

WELCOME TO FISH CREEK



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A brown bear browses the waters of Fish Creek.

This stretch of stream provides a window into a special world.

This is a place where geology and weather combine to make a perfect home for spawning salmon. It is a place where their yearly return attracts large gatherings of brown and black bears. And it is a window into the largest temperate rain forest in North America—the Tongass National Forest.

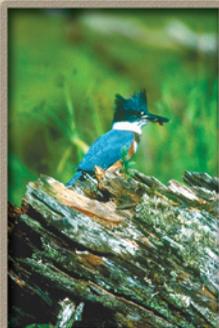
Wolf with catch.



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Year-round Magic

If you are lucky, you will catch a glimpse of a grizzly or black bear strolling along Fish Creek—or of a noisy kingfisher plunging into the blue lagoon. But even without such wildlife viewing opportunities, Fish Creek is a magical place. It is both a year-round home to a wide variety of Alaskan wildlife, and a temporary magnet for salmon and bears during late summer.



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Belted kingfisher.



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River otters.



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Two grizzlies—one fish!



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An American dipper.

Patience...



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Patience is a virtue for wildlife watchers. Even if you do not see animals, there is a good chance that they are quietly waiting in the area. Watch for signs of their presence such as nibbled twigs, tracks, or droppings. Plan to spend time at the site throughout the day to get your best chance of viewing wildlife.

Be a good guest

The elevated boardwalk was completed in 2002 and extends 600 feet along the stream. It was designed to safely separate visitors from the bears that use Fish Creek. Please remember that all the wildlife that you see is truly wild! Never bring food or pets on to the boardwalk. Walk slowly and speak quietly to minimize your impact on the animals that call Fish Creek home.



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Visitors should be wary. Bears can pop up any time at the most unexpected places.

Enjoy your experience at Fish Creek—but remember, we are just visitors to this land of salmon and bears. Do your best to be a welcomed guest.