

Welcome to

Whitefish Campground

at Lower Chatanika River
State Recreation Area

Whitefish Campground is the perfect spot for those who like small crowds—unless, of course, you visit during the autumn whitefish season!

Fishing the Chatanika

It's first-come, first-served for the limited permits to spear whitefish. Contact the Fairbanks Fish and Game office early so you can take a stab at spearfishing this season. Whitefish spawn in autumn and are most active at night, so pack your headlamp or lantern along with your spear.

Arctic grayling can also be caught in this river. Always remember to refer to current fishing regulations.

Float Away

The boat launch in this campground is the perfect starting point to float down the Chatanika River to Olnes Pond—a relaxing treat on a warm sunny day. Remember to wear a life jacket, even if you are a good swimmer—it can be the difference between life and death if your boat capsizes or you fall overboard.



This autumn, brave the dark and cold to take a stab at spearing a humpback whitefish. Photo courtesy of Dave Charon



Chatanika River near Whitefish Campground. Photo courtesy of Jesse Clifton



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