unlawful to cut standing or live trees. Only dead and downed wood may be used for fires and only during your stay in the park.

Littering is illegal. Please pack out what you pack in.



**Always check the current hunting or fishing regulations before any trip planning. Always check land ownership and acquire the appropriate permits, if necessary.**

(907) 486-1880	Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Kodiak Office	(907) 847-2207	Larsen Bay Tribal Council
(907) 486-6014	Afognak Native Corporation	(907) 512-2055	Leisnoi, Inc.
(907) 548-2734	Akhik-Kaguyak Incorporated	(907) 486-3606	Natives of Kodiak, Inc.
(907) 269-8400	Alaska Department of Natural Resources	(907) 286-2286	Old Harbor Native Corporation
(907) 486-6339	Alaska State Parks, Kodiak District Office	(907) 680-2208	Ouzinkie Native Corporation
(907) 267-1248	Bureau of Land Management	(907) 486-1062	Uganik Natives, Inc.
(907) 487-2600	Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge	(928) 453-6637	Uyak, Inc.
(907) 486-2530	Koniag, Inc.		



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