

# GOVERNMENT PEAK

Recreation Area - Summer

## Parking Fee

\$5/day \$40/annual pass



## AT A GLANCE

TRAILHEAD Mountain Trails Drive

USE Mountain biking, hiking, running, horseback riding

LEVEL Easy to Difficult

ELEVATION 4,781 feet (Government Peak)



Stefan Hinman

## HOW TO GET THERE

From Palmer take the Palmer-Fishhook Road toward Hatcher Pass. At mile 7, turn left onto Edgerton Parks Road. Drive one mile. Take a right on Mountain Trails Drive, the entrance.

## TAKE NOTE

The gate at the bottom of Mountain Trails Drive opens at 8 am and closes at 10 pm. Vehicles locked in will remain until the morning. Keep dogs on a leash. Please clean up the trail after your pet. Please stay on the trail.

## DESCRIPTION

The Government Peak Recreation Area in summer offers a variety of recreation. Enjoy the wide grassy paths to walk, steep trails to hike, singletrack trails to ride by mountain bike, and equestrian trails to follow. The Chugach Range is in bold view. The chalet offers restrooms.

Three ski trails turn into walking trails by summer that start and end at the chalet.

Two hiking trails lead you up steep Government Peak in the Talkeetna Mountains. The Government Peak Race Trail begins on the Matanuska Loop. The 3.5-mile trail travels through forest until it reaches the start of an incline. The unrelenting slope up Government Peak Trail is a mental test of endurance. Up top, the payoff is a far-reaching alpine view of Knik Arm, a vast valley floor, and the Knik Glacier. At your back, the countless ridges of the Talkeetna Mountains are visible. The Blueberry Knoll Trail is a gentler hike for some 1.5 miles.

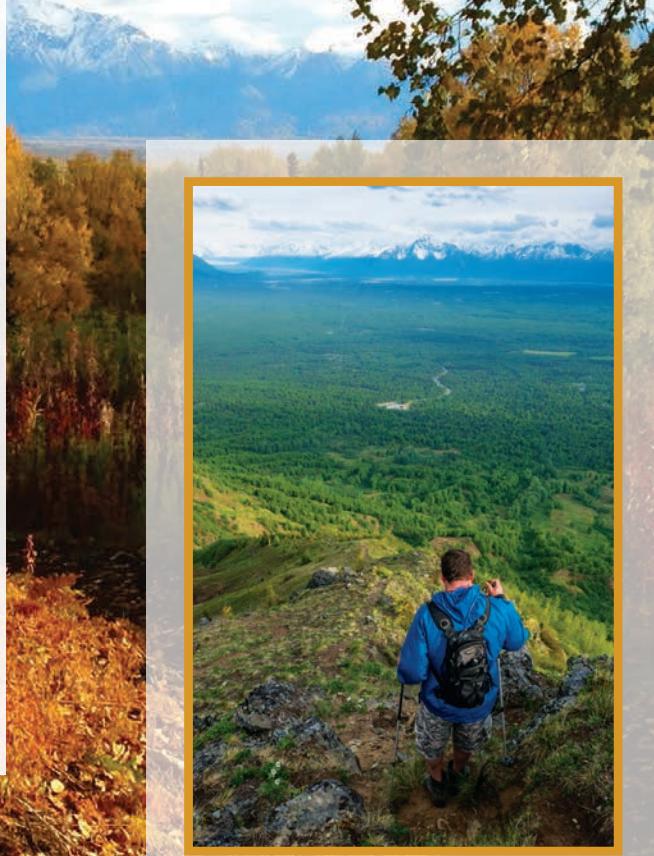
Two singletrack mountain bike trails begin near the stadium, traveling for 4.2 miles. After working up hill, the downhill ride feels adventurous. Two-way traffic is allowed on the trails. Please be courteous to bikers and pedestrians.

Equestrians can ride for a five-mile adventure on the Backcountry Horseman Trail.

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## MAT-SU BOROUGH TRAIL



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