



Cooper Landing

Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

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Gem of the Kenai Peninsula

Emerald in the Summer

Diamond in the Winter

For those seeking one of the finest, most diverse outdoor recreation areas Alaska has to offer, Cooper Landing is a wonderful choice. The majestic beauty, world class fishing, hiking, sightseeing, gold panning, lodging and dining are just a few of the many wonderful things to enjoy in the summer. Cooper Landing is also a spectacular place to visit in the winter, with cross country skiing, snow machining, ice fishing, cozy winter nights by the campfire and a warm small town atmosphere.

Nested in the towering Kenai Mountains and bisected by the Kenai River, Cooper Landing is located deep within the Chugach National Forest, only 100 miles south of Anchorage.

Fishing

World renowned sport fishing rivers and lakes blanket the area, which is also crisscrossed by extensive trail systems to the remote backcountry. The Russian River Falls is the most accessible backcountry destination with an awesome platform view of salmon leaping the daunting series of falls to reach their ancestral spawning grounds. a 2 mile handicapped accessible trail leads to the site.

Rafting

Kenai Lake is an ideal spot for canoeing and kayaking. Guided trips are available for float trips on the Kenai River through the Kenai Canyon to Skilak Lake. Rafting can be geared for the whole family, or you can choose a Class I or Class II water trip.

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Activities

Wildlife viewing is another popular activity in the region. Moose, Dall Sheep, Mountain Goats and Bear are sited along the mountain sides, trails and even the highway. Flight seeing and horseback rides are available to provide a unique way to see the vast country side and observe the wildlife.

Berry picking and foraging are also favorite pastimes. From late summer through frost several species of berries can be found and make a tasty treat. However, there are some poisonous berries you should become aware of before venturing out.

Accommodations

Stay in comfort at any one of the many choices of lodging in or near Cooper Landing. Your several choices range from fancy lodges, full size homes, hotels, motels, cabins, to outstanding bed & breakfasts. No matter what your preference is, you will be surrounded with the beauty of Alaska and many activities conveniently near.

Bear Safety

1. Be On The Lookout

Bears can be encountered anywhere. They are not hard to spot, if you are looking. Use all of your sense when traveling in the back-country. Watch for tracks and fresh droppings, these are indicators that a bear might be frequenting the area. Know the basics of bear behavior.

2. Don't Go Out Alone

Bears are less likely to approach humans when they are in groups. Talking identifies you as human and bears are more likely to keep their distance.

3. Keep A Clean Camp Site

Leaving unattended food is an invitation to bears. Store all food and garbage in a secure building or bear-proof container. Pack your garbage out!

4. Cook With Caution

The smell of cooking food can draw bears a long way. Cook in the open where you can spot a bear at a distance. Sleep at least 100 ft. from where you cooked.

5. Bears Are Not Pets

Bears are to be left alone. Do not ever approach a bear. To them this is an aggressive behavior and they will react. If you encounter a bear stay calm, getting excited and making quick movements will only frighten the bear, possibly causing him to turn aggressive.

6. Do Not Feed Bears

Bears are creatures of habit and once develop a taste for human food or garbage they will not be deterred. Cubs are not cuddly toys, you should never attempt to go near a cub, and the female bears are extremely protective and will become very aggressive.

7. Bears Can Be Watched And Enjoyed

It is recommended that if you wish to bear watch, choose a supervised bear-viewing location. If you wish to take photos do so from a distance using telephoto lenses.

Cooper Landing History

The Cooper Landing area is rich in native and pioneer history. Dena'ina Athabascan Indians called the Kenai Lake "SqilanBena" and the Kenai River "Kahtnu, when Russian mining engineer Peter Doroshin prospected for gold in the 1800's.

Doroshin found gold in the area, but couldn't interest the Russian-American Co. into mining the area. Joseph Cooper and his crew traveled up the Kenai River from Cook Inlet in 1884 and later in 1896. Kenai Lake was then called Lake Long with the miner's camp called lake City. This was re-named Cooper Creek Landing around 1914 and then Cooper's Landing.

Gold mining continued on Cooper Creek and its tributary Stetson Creek for many years. 21 men and one woman were counted at the miner's camp in the 1900 census.

Tom and Frank Towle arrived with their father in the 1890's and built the first pioneer homes along the Kenai River guiding for moose, bear and dall sheep from the Cooper Landing area into the backcountry around Skilak Lake. Hunting guides also trapped lynx, beaver, and fur bearing animals for their pelts during the winter. Several fox farmers operated in the Cooper Landing area in the 1930's. Frank Towle patented the first private property, a 108 acre homestead in 1932.

The road to Seward was completed in 1938. The road to Kenai was drivable, though unpaved, starting in 1948, and the highway to Anchorage was opened in 1951. The Forest Service began construction of campgrounds and hiking trails in the 1950's and the first commercial lodges were built during the 1940's and 1950's.

Private land became available when subdivision of existing homesteads began in the early 1970's, and from 1970 to the year 2000 the population has tripled. The current Postmaster estimates the current year-round resident number 380.

Visit the Cooper Landing Historical Society and Museum, at Milepost 48.7 on the Sterling Hwy. in Cooper Landing.

Emergency & Information

Ambulance and Fire Department.....	911
State Troopers	911
To Report Forest Fires	911
Life Flight, Alaska Regional Hospital.....	1-800-222-1222
Providence Hospital ER Department.....	1-907-261-3111
Search & Rescue US Coast Guard.....	1-800-478-5555
Directory Information	
For Cooper Landing.....	411
For other cities in Alaska.....	1-907-555-1212
For cities outside Alaska.....	1-area code-555-1212
Cooper Landing Community Library.....	595-1241

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Cooper Landing Historical Society

Come on in & see Dead Bear Walking. The museum is located at Mile 48.7 on the Sterling Highway. We have a picnic area where our visitors can relax since the museum is right on the river.

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Welcome to Cooper Landing, Alaska!

Cooper Landing Visitors Center
Mile 47.5
Corner of South Face Place & The Sterling Highway

Legend:

- ▲ Campground
- ▲ Resurrection Pass Trailhead
- ▲ Russian Lake Falls Trailhead
- ▲ K'Beq Footprints Site
- 21 Located in Soldotna

Businesses and Services:

- 1** Wildman's
- 2** Alaska Streamers
- 3** Sunrise Inn
- 4** Alaska Rivers Company
- 5** Kenai River Fly Fishing LLC
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- 25** Cooper Landing Library
- 26** Eagle Landing Resort
- 27** Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge
- 28** Alaska Wildland Adventures
- 29** Kenai Riverside Campground RV Park and B&B
- 30** Chief's Kick-Ass Cookhouse

Church Services:
Sunday
K.L. Baptist - 11am
Catholic - 12:30pm
C.L. Community Church - 4pm
Wilderness Chapel - 11am

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