



Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation DPOR – Chugach State Park

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Chugach State Park

- Central feature of Anchorage bowl
- 3rd largest state park in U.S. at 495,000 acres
- 40% of MOA land area is made up by CSP
- Estimated 1.5m visitors in FY 2022
 - 71% are Southcentral residents
- 53% of Alaskans live within 30 minutes of CSP
- Over 280 miles of managed trail



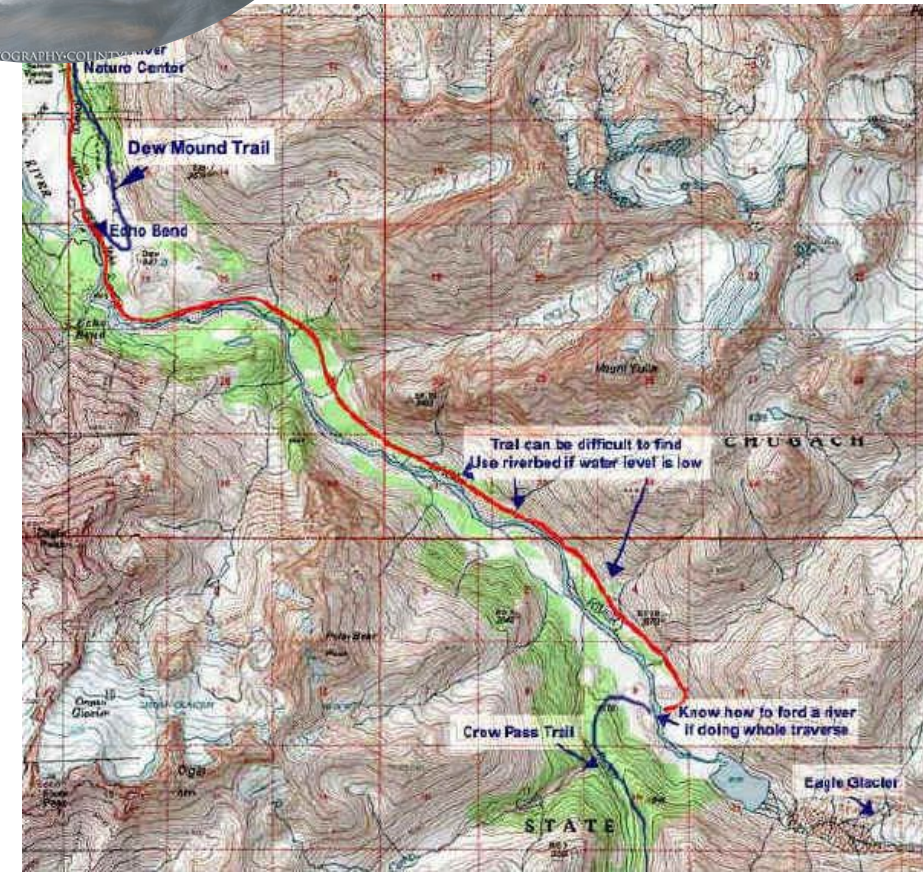
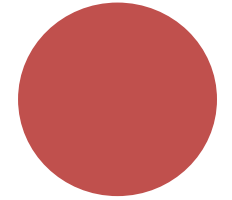
2024 Trail Projects

- Crow Pass
- Indian Valley
- Peters Creek
- Hidden Lake
- Bird Valley
- Eklutna Lakeside



Crow Pass

- CSP's flagship backcountry route.
- FY22 Legislative Grant
- Awarded to Interior Trails
 - Phase 1 (itemized trail prescription and design) is underway
 - Phase 2 (layout and construction) 2025



Eklutna Lakeside

- FY23 legislative grant awarded to Alaska Trails
- Design and construction anticipated summer 2024
- Work will target eroded/public safety issues along the non-motorized trail





Indian Valley



- FY23 legislative grant awarded to Alaska Trails
- Design and initial construction anticipated summer 2024
- Goal is to reroute the trail from the valley bottom following a sustainable alignment to the pass



Hidden Lake

- Chugach Park Fund and Alaska Trails
- Design and construction anticipated summer 2024
- Work will target the overflowing turnpike near the German Bridge and several notoriously wet areas with running plank





Bird Valley and Peters Creek

- RTP grant projects
- Recruiting 8 ACCs
- Finish brushing/logging Bird Valley ATV trails and out toward Bird Creek Pass
- Brushing Peters Creek and bridging 4-mile Creek
 - FY22 Legislative Grant



Trailhead Upgrades

- Rabbit Creek/Sunnyside Flattop improvements.
 - Geotechnical work 2024
- Paving Prospect Heights
- Upgrades to Bird Valley
- Eklutna ATV Lot paving and expansion.



Trail projects on the horizon

- Wayfinding and improving the winter Arctic to Indian route
 - FY22 Legislative Grant
- Turnagain Arm Trail improvements
 - FY22 Legislative Grant





Questions