

U.S. National Forest Campground Guide

Alaska Region

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National Forests in the Alaska Region

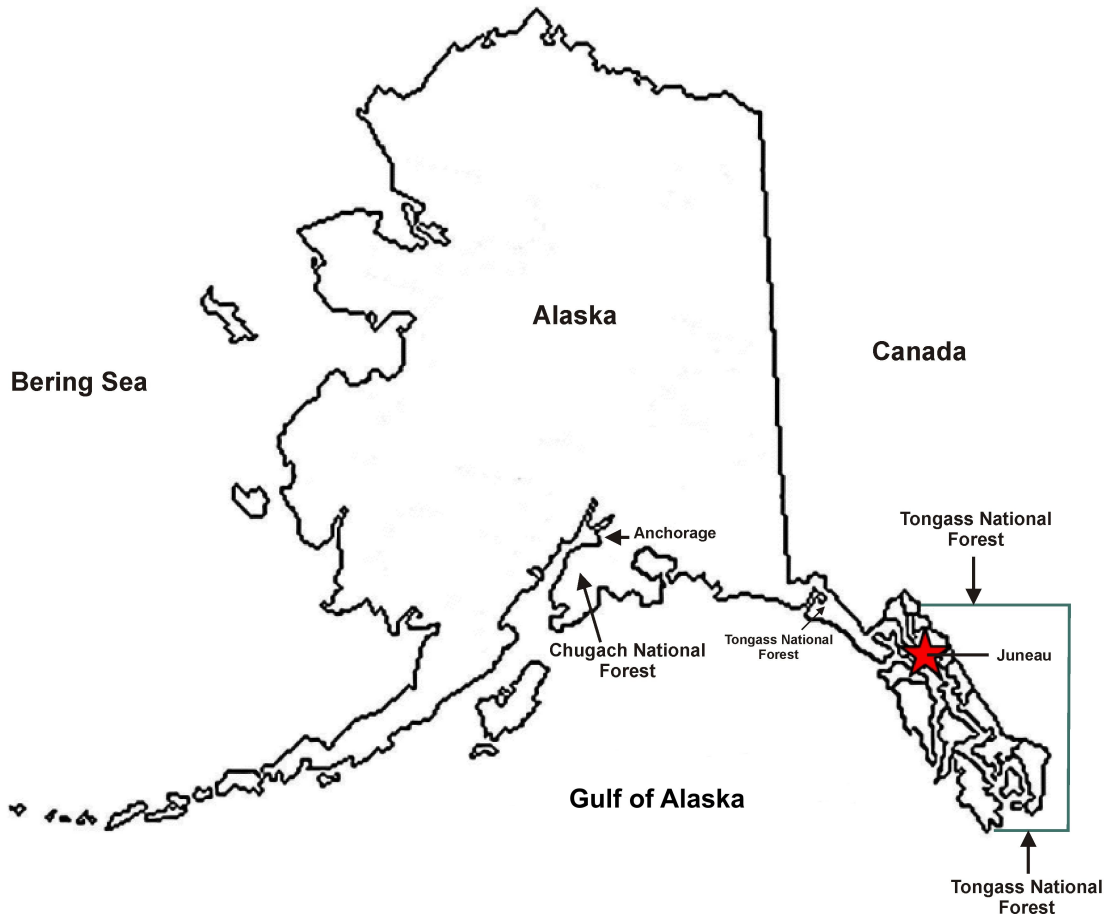








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Tongass National Forest - North Section

Quick Look-Up Table - Campground Locations and Descriptions

STATE	NEAREST CITY/TOWN	CAMPGROUND	TOTAL SITES							PAGE NO.
Alaska	Juneau	Auke Village	11	•	•	•				90
		Mendenhall	69	•	•	•	•	•	•	96
	Petersburg	Ohmer Creek	10	•	•	•				98
	Sitka	Starrigavan Recreation Area	32	•	•	•				101

For the latest information on fees, seasons and much more, visit the U.S. National Forest Campground Guide website at www.forestcamping.com

Facilities	Flush Toilets: No Vaults: Yes Public Phone: No No. Water Spigots (non-site): 2 No. Threaded: 0 Comments: The water spigots are handpumps.	Hot Showers: No Wheelchair Friendly Toilets: Yes Playground: No
Water Sports	See General Comments, above	
Hiking:	Ward Lake Nature Trail (foot) - 2.5 miles provides access to a network of trails	
Fishing:	Steelhead and Cutthroat trout in the Spring, and Coho salmon in Fall	
Campground Name	Mendenhall	
Ranger District	Juneau	
Nearest City/Town	Juneau	
State	Alaska	
Reservations	877-444-6777	
Directions	<p>NOTE: Access to most campgrounds in the Tongass National Forest is initially by plane or boat. These directions assume access is by ferry, specifically via either the Alaska Marine Highway System or Inter-Island Ferry Authority. For a price, any size RV can be transported by the ferry systems.</p> <p>From the Alaska Marine Hwy ferry terminal in Juneau, turn right onto Glacier Hwy and go 1.6 miles to Mendenhall Loop Rd. sign. Turn left at sign onto Loop Rd. and go 2.4 miles to Montana Creek Rd. sign. Turn left after sign onto Montana Crk Rd. and go 0.7 miles to campground on right.</p> <p>GPS Coordinates: N 58 24.837; W 134 35.554</p>	
General Comments	<p>The elevation is 50 ft.</p> <p>This attractive campground is located below the Mendenhall Glacier, providing some campsites with views of this mass of moving ice, Mendenhall Lake and River, or one of the numerous ponds scattered around the campground. Sitka spruce, hemlock, alder and a variety of shrubs provide good to excellent privacy as well as ample shade. The campground has three defined sections offering backpackers, car, tent, and truck campers, along with the RV camper, with an experience geared to their camping style. This may be the only Forest Service campground where campers can actually watch icebergs float by. Spring brings a variety of wildflowers including large showy lupines along with mosquitoes - industrial strength bug repellent recommended.</p>	

A day trip to the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center is a must. Another possible day trip is exploring the sights and history of Juneau. And the hiking in the area is noteworthy.

This is bear country; practice safe food storage techniques.

Seasons	Open Seasonal: Yes Open All Year: No	
	Comments: Open May 15 through September 15.	
Rate and Maximum Stay Permitted	Rate: \$10 per day - no hookups \$26 per day - electric and water only \$28 per day - full hook-ups Maximum Stay Permitted (days): 14	
Campground Site Configuration	No. RV Sites: 0 No. Tent Sites: 7 No. Combined Sites (Tent or RV): 62 Total Sites: 69 Tent Pads: No Equestrian Camping: No	Open Sites: Yes Wooded Sites: Yes No. Tables on Sites: 69 No. Grilles on Sites: 69
RV Information	No. Full Hookups (includes waste): 9 No. Water and Electric Only: 10 No. RV Pull Throughs: 5 Waste Station: Yes Potable Water at Waste Station: Yes Average Parking Apron Size: 11' X 40'	No. Water Only: 0 No. Electric Only: 0
	Comments: The parking aprons are paved. The pull-throughs are large and can accommodate any size RV.	
Facilities	Flush Toilets: Yes Vaults: Yes Public Phone: Yes No. Water Spigots (non-site): 13 No. Threaded: 0	Hot Showers: Yes Wheelchair Friendly Toilets: Yes Playground: No
	Comments: The showers are wheelchair friendly.	

Water Sports	Lake:	Yes	Water Skiing:	No
	Swimming (provided):	No	Rafting (whitewater):	No
	Sailing:	No	Kayaking (whitewater):	Yes
	Power Boating:	No	Boat Ramp:	No
	Boating (no power):	Yes		
	Boat Carry-Down Access:	Yes		

Comments:

There are numerous ponds scattered through-out the campground. Mendenhall River has Class III rapids and recommended for only experienced kayakers.

Hiking: Forest Ecology Trail (foot and wheelchair friendly) - 0.5 miles

Fishing: Cutthroat trout

Campground Name**Ohmer Creek****Ranger District**

Petersburg

Nearest City/Town

Petersburg

State

Alaska

Reservations

No

Directions

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From the Alaska Marine Hwy ferry terminal in Petersburg, AK, turn right onto South Nordic Dr. (becomes Mitkof Hwy) 20.1 miles to campground sign. Turn right at sign and go 0.1 miles to campground.

GPS Coordinates: N56 34.640; W132 44.387

General Comments

The elevation is 50 ft.

The campground stretches along Ohmer Creek with sites tucked in among a thick and pleasant mixture of Sitka spruce, hemlock and alder. It is near enough to South Blind Slough for a canoe or kayak trip. One campsite may be occupied by a host.

Possible day trips are the Man-made Hole Picnic Area, Blind Slough Rapids and the many sights in Petersburg.

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