

**Special Permit Stipulations for Commercial Use Permits**  
**Alaska State Parks**

1. **Fires.** Ground fires prohibited unless built on gravel bars. When fires cannot be built on gravel bars, an approved metal fire ring or raised fire pit shall be used to contain the fire. Only dead or down trees are approved for wood fires. The site must be returned to its natural state after use. The use of a self-contained stove is strongly encouraged for cooking.
  - a. Not every gravel bar in Chugach State Park is open to ground fires. See 11 AAC 20.035.
  
2. **Guided Hiking/Walking, Biking, Backpacking.** These activities as well as overnight trips are subject to:
  - a. Limit Group size to 12 maximum per trip including instructors/guide.
    - i. For Biking – South Fork Rim Trail and Hemlock Burn in Chugach SP is limited to 5 including instructor/guide, Monday thru Friday ONLY; weekend commercial use is prohibited.
  - b. Minimum one instructor/guide to six students/clients (except for above in i.).
  - c. State Parks reserves the right to designate trail head departure.
  - d. State Parks reserves the right to designate available camping locations.
  - e. State Parks reserves the right to designate staging area for pre/post gear preparation.
  - f. Prior to departure provide Park staff with a detailed trip itinerary of route and anticipated campsite locations. This can be emailed to regional park headquarters (see contacts at the end).
  - g. Annual/End of season reports may be required to include:
    - i. Trip frequency;
    - ii. Number of clients/students on each trip;
    - iii. Duration of trip;
    - iv. Written description of activities;
    - v. GPS locations of camping sites;
    - vi. Any notable observations or wildlife interactions;
    - vii. If human waste was removed from the site (mandatory removal of waste required in Denali State Park and Williwaw, Rabbit, Eagle and Symphony Lakes in Chugach State Park).
  
3. **Leave No Trace.** Follow “Leave No Trace” ethics: <https://Int.org/why/7-principles/>
  - a. Plan ahead and prepare.
  - b. Travel and camp on curable surfaces.
  - c. Dispose of waste properly.
  - d. Respect wildlife.
  - e. Be considerate of others.
  
4. **Hunting Guides and Transporters.** Permittee must have the appropriate authorizations and certifications to operate in any State Park. Hunting guides and/or transporters must be appropriately licensed and comply with all statutes and regulations adopted by the Big Game Commercial Services Board.
  - a. **Horses/Pack Animals:**

- i. Weed-free feed and/or processed pellets must be used as feed for the duration of the trip and at least 48 hours prior to travel in CSP.
- ii. Group size is limited to a maximum of 10 horses.
- iii. Permit holder must ensure manure and feed is cleaned up at trailheads/parking areas to minimize impacts to other trail users and encourage other horse riders and packers to do the same.
- iv. Permit holder must ensure manure and spilled feed or hay is scattered to reduce impacts from horses.
- v. No more than five (5) animals are to be tethered into a pack string to reduce trail “short cutting” by animals on the end of the pack string.
- vi. Use only natural (biodegradable) twine/rope material for stringing pack animals.
- vii. Due to natural resource damage concerns, please avoid wet, muddy, or wetland areas.
- viii. Horses/pack animals must be controlled at all times. Loose herding of animals is prohibited.
- ix. Manure piles must be dispersed prior to leaving camping areas.
- x. Animals may be tied to trees in a manner that avoids damage to the tree.
- xi. Temporary horse camps must be established at least 200 feet away from any freshwater source such as streams, lakes, and rivers. Camps may not be occupied for more than four (4) consecutive nights.
- xii. Park management may close trails for horse/pack animal use to prevent trail damage.

**5. Animal carcass and fish remains:** All parts of an animal or fish that are not required to be salvaged must be moved at least 100 yards from a managed trail, discarded below low tide line or in another safe manner. If not done properly, it will attract bears and be a possible danger to others visiting the area.

**6. Campgrounds.** This permit does not exempt permittee from paying fees for overnight camping at State Park campgrounds. More information on campgrounds in Chugach State Park can be found at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/chugach/chugachindex.htm>.

**7. Aircraft operations.**

- a. Alaska Air Commerce Certificate. The permittee shall submit a copy of their Alaska Air Commerce Certificate prior to beginning operations under this permit.
- b. Notification of Problems. The permittee agrees to notify the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation of any problems or abnormal conditions observed while operating over park land and water.
- c. Removal of Disabled Aircraft. In the event a plane is disabled on park land or in park waters, it will be removed from the park within seven days, unless otherwise agreed to by the authorizing officer.
- d. Minimum Altitudes. The permittee agrees to maintain a minimum altitude, as weather conditions allow, above the ground (AGL) or water surface of 1500’ feet while operating over State Park lands
- e. The permittee will also be required to maintain a 1,500 foot separation, vertical and horizontal, from known waterfowl and raptor nesting sites and active bear and wolf denning sites elsewhere in the park, wherever they are identified by the permittee or the state during pre-season reconnaissance flights or other flight operations. Lateral Landing Distance is 1/2 mile of known or observed nesting areas of waterfowl, eagles, or active bear and wolf denning sites.

- f. Outside traditional waterfowl nesting areas and the required 1,500 feet separation from the other identified waterfowl and raptor nesting sites and active bear and wolf denning sites, the minimum altitude above ground is 500 feet.
- 8. Human Waste.** Commercial operators shall have clients use public restrooms when available. If restrooms are not available, and soil conditions allow, dig a cathole 6-8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Bury toilet paper deep in the cathole or pack it out along with hygiene products. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. When burying waste is not an option, operators shall have a pack-out system, or wag bag for clients. All collected solid human waste, including bags, must be contained in a leak-proof, animal-proof, hard-sided container with a screw-on or ratchet-locking lid. When leaving the field, all collected human waste should be lawfully disposed of. Do not place bagged waste in latrines or trash receptacles in any State Park.