



## Chugach Park Fund Overview

### What is the Chugach Park Fund?

The Chugach Park Fund was established in 2016 to enable Alaskans of all abilities to experience the beauty of Chugach State Park. It is housed within the Alaska Community Foundation and directed by a dedicated group of volunteers. The mission of the Fund is to increase stewardship in Chugach State Park through philanthropy and partnerships. The Park contains approximately 280 miles of formal trails and usage has increased significantly in the past few years. The Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has budgetary and staffing limitations that make it difficult to keep up with maintenance and necessary improvements to Park infrastructure and facilities.

The Chugach Park Fund partners with Chugach State Park and other organizations to provide supplemental private funding to help the Park achieve its goals and priority projects. The Fund has contributed to improving trails and enhanced signage in the past. Revenue sources for the Fund include grants, corporate contributions and sponsorships, and numerous individual donations.

### Recently Completed Projects

The Chugach Park Fund, working with its partners, helps to fund and facilitate projects in the Park by organizing volunteer work crews and by paying contractors or organizations like Alaska Trails to do specific work. Past volunteer efforts have included drainage and brushing work on the Rabbit Lake, Penguin Creek, Eklutna Lakeside, and Gasline Trails. Major recent projects, performed by paid work crews, include the Little O'Malley Peak Trail and rerouting and boardwalk construction on the South Fork Eagle River Trail.

### Future Projects

The Fund supports trail projects that are consistent with the Chugach State Park Management Plan and the Chugach State Park Trail Management Plan, that provide a diversity of recreation experiences and that are identified by park managers as priorities.

### How to Learn More, Get Involved, or Donate

**Website:** <https://www.alaskacf.org/funds/chugach-park-fund/>

**Sign up to Receive Newsletter:** Send email to [chugachparkfund@gmail.com](mailto:chugachparkfund@gmail.com)

**Donate:** You can contribute through the Alaska Community Foundation website, using the QR code below, or send a check payable to the Alaska Community Foundation and writing Chugach Park Fund on the memo line. Send or drop it off at Alaska Community Foundation, 3201 C St., Suite 110, Anchorage, AK. 99503

