Guide to

Compeau Trail &
Colorado Creek Winter Trail
in Chena River State Recreation Area

Compeau Trail:
This multi-use trail provides year-round access to the Colorado Creek Cabin. Follow the blue/black trail markers for 18 miles to reach the cabin. The entire Compeau Trail follows an easy contour route with grades of 10% or less. The Compeau Trail makes a turn at mile 10; just past this turn the trail intersects the Mike Kelly Memorial Trail. You can also get to the cabin following the dozer line. After riding 5.5 more miles, the trail intersects a 1950’s dozer line; a sign marks this intersection. Follow the steep grade 3/4’s of a mile downhill before connecting with the Compeau Trail again. The last 2 miles gradually descend to the cabin. In winter, the Compeau Trail can be accessed from the Colorado Creek Winter Trail.

Colorado Creek Winter Trail:
The Colorado Creek Winter Trail provides shorter access to the Colorado Creek Cabin. Summer use is prohibited due to boggy soils.

Mike Kelly Memorial Trail:
The Mike Kelly Memorial Trail is accessible from the Compeau Trail; it was constructed during the Boundary Fire in 2004. This trail is very rough and has steep grades, but the ridge offers stunning views of the Chena River Valley, the Alaska Range, and North towards the White Mountains. The trailhead to the Mike Kelly Memorial Trail is at the end of a 6-mile wood-cutting road known as the School Road. This un-maintained road leaves Chena Hot Springs Road at mile 18, next to Two Rivers Elementary School. The Mike Kelly Memorial Trail is 13.5 miles long ending at the top of a prominent ridge. The Compeau Trail joins the Mike Kelly Memorial Trail at about mile 8.5 of the Mike Kelly Memorial Trail.

Colorado Creek Cabin
Reservations are required to stay at the Colorado Creek Cabin. To reserve the cabin visit: http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/cabins/north.htm Cabin Coordinates: (N64°58.233’ W146°39.407’).

Park Access:
Due to saturated soils during spring break-up, motorized trails are closed (except for hiking) from April 20th through May 24th. Contact the Northern Area office for closure dates; dates may vary.

Park Rules:
Disturbing or gathering natural materials is prohibited in the Recreation Area, except for berries, mushrooms, and similar edibles for personal use. For a complete set of park rules visit: http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chena/chenareg.htm
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