

# Mat-Su Borough

PARKS, RECREATION & LIBRARIES



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# Indoor Facilities

- ▼ **Brett Memorial Ice Arena**
- ▼ **Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**
- ▼ **Palmer & Wasilla Pools**
- ▼ **Borough Gym**
- ▼ **Libraries**
  - ▼ **Big Lake**
  - ▼ **Sutton**
  - ▼ **Talkeetna**
  - ▼ **Trapper Creek**
  - ▼ **Willow**





# Brett Memorial Ice Rink

- ▶ **Learn to Skate classes - all ages**
- ▶ **Learn to Play Hockey - all ages**
- ▶ **Public Skate**
- ▶ **Private rental times available**
- ▶ **Adult and Youth Hockey Leagues**
- ▶ **Summer Skill Camps**
- ▶ **Birthday Parties**





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# Pool Programs Offered

- ▼ **Learn to swim classes - all ages**
- ▼ **Lifeguarding and WSI classes**
- ▼ **Water Aerobics**
- ▼ **Club Swim Teams**
- ▼ **Public open swims and lap swims**
- ▼ **Private rental times available**
- ▼ **Birthday parties**



# Library Programs

**Summer Reading Programs - all ages**

**Preschool Story Hour**

**Book Clubs**

**Facility Rental**

**Computers available for use**



**Wi-Fi Available**

**Video Conferencing through OWL program**

**E-Readers available for checkout**

**Audio book downloads**

**Test Proctoring**

**Community Events center**



# Outdoor Recreation Facilities

- ▼ **Government Peak Recreation Area & Chalet**

- ▼ **Alcantra Sports Complex**

  - ▼ **Soccer**

  - ▼ **Baseball**

  - ▼ **Disc Golf**

  - ▼ **Year-round multipurpose trails**

- ▼ **Crevasse Moraine Sledding Hill**



# Campgrounds

- ▼ Matanuska River Park Campground
- ▼ Jim Creek Campground
- ▼ Talkeetna River Park Campground
- ▼ Sunshine Creek Campground \*NEW\*



Amenities vary by campground:

- ▼ Electric hookups
- ▼ Dump Station
- ▼ Fire Pits
- ▼ Picnic Tables
- ▼ Dog Park



# Parks

**Matanuska River Park - Palmer**

**Jay Nolfi Park - Big Lake**

**Jordan Lake Park - Big Lake**

**Talkeetna Village Park - Talkeetna**

**Christiansen Lake Park - Talkeetna**

**Willow Library Playground**



# Trails - Non-Motorized

Alcantra Trail System

Pioneer Ridge-Austin Helmers Trail

Crevasse Moraine Trail System

Lazy Mountain Trail System

Matanuska Peak Trail

Matanuska River Park Trail System

Morgan Horse Trail

7 Mile Canoe Trail

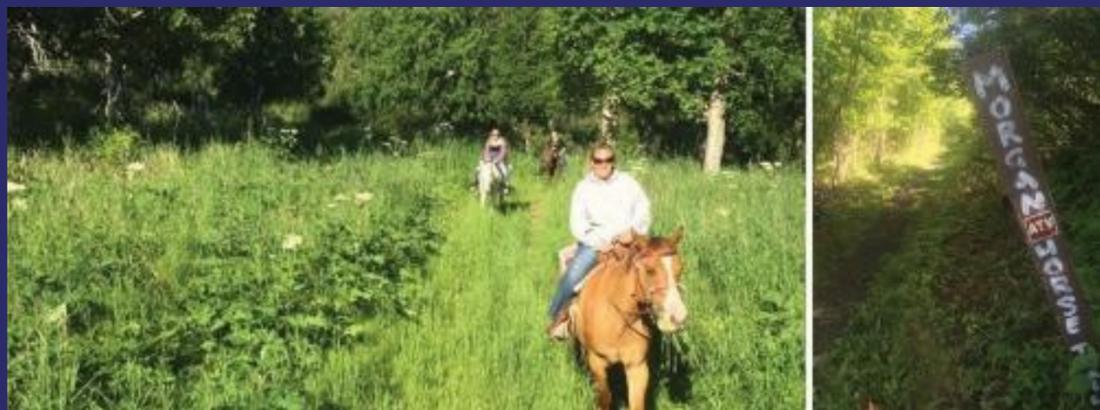
West Butte Trail

Eska Falls Hiking Trails

Government Peak Recreation Area Trails

Settlers Bay Coastal Park

Talkeetna Lakes Trail System



# Trails - Motorized

## Mat-Su Borough Maintained Trails:

- ▼ Plumley-Maud Trail
- ▼ Jim Creek Public Use Area
- ▼ Ridge Trail

**Motorized use is a generally allowed use on most all undeveloped Borough lands**



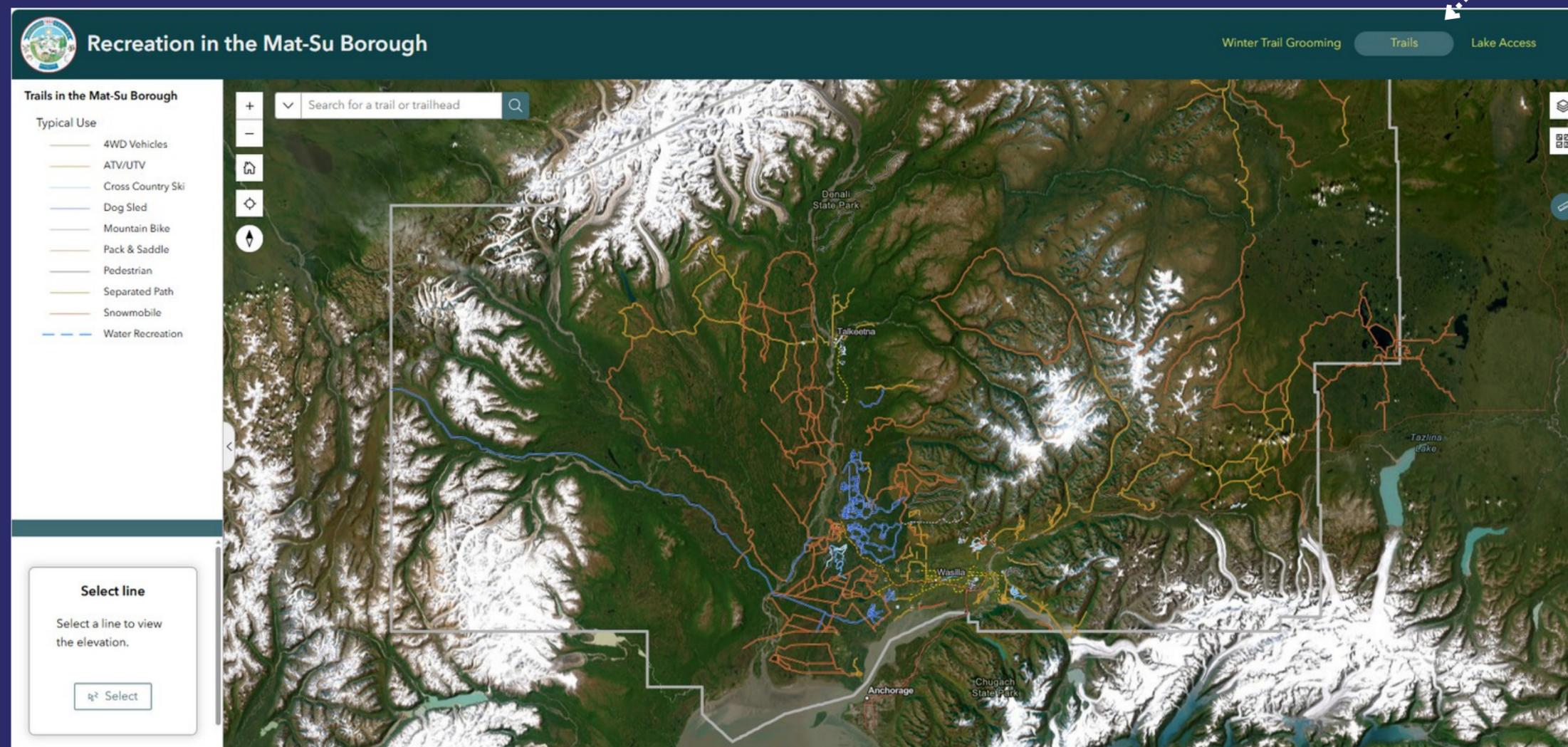
# Public Lake Access

- ▶ **The Mat-Su Borough maintains the Big Lake Boat Launch**
- ▶ **We also maintain seasonal accesses to Seymour Lake, Neklason Lake, Cottonwood Lake, Walby Lake, Island Lake and Lake Louise.**
- ▶ **Sunshine Creek Fishing Area**
- ▶ **Additionally, there are hundreds of non-maintained public accesses. A dashboard is available on the Borough website <https://shorturl.at/1RWca>**



# Interactive Lake Access, Trails & Winter Grooming Maps

<https://shorturl.at/p5wwh>



Select the map you'd like to view at the top of the page

# Recent Improvements, Additions and Ongoing Projects

- ▶ Online Campground Registration
- ▶ Big Lake Lions Recreation Center
- ▶ Jonesville Shooting Range
- ▶ Government Peak Management Plan
- ▶ Matanuska River Park Master Plan
- ▶ Settlers Bay Coastal Park
- ▶ Pioneer Peak Parking Lot Improvements
- ▶ Whigmi Road Restroom
- ▶ Jordan Lake Park
- ▶ Fish Creek Park Playground
- ▶ Alcantra Ball Field Upgrades
- ▶ Problem Reporter



# How Many in 2025?

- ▶ **4,000 annual trail passes sold**
- ▶ **380,000 + trail users**
- ▶ **111,388 pool registrations**
- ▶ **88,680 ice rink attendees**
- ▶ **11,150 campground users**



# Land and Resource Management Division (LRMD)

## **Manages the use of MSB lands through:**

- ▶ Permits
- ▶ Leases
- ▶ Management Agreements
- ▶ Sales

## **General responsibilities:**

- ▶ Resource Management (gravel, timber, firewood, agriculture)
- ▶ General and Tax Foreclosure land sales
- ▶ MSB land use authorization through permits, leases, easements, trail care agreements and management agreements
- ▶ 10 Trail Care Agreements with non-profit community groups and organizations
- ▶ 12 Winter Trail Care and Grooming Grants with community Partners

# LRMD Projects

- ▶ **Jonesville Public Use Area Feasibility and Master Plan <https://msb-jonesville.blogspot.com/>**
- ▶ **Government Peak Recreation Area Plan Update <https://matsu.gov/plans/2025-2026-government-peak-recreation-area-plan-update>**

# MSB Parks & Recreation

QUESTIONS?

