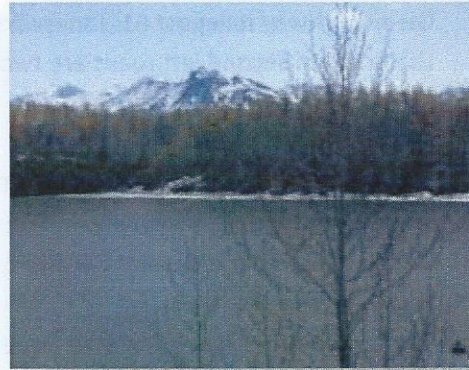
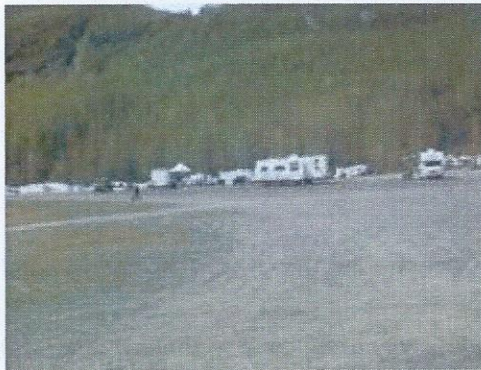


Slipper Lake Recreation Site



Location: Glenn Highway milepost 61; Jonesville Road; unnamed roads to left at end of pavement.

Key Features and Activities: Unpaved parking for 1000+ cars and primitive camping area, lake, trailhead access to Eska Creek Falls Trail, Eska Creek Falls Hiking Trail, Wishbone Stripmine Trail, and Seventeen Mile Lake Trail. Activities include: fishing, trail activities, ATV and OHV driving, camping and boating.

Facilities and Amenities: Some fire rings, RV Parking, primitive camping.

Quality Condition: Poor

General Description: Slipper Lake Recreation Site is a previous coal strip mine area that has become a site primarily for RV camping. It is located approximately three miles up Jonesville Road from the Glenn Highway at milepost 61. The site is not officially managed or maintained by any organization or entity. The lake is the most prominent natural feature, with camping sites lining the edges. Sites are not clearly delineated and most lack any tree cover or vegetation.

This site is a trailhead for more than one trail supporting diverse uses, including many motorized uses. Currently there is a myriad of spider, or social, trails that fan out from the site with no signage to indicate the proper or correct path for trail users. The parking lot was upgraded by DNR in the summer of 2010 with grading and adding one foot of crushed gravel. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough provided dumpsters and two portable restrooms in the summers of 2010- 2012. In 2012 the trash was piled around the dumpster in such quantities they discontinued providing a dumpster. The two portable restrooms were provided by the Borough in the summers of 2010-2013. Portable restrooms are seasonal and funding dependent.



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Site Details

Driving Access:

- Glenn Highway milepost 61; Jonesville Road to end of pavement (approximately 2 miles); the first and second left roads are two separate access roads to the site.

Site and Recreational Access and Conditions:

- The site is a large, mostly unvegetated open space.
- Fire rings are located adjacent to Slipper (Eska) Lake.
- RV campers, ATV riders and OHV drivers heavily use the site throughout the spring, summer and autumn.
- The access areas along the lake are eroded and heavily used, causing shallow areas due to debris eroding into the lake.
- The site is used periodically for informal target shooting with firearms creating safety concerns for other visitors. Often visitors will set-up shooting areas randomly in the site with large pieces of litter, including but not limited to old and inoperable appliances and vehicles.
- The trailheads are located on the north, northeast, and west sides of the site.
- Portable restrooms are provided on east and west ends of site by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (annual funding dependent).
- The area is heavily used with considerable litter and human waste that can accumulate over time.
- The site has hosted large (1,000+ people), organized, motorized events.

Land Manager/Owner: State of Alaska

- There is no active management of this site.
- The site is within a coal lease through the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land and Water.
- CVTC and the Sutton Community Council have conducted site cleanups in recent years, to reduce the garbage.

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Trailhead Information

	Winter	Summer	Motorized	Non-motorized	Equestrian
Eska Creek Falls Trail	X	X	X	X	
Eska Creek Falls Hiking Trail	X	X		X	
Wishbone Stripmine Trail	X	X	X	X	X
Seventeen Mile Lake Trail	X	X	X	X	X

Note: Trail information in the table above reflects recommended uses and optimal seasons for use.

Trailhead Access and Conditions:

- Trailhead signage – None
- Restrooms –portable (summer season and funding dependent)
- Site Steward – None



Slipper Lake Recreation Site
GPS Coordinates