

SAFETY IN THE COPPER RIVER BASIN

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Copper River Basin. We are so excited that you chose this area of Alaska to explore. There are many reasons why we choose to live in this wonderful place and we hope you enjoy your time here. Please take a moment to read through this information flyer so that your time in the Copper River Basin is not only exciting but safe. You are out in rural Alaska and that means that not every luxury you have at home can be found here.

The purpose of this flyer is to educate you about the resources that may or may not be available in the Copper River Basin. The information was gathered and put into this document by the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee. It is our goal to provide you with the most up-to-date information so that you can enjoy your time here to the maximum.

Please make wise decisions, always tell someone where you are going, understand that the rivers are not always safe but also enjoy your time in this beautiful piece of wilderness.

IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS:

Alaska State Troopers	9-1-1 or 907.822.3263
Ambulance	9-1-1
GlennRich Fire Rescue	9-1-1
Cross Road Medical Center	907.822.3203
Copper River Forestry	907.822.5534
National Park Service	907.822.5234



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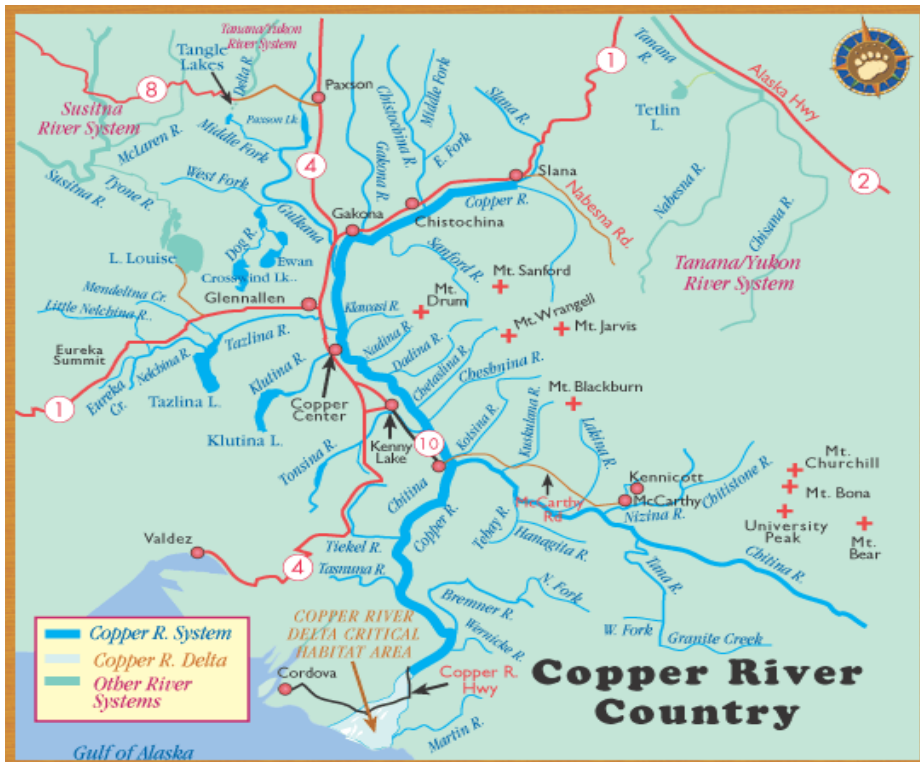
Check out our website at:
www.copperriverlepc.net

ALASKA STATE TROOPERS

The Glennallen post has four Alaska State Troopers and two Wildlife Troopers. The post is located in Glennallen in the same building as the IGA grocery store. These six troopers are responsible for the public safety of all who live and travel throughout the Copper River Basin. Their jurisdiction is over 24,000 square miles which is about the size of West Virginia. If you need to reach troopers at any time call 9-1-1. Keep in mind that a trooper could be hours away depending on where you are in the Copper Basin and where the trooper on duty is. Take the time to be prepared for wherever you travel in the Copper River Basin. AST will come to your aid as soon as possible, but please note that you could wait awhile for their arrival.



907.822.3263



Ambulance/CREMS

Copper River EMS is a volunteer Basic Life Support ambulance service covering the Copper River Basin with a Squad in Glennallen and in Kenny Lake. They will transport you to Cross Road Medical Center in Glennallen for further treatment and evaluation.

If you need an ambulance (Call 9-1-1)

- * Nature of your emergency?
- * Your location- highway you are on?
- * Direction you are headed?
- * Closest mile marker and any landmarks around you?

Keep in mind the ambulance service covers many miles so help could be a few hours away based on your location and the availability of its volunteers. It is important that you bring your own basic medical supplies.

9-1-1

Take note of the mile markers on the highway.

We can send help sooner if we know a mile marker and what highway you are on!



Cross Road Medical Center (CRMC) is a not-for-profit Christian Community Health Center committed to providing health care in Christ's name in the communities we serve. CRMC has been serving the residents of the Copper River Valley since 1956.

CRMC is located at Mile 187.5 of the Glenn Highway.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am-5:00pm

Thursday

9:00am-6:30pm

URGENT CARE IS ALWAYS OPEN 24/7

907.822.3203

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

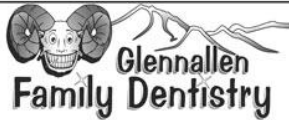
At 13.2 million acres, which is bigger than the country of Switzerland, Wrangell-St. Elias stretches from one of the tallest peaks in North America, Mount St. Elias (18,008) to the ocean. Yet within this wild landscape, people have been living off the land for centuries and still do today. The park is a rugged yet inviting place to experience your own adventure.



The visitor center is located at Mile 106.8 of the Richardson Highway in Copper Center, Alaska. It is open from April 1-October 31. Remember to check in at the visitor center if you are planning on backpacking or hiking. This park is the largest park in North America so please take the time to be prepared. Tell the ranger where you are going, when you expect to be back and take extra supplies with you. Some places in the park are only accessible by plane so a search and rescue party could take days. Take the time before you head out on your adventure to be as prepared as possible.

Visitor Center/Trip Planning: 907.822.7250

www.nps.gov.wrst



Glennallen Family Dentistry
K. Brent Shedlock DDS • 822-3693 •
 Insurance, Medicaid, Denali Kid Care accepted
 Office Hours: M-TH, 7:30am - 6pm
 Mile 187 Glenn Hwy - Mabel Lane in Glennallen



River Safety!

Alaska's rivers are cold, swift and not easily navigable. Take every precaution to cross a river safely or find an alternative route if it isn't safe. Personal flotation devices do save lives every year on the Copper River and should be used while crossing or rafting a river. Not all PFDs fit the same way so before you get to the river make sure that your PFD fits you well.



In Alaska, most boating fatalities are from drowning in cold water. These accidents happen when the boat capsizes, swamps or an individual falls over. Take every boating precaution on the rivers in the Copper River Basin.

WEARING A PFD COULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SURVIVING A COLD WATER IMMERSION!

Hypothermia Signs:

- Shivering
- Loss of Dexterity
- Loss of Coordination
- Slurred Speech
- Decreased Mental Capacity



Prevent Capsizing – slow down through rough water, distribute the weight on the boat evenly and secure all items to the boat

Prevent Falling Overboard – remain seated, wear correct footwear, don't reach overboard for items and wear a PFD

Communication – tell someone your travel plans and when you are expected at the end location

Inform Passengers – everyone on the boat should know where all safety equipment is located on the boat and should also know how to use it. Especially Throw Bags (rope)!

SAFETY IN BEAR COUNTRY

1. Bears don't like surprises

- Make your presence known by talking loudly, singing or ringing bells. Bears will usually avoid humans if they know you are around.

2. Camping

- Never leave food out if you are not using it. Store food in a bear-proof container and keep your campsite clean.

3. Bears are always looking for something to eat

- Cook away from where you are going to sleep. Food aroma and garbage will make a bear curious. Any left overs or garbage that cannot be burned needs to be in a bear-proof container.

4. Bear Spray or Firearm

- Carrying a can of bear spray for protection is a good idea. If you choose to carry a firearm, make sure it is legal to do so in the area you are in.

