Where can I obtain a permit to use easement land along Karluk River and Karluk Lake?

• Unguided visitors can apply for a free Refuge permit by visiting the Refuge headquarters office located at 1390 Buskin River Road, Kodiak, Alaska, 99615 or calling the Refuge at (907) 487-2600 or toll-free at (888) 408-3514.
• Guided visitors need to obtain a land use permit from Koniag, Inc.'s authorized guides. For a listing of guides contact Koniag Inc. at the previously listed address or telephone number.

Are there limits on the number of permits available to un-guided and guided visitors?

• Yes, but only between June 10 and July 15, called the limited entry period, which coincides with the peak of the king salmon run. During this period, daily permits will be limited to 28 for unguided visitors and 42 for guided visitors.
• During the remainder of the year, referred to as the registration period, there are no daily or overall limits on the number of guided and unguided visitors.

What can I do if I don’t receive a permit for the time period I applied for?

• If you applied for, but were not awarded a limited entry permit, you can reapply for any remaining permits for other dates.

Can I apply for an easement zone permit more than one year in advance of my planned visit?

• No. However, applications may be submitted after November 1 for the following year.

Can I apply for more than one trip during the limited entry period?

• No.

Can I apply for a group (party) permit and submit one application for the members in my party, or do I have to submit a separate application for each person?

• During the limited entry period, a single application can be submitted for a group.
• During the registration period, each visitor must complete a separate permit application form.

How long can I stay?

• A maximum stay of 7 days is allowed during the limited entry period, including 6 days within the easement zone and 1 day downstream of the Refuge boundary.
• There is no limit on length of stay during the registration period.

Are there limits on group size?

• During the limited entry period, group size is limited to a total of 6 persons.
• During the registration period, there is no limit on group size.

Can I start my visit prior to June 10 and extend it into the limited entry period or, conversely, start my visit during the limited entry period and extend it past July 15?

• Yes, however, in both cases you will need to have a limited entry permit for the period of your visit between June 10 and July 15, and also a registration permit for any time spent outside of the limited entry period.

Will visitors permitted during the limited entry period who encounter weather delays lose time from their allotted trip?

• No. Visitors prevented from accessing easement land to start their trip because of poor weather will be allowed a permit extension. For example, a party permitted for a 5-day trip between July 1-5 who, due to poor weather, was unable to access the Karluk until July 3, would be granted a 2-day extension to allow them to complete the originally planned 5-day trip.

I am planning several trips to the Karluk River this year during the registration period. Do I need a new permit for each of these trips?

• Yes.

Are there any other rules or special conditions that I should be aware of?

• Yes. At the bottom of your permit is a list of special conditions that you must abide by when accessing and using easement lands. Please take time to read and become familiar with them.

I am planning on floating the Karluk River to Karluk Lagoon. Where can I camp along the river downstream of the Refuge boundary?

Once you obtain a Refuge permit unguided users are allowed to camp for a single night at any one of the following 3 designated overnight campsites (see map):
1. Fire Ring Hole 2. Canoe Rock 3. Shasta Creek
• Additionally, you may camp for a single night at a one-acre public easement located between the second and third designated campsites.

Where can I camp in Karluk Lagoon as I end my trip?

• There is a one-acre public easement located at the float plane pick-up site along the northeast shore of Karluk Lagoon that can be used as a campsite for a single night. Fifteen acres of state-owned land located along the southeast shore of the lagoon (directly across from the public easement - see map) are also available for public use, including camping for up to 14 consecutive days.