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New fees implemented at Lower Chatanika and Big Delta park units

(Fairbanks, AK) – Effective May 26, Alaska State Parks will implement a \$5 per vehicle day-use fee at the Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area and Big Delta State Historical Park. In addition, overnight camping at the Whitefish and Olnes Pond campgrounds will be \$15 per night and use of the boat launch near the Whitefish campground will be \$10 per day.

Fees for the use of improved boat launches and campsites at Alaska state parks began in 1987. The day-use parking fee program began in 1994 and has been implemented at most road-accessible access points and trailheads. However, until now, parking fees have never been charged at the Lower Chatanika and Big Delta units, and camping and boat launch fees at Lower Chatanika have not been charged since 2002.

The fees for parking, camping and using the boat launch can be paid at the self-serve payment stations located at the two park units. In lieu of paying the \$5 per vehicle per day fee, visitors may purchase a \$50 annual decal with an option to purchase a second decal for \$25 for an additional vehicle registered at the same residence. These decals may be used at any state park unit in Alaska and can be purchased at the Fairbanks state park office, the Anchorage and Fairbanks DNR Public Information Centers (via mail or e-mail), or online at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/Passes.cfm>.

The Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area is located between mile 10 and 11 of the Elliott Highway and Big Delta State Historical Park is located at Mile 274.5 of the Richardson Highway.

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