

# Welcome to



# Upper Chena Dome & Angel Creek Trailheads

in Chena River State Recreation Area

## Upper and Lower Chena Dome Trails

The Upper Chena Dome Trail is a good place to start your 29-mile trek around the Angel Creek drainage as mile markers occur in a counter-clockwise direction. Forested at each end, the trail soon leads to an alpine route marked by cairns that can be difficult to follow when socked in by fog or clouds. Following tundra ridge tops and offering amazing views, the near loop ends at Lower Chena Dome Trailhead. Water sources are unreliable, so be prepared. If you're a backpacker, plan on a two- to four-day trip.

### Trail Descriptions

#### Upper and Lower Chena Dome Trails

**Access:** Upper trailhead at mile 50.5, Lower trailhead at mile 49.4 Chena Hot Springs Road  
**Distance:** 29-mile near loop to Lower Chena Dome trailhead  
**Travel Means:** Hike, bike, ski, horseback, snowshoe  
**Elevation Gain:** 8,300 feet

#### Angel Creek Hillside Trail

**Access:** Mile 50.5 Chena Hot Springs Road  
**Distance:** 11 miles one way to upper cabin  
**Travel Means:** Hike, bike, ski, ATV, mush, horseback, snowshoe, snowmachine  
**Elevation Gain:** 600 feet

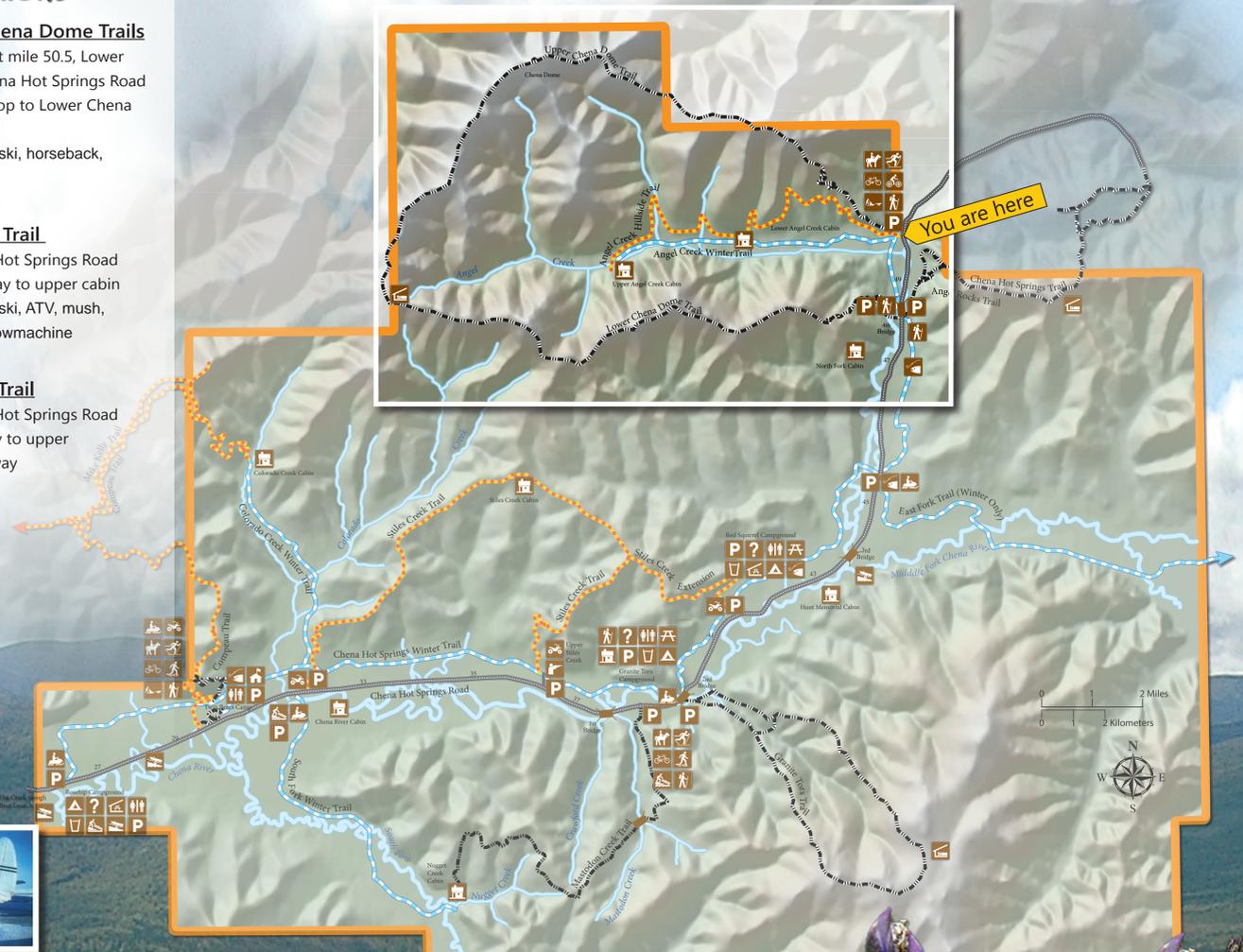
#### Angel Creek Winter Trail

**Access:** Mile 50.5 Chena Hot Springs Road  
**Distance:** 6 miles one way to upper cabin and 3.1 miles one way to lower cabin  
**Travel Means:** Mush, ski, snowmachine  
**Elevation Gain:** 150 feet

## Angel Creek Hillside and Winter Trails

The Angel Creek Hillside Trail follows the high contours of the hillside and offers scenic views of the valley. The Angel Creek Winter Trail provides a more direct route through the valley. Both trails conveniently intersect at the Upper and Lower Angel Creek Public-use cabins.

For more information contact your Northern Area Office at (907) 451-2695 or visit [alaskastateparks.org](http://alaskastateparks.org).



Map Legend			
	Restroom		Picnic Table
	Camping		Shooting Range
	Public-use Cabin		Bike
	Emergency Shelter		Winter Trail
	Picnic Shelter		Non-motorized Trail
	Fishing		Motorized Trail
	Boat Launch		Skiing
	Hand Launch		Horseback Riding
	Road		Park Boundary
	Non-motorized Trail		Water Station
	Multi-use Trail		Parking*
	Information		Information

\*Parking is available at all trailheads



Mile 3.2 Angel Creek Winter Trail



Above: Just after 10:00 p.m. on December 30, 1951, a Transocean Air Lines Curtiss C 46F-CU struck Chena Dome killing all four aboard the ill-fated flight. Crash site at mile 8.5—please honor this event and leave the planes remains intact



Lower Angel Creek Public-use Cabin



Mile 22.9 Chena Dome Trail and 1.5 miles from Angel Creek Public-use Cabin  
 Above and background photo courtesy of Angel Creek 50 Miler and 50K  
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Arctic Lupine  
*Lupinus arcticus*

Alaska Poppy  
*Papaver radicum*



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