

Let's head out to the river!



In the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys, one of our biggest recreational assets are the rivers, in fact, you won't find many places on earth with such a diverse multitude. In addition to the volume of rivers, their historical use here by natives, explorers, pioneers and others has proven there's no better way to travel and experience our back country treasures.

The pristine beauty of Alaska is right here waiting to be discovered. We have rivers that are easily accessed by road or remote ones requiring bush plane fly-out and pick-up. There's flat water floating to challenging class V whitewater; salmon, trout and grayling fishing and always lots of wildlife viewing.

From the clear headwaters of our spawning streams to the silt-laden glacier rivers, opportunities abound for those who seek them. Planning is easy, wither traveling independently using outfitted rentals, your

own equipment, or by utilizing one of the many professionally guided services that make participation safe and easy and experience for yourself the fun Alaskan style; canoeing, kayaking, rafting, jet boating, fly-fishing or salmon fishing, it's all here in the Mat-Su.

There are rivers still to conquer for the challenge of a first descent and rivers with long colorful histories to explore, for first-timers to the experienced adventurer, you can't find a better place or a better way to start your Alaskan adventure.

For information on the many rivers of the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys, and the experiences they offer contact the Alaska Public Lands Information Office, Alaska State Parks.

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