

# The National Forests of Alaska



Forest Service System Land Acreage in Alaska

	Gross Acreage	NFS Acreage	State, Native & Private Land Acreage
Chugach NF	6,980,540	5,391,925	1,516,615
Tongass NF	17,450,578	16,573,983	876,595
Alaska Region Totals	24,431,118	21,965,908	2,393,210

Land Areas Report (LAR)—as of Sept 30, 2009. Table data may be modified after Sept 30, 2009 to reflect corrections and/or new information.

Due to the scale of this map, state and private land holdings within the national forests, parks, preserves, and refuges are not shown. For more information, contact the offices listed on the back of this publication.

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LEGEND

- National Forest Boundary
- International Boundary
- Provincial Boundary
- Monument, Park or Wilderness Boundary
- State or Provincial Highway
- Railroad
- Road
- Regional Headquarters
- Forest Supervisors Headquarters
- District Ranger Station
- Scheduled Jet Service
- Scheduled Non Jet Service
- National Forest
- National Forest Monument
- National Forest Wilderness
- National Forest Monument Wilderness
- National Park
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Indian Reservation



# Alaska's Public Lands

Alaska is the largest of the 50 United States. It consists of 586,412 square miles of land and 6,640 miles of mainland coastline (33,904 miles counting the islands). Alaska contains 17 of North America's highest mountains, more than 70 active volcanoes, 3,000 rivers, over 3 million lakes, and more active glaciers and ice fields than anywhere else in the inhabited world.

Most of Alaska's land is in public ownership. Sixty percent of the entire National Wilderness Preservation System lies within Alaska! The Federal Government manages 64% of the entire state. The State holds 25%, Native corporations and villages have 10%, and less than 1% is in other private ownership.

## ALASKA'S Six Regions

### Far North

North of the Brooks Range, the land of permafrost and rolling tundra slopes gently towards the sea. It is the domain of caribou, wolves, arctic fox, polar bears, and the Northern Eskimo. Prudhoe Bay is the center of major oil operations in the North.

### Northwest

Here tundra and mountains meet the Bering Sea, where a land bridge once linked Asia and North America. Natives hunt beluga and bowhead whales in the cold arctic waters. Birds from six continents converge to nest here during the summers. Nome, south of the Arctic Circle, is the finish line for the Iditarod dog sled race.

### Interior

This "land between the mountains" comprises one-third of Alaska and is home to 20 percent of its people. Fairbanks, the site of the State University, is the second-most populated city in Alaska. Caribou, moose, and bears roam the Yukon River. Treeless tundra, stunted taiga forests, and woodlands of spruce, aspen, and birch can be explored at Denali National Park.

### Southwest

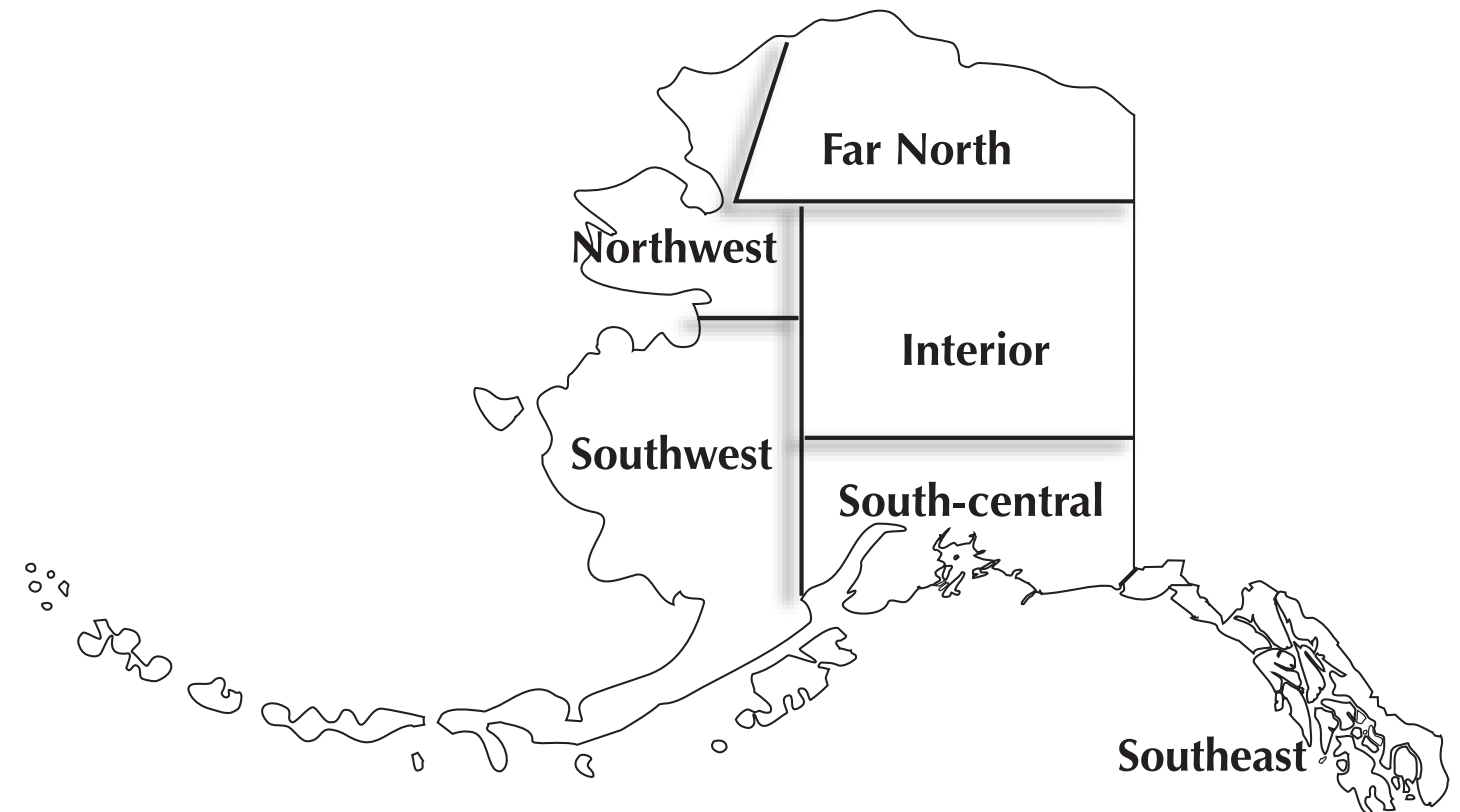
The land of the delta and mountains is a province of contrast. The land varies from the flat country of the Yukon Delta to the mountains and active volcanoes of islands stretching a thousand miles westward. Home to the Yu'pik and Aleut, the region offers rich breeding grounds for waterfowl and other migratory birds that travel here from thousands of miles away.

### South-central

Sheltered from the arctic cold by the Alaska Range and warmed by the Japanese Current, this region is the State's population center. Half of Alaska's people live in Anchorage, which is surrounded by glaciers, fiords, mountains, rivers, muskeg, tundra, forests, and meadows. Bears, moose, eagles, and Dall's sheep roam the land. Marine life abounds in Prince William Sound.

### SOUTHEAST

This is the land of coastal mountains and more than 1,000 named islands. This region's mild and wet climate provides the right conditions for the largest old-growth temperate rainforest in the world. Land of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian, the varied landscape ranges from ice fields in the high mountains along the Canadian border to thick rainforest to estuaries where freshwater streams meet the ocean. Whales, seals, porpoises, and seabirds both live and migrate through the waters of Southeast Alaska. More bald eagles reside here than any other place in the world. The Tongass National Forest, the nation's largest forest, comprises the bulk of Southeast's Federal lands, with 17 million acres of forest, mountains, alpine meadows, lakes, streams, muskegs, and glaciers.



## How Does Your State Stack Up?

The size of Alaska is:

Alabama x 11	Louisiana x 12	North Dakota x 8
Arizona x 5	Maine x 17	Ohio x 14
Arkansas x 11	Maryland x 54	Oklahoma x 8
California x 3	Massachusetts x 69	Oregon x 6
Colorado x 6	Michigan x 10	Pennsylvania x 13
Connecticut x 114	Minnesota x 7	Rhode Island x 470
Delaware x 277	Mississippi x 12	South Carolina x 18
Florida x 10	Missouri x 8	South Dakota x 7
Georgia x 10	Montana x 4	Tennessee x 14
Hawaii x 88	Nebraska x 7	Texas x 2
Idaho x 7	Nevada x 5	Utah x 7
Illinois x 10	New Hampshire x 61	Vermont x 59
Indiana x 16	New Jersey x 73	Virginia x 14
Iowa x 10	New Mexico x 5	Washington x 8
Kansas x 7	New York x 12	West Virginia x 24
Kentucky x 14	North Carolina x 11	Wisconsin x 10
		Wyoming x 6