



Dear Guest,

Your travels to Brooks Lodge begin when you board a Peninsula Airways aircraft bound for King Salmon. Please call PenAir at (907) 243-2323 to confirm your departure time 24 hours prior to your departure date. Please check-in with PenAir *90 minutes* prior to your departure at the Ted Stevens International Airport - Domestic Terminal. Flight times and flight numbers are noted in your itinerary. **PenAir requires all passengers to be checked in and in the boarding area 40 minutes prior to departure time.**

Upon arrival into King Salmon you'll be met by the Katmai Air Service / Brooks Lodge shuttle bus that will connect you to the seaplane service to Brooks Lodge (the local telephone number is 246-3079). Please claim your baggage and give it to the Katmai Air Service shuttle driver.

The flight via seaplane to Brooks Lodge is about 20 minutes. The flight crew will load your carry-on baggage on all Katmai Air flights. Your plane will land on Naknek Lake, the third largest lake in Alaska; the lake is tinted with a most remarkable aquamarine color as a result of volcanic ash and glacial particles suspended in the water.

Upon arrival at Brooks Lodge you will be directed to the Park Service Visitors Center to receive a brief orientation talk presented by one of the friendly National Park Service Rangers. Then proceed to the Brooks Lodge office to check in and be shown to your room.

The Brooks River offers superb sport fishing. Whether you've fished all your life or never fished, you'll enjoy wetting a line on the Brooks River. Rods and waders may be rented at the "Trading Post". Also, fishing instruction, boat and guide service, and fly out fishing may be arranged.

The feature program of the Brooks Camp area is the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes" Natural History Tour. Reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. Please meet at **8:30am** at the lower platform located across from the floating bridge. The tour departs each morning at **9:00am**. The National Park Service interpretative personnel will be your tour guide, so feel free to ask questions. After the 23 mile drive to the Overlook Cabin you will have time for lunch and to look over the displays and historic photos of the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes". Those interested may hike down with the tour guide to examine the ash and pumice that composes the "Valley" floor. Keep in mind that the hike up and down the trail can be quite strenuous. If you choose not to take the hike you may stay at the Overlook Cabin and wait for the tour leaders return at 3:00pm. You will arrive back to Brooks Lodge around 4:30pm. We recommend that you dress in layers so you can layer up or down as climate or pace dictate. ***A raincoat and comfortable walking shoes are a must.***

Meals at Brooks are always a special occasion. They are served buffet style. Meal hours at Brooks Lodge are: Breakfast 7:00am-8:30am, Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm-7:30pm. During July we offer a Soup & Salad from 1:30pm-3:00pm. From the table you can see Mt. Katolinat and Naknek Lake, and after your meal you can relax by the fire or take a walk along the beach. Also available are **flightseeing trips, canoeing, kayaking, guided wildlife viewing**, Park Service programs with slides or films and a bar for evening entertainment.

We hope this information will help you prepare for your trip.

Sincerely,

Jim Albert
Brooks Lodge Manager

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Brooks Lodge Suggested Packing List

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so bring comfortable medium weight sports clothes. By dressing in layers, you can add or subtract clothing and be comfortable regardless of the whim of the weather.

Please note that Katmai is a wilderness park and laundry facilities and internet services are NOT available at the lodge.

The following items are a must:

- Warm Jacket or Sweater
- Walking Shoes or Boots
- Water Proof Raincoat
- Long Sleeve Shirts
- Mosquito Repellent
- Hat or Cap
- Gloves
- Personal Items
- Sunglasses
- Camera & memory cards
- Medicines: These should be kept with you during travel.
- Sunblock

** Examples of optional items you might consider are Binoculars and a Day Pack.

" What's in the *Trading Post* ? "

The ***Brooks Lodge Trading Post*** carries an assortment of items you may have forgotten, souvenirs and rental items for those visiting us at the Brooks Lodge and Brooks Campground.

Personal Items:

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant / Soap
- Batteries
- Insect Repellent / After Bite
- Tobacco
- Film (*no memory cards available*)

Food and Beverages:

- Freeze Dried Foods
- Candy Bars
- Gum
- Bottled Water
- Soft Drinks / Gatorade
- Other Snacks

Souvenirs:

- Hats & Caps
- Sweat Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Coffee Mugs
- Post Cards
- Jewelry

Fishing Tackle:

- Line and Leader
- Fishing Licenses
- Lures
- Flies

Rental Items:

- Rods and Reels
- Chest Waders
- Single Burner Stoves
- Showers and Towels (for campers)
- Kayaks
- Canoes
- Bear Proof Containers

Camp stove fuel is available (white gas & Coleman propane only)

Store purchases may be made with Cash, Travelers Checks, MasterCard or Visa.

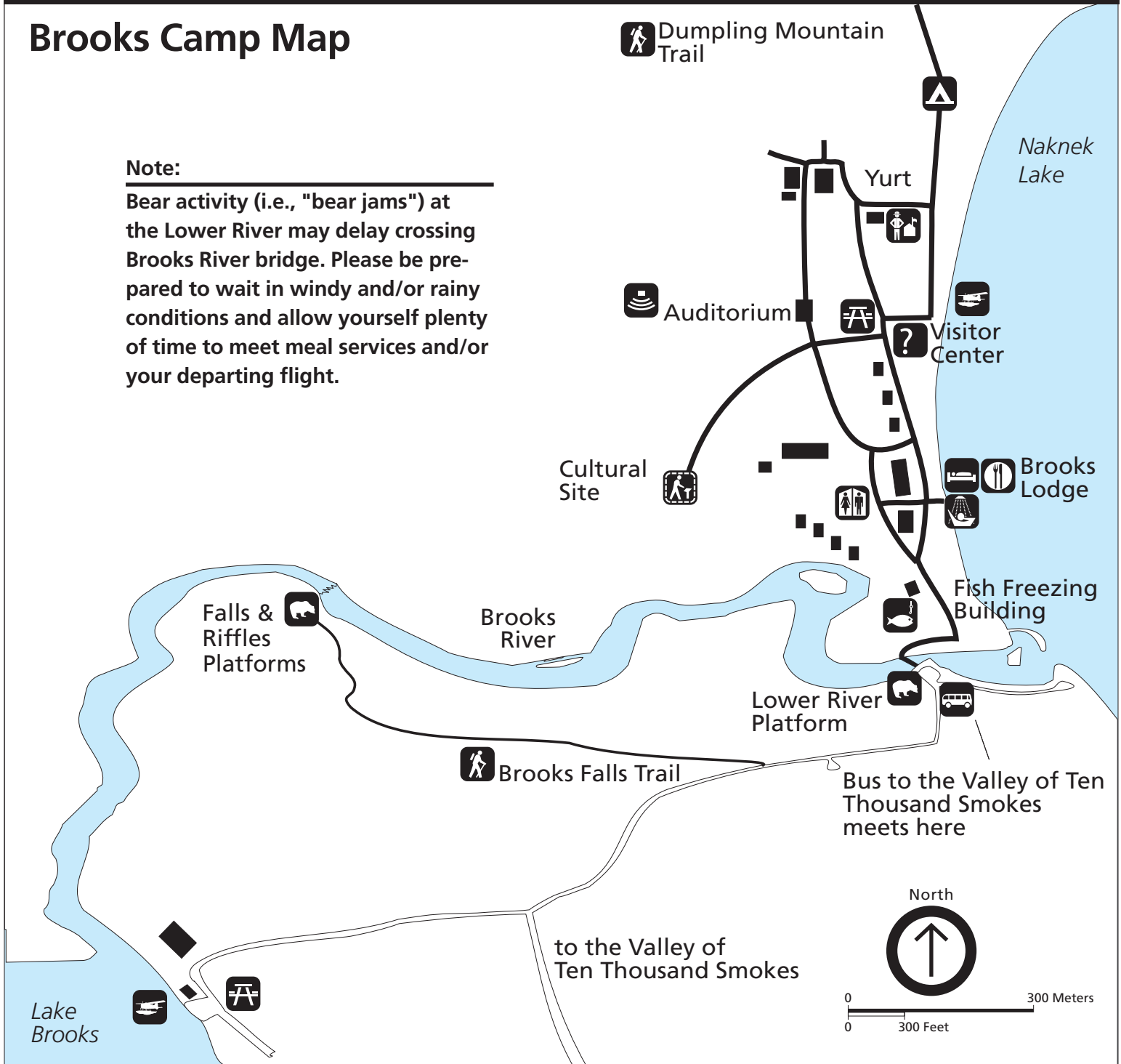
***** Ice is NOT AVAILABLE for purchase at Brooks Lodge *****



Brooks Camp Map

Note:

Bear activity (i.e., "bear jams") at the Lower River may delay crossing Brooks River bridge. Please be prepared to wait in windy and/or rainy conditions and allow yourself plenty of time to meet meal services and/or your departing flight.



Bear Safety Reminders

Do not carry food, beverages, or any other odorous items around Brooks Camp. They should be properly stored at all times. Eat and drink only in buildings or designated picnic areas. Water is the only beverage you can consume outside of designated areas.

Put all garbage in designated indoor receptacles.

Do not leave gear unattended at any time.

Be alert at all times and make noise where visibility is limited. If you encounter a bear, stop making noise once the bear is aware of you.

Maintain a distance of 50 yards from any bear. Back away if you find yourself closer than these distances. In case of a close encounter, speak to the bear in a soft voice, wave your arms, and back away calmly.

Bear Viewing

Three viewing platforms provide safe and ideally-situated opportunities for observing bear behavior. The Lower River Platform is located just across the bridge over Brooks River. An additional mile of trail (one way) provides access to the Brooks Falls and Riffles Platforms.

Bear viewing at the Brooks Falls and Riffles Platforms is excellent in July. Bears are active at the Lower River throughout the summer, but especially in autumn. Visitors to Brooks Camp are required to begin their stay by checking in at the visitor center for a mandatory bear orientation and safety talk outlining park regulations and proper behavior around bears.

Angling

Regulations

Fishing in Katmai is subject to Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regulations and restrictions. Alaska state fishing licenses are required.

Fishing Around Bears

Remember: bears come here to fish, too. When bear activity is at its peak, both bears and anglers compete for the same resources. Expect to spend much more time out of the water than in, and be prepared to give up your fishing hole to a bear at some time during your trip. Most importantly, it is critical that bears do not learn to associate anglers with fish.

Be aware of your surroundings—learn where the bears are and where they're likely to appear or "pop-out." If possible, have someone "spot" bears for you.

Maintain at least 50 yards from a bear. You must stop fishing when a bear approaches within 50 yards immediately releasing your fish.

Know how to break your line. The splashing of a fish in play will attract the attention of a bear. If a bear approaches while a fish is hooked, be prepared to break or cut your line quickly and move out of the water until the bear passes.

If you plan on keeping a fish, immediately kill it and take it to the fish freezing building near the Katmai Trading Post. Fish may not be cleaned at Brooks Camp.

All possessions, including fishing tackle, drinking water, and extra clothing must not be unattended.

Brooks Camp Trails

Brooks Falls Trail

Brooks Falls is accessed via this easy, 1½ mile trail from the Brooks Camp Visitor Center. After crossing the bridge over Brooks River, the trail continues through boreal forests and the remnants of prehistoric villages to arrive at Brooks Falls.

Cultural Trail

From the trailhead near the Brooks Camp Visitor Center, this easy ¼ mile stroll leads to a reconstructed prehistoric Native home, or *barabara*. Along the way, the trail winds through the highest known density of prehistoric structures found anywhere in North America, including ancient village sites constructed over 4,500 years ago.

Dumpling Mountain Hike

This moderately strenuous hike climbs 800 ft. over ½ miles (one way) to an overlook of Brooks Camp with expansive views of Naknek Lake. For the more adventurous hiker, the trail continues 2½ miles and gains an additional 1,600 ft. to the summit of Dumping Mountain. Raingear, water, and sturdy hiking boots or shoes are recommended. The trailhead is located in the Brooks Camp Campground.

While most trails around Brooks Camp and the trail to Brooks Falls are wheelchair accessible, they are unpaved, frequently muddy, and visitors should be prepared to leave the trail in order to avoid a bear.

Interpretive Programs

Evening Program; 45 minutes

Presented by a ranger or special guest speaker in the Brooks Camp Auditorium, daily interpretive programs offer information and unique perspectives on Katmai's special features, history, and wildlife.

Cultural Walk; One hour

A ranger/naturalist leads this short ¼ mile walk providing information about the human history of Brooks Camp Archaeological District and National Historic Landmark, including archaeological studies and traditional Native uses of plants and animals.

The walk leads to a reconstructed prehistoric Native dwelling.

Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Tour; 7–8 hours

A park ranger accompanies this scenic bus ride through some of Katmai's spectacular backcountry. After lunch at Three Forks, overlooking the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, visitors may take the optional, ranger-led hike into the valley. The hike is three miles roundtrip, with an 800 ft. elevation change. Sturdy boots, water, and extra warm clothes are recommended. Inquire at Brooks Lodge for reservations.