Guide to

Wosnesenski River Trail
in Kachemak Bay State Park

Safety and Considerations:
Be prepared for emergencies, carry a satellite phone, and file a trip plan with a friend. Use water purification techniques for drinking water to avoid contracting Giardiasis (beaver fever).

Camping:
China Poot Lake Campsite, Wosnesenski River gravel bars, Haystack Trailhead beach area.

Park Rules:

Park Access:
Kachemak Bay State Park is accessed via boat from the Homer Harbor. Local water taxis can provide transportation to park trailheads.

Trail Description:
The trail begins along the Poot Peak Trail, about 10 minutes from the bridge at China Poot Lake. From here, it winds pleasantly through forests, meadows and bogs, along the shores of three lakes. It then climbs a low ridge and drops into the Wosnesenski River Valley. Heading west from the expansive gravel bars of the river here, the trail climbs over a ridge and continues along the river, winding in and out of groves of large cottonwoods. A spectacular 600 foot waterfall is visible from several miles across the valley. After passing power lines, the trail intersects with a small utility access road. Turn right (north) and follow the road to Haystack Trailhead. If starting from the Haystack bulletin board, an orange triangle seen across the flats to the southeast marks the trail. The Wosnesenski River is a typical glacial river, braided with gravel flats on either side, a highly scenic area with sweeping vistas of mountains and glaciers to the south. Note: Tidal flats at Haystack Trailhead flood at 16+ foot tides.

Water Availability:
Wosnesenski River (glacial), China Poot Lake, Moose Valley Creek, Stonehocker Creek

Access: China Poot Lake Campsite (China Poot Lake Trail); Marine access (tide dependent) at Haystack Trailhead
Allowable Uses: Hiking
Distance: 11.3 miles one way
Elevation Gain: 900 ft
Difficulty: Easy (along river flats) to Moderate (long switchbacks)
Hiking Time: 10 hours from Haystack Trailhead to China Poot Lake

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