ALASKA NATURAL LANDSCAPES

# 2 RIVER ENVIRONMENTS, VIEWPOINTS AND SPECIAL PLACES

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Map 2 shows a representative system of river and river-related landscapes, chosen to illustrate variety in terms of size, water clarity, and rapidity of the river itself, as well as degree of incision, and regional landform and vegetative diversity. The map also locates selected key viewpoints, which are useful in determining viewsheds, examples of which are drawn in. Also shown are examples of special places, small areas of unique or striking visual characteristics which may impart a powerful visual impact on the viewer, in a highly personal way.

## LEGEND

- RIVER ENVIRONMENTS
- SPECIAL PLACES
- IMPORTANT VIEWPOINTS
- EXAMPLES OF LARGE VIEWSHEDS

note: Numbers and letters on map refer to index at right.
Example: JJ refers to the Kachemak Bay overlook.
Related discussion on river environments, viewpoints and special places begins on page 22 of text.

- MAJOR PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS
- OTHER PHYSIOGRAPHIC SUBDIVISIONS

| PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS | PREDOMINANT VEGETATION |
|---|---|
| I TUNDRA LOWLANDS | Tundra |
| A Arctic | Tundra |
| (1) Arctic Lowlands | Tundra |
| (2) Arctic Foothills | Tundra |
| B Western | Tundra |
| II BROOKS RANGE | Tundra; boreal forest |
| A North Slope | Tundra |
| B South Slope | Boreal forest |
| III INTERIOR | Boreal forest |
| A Coastal Influence | Transition: Boreal forest to tundra |
| IV ALEUTIAN RANGE | High brush; tundra |
| A Aleutian Mountains | High brush* |
| B Aleutian Islands | Tundra |
| V PACIFIC MOUNTAIN SYSTEM | Boreal forest |
| A Coastal Influence | Transition: boreal to coastal forest ** |
| VI GULF OF ALASKA COAST | Coastal forest |

*While high brush occurs as a subordinate type within nearly all vegetation communities, its degree and dominance and wide extent makes it visually dominant in this subdivision.

**This transitional zone, which includes the lower slopes of Susitna Valley and Cook Inlet, is visibly transitional primarily due to a more luxuriant understory and greater presence of grasslands.

PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS OF ALASKA

I TUNDRA LOWLANDS
- A Arctic
  - (1) Arctic Lowlands
  - (2) Arctic Foothills
- B Western

II BROOKS RANGE
- A North Slope
- B South Slope

III INTERIOR
- A Coastal Influence

IV ALEUTIAN RANGE
- A Aleutian Mountains
- B Aleutian Islands

V PACIFIC MOUNTAIN SYSTEM
- A Coastal Influence

VI GULF OF ALASKA COAST

A SYSTEM OF RIVER-RELATED LANDSCAPES

1. COLVILLE
2. UTUKOK
3. IKPIKPUK
4. KONGAKUT
5. KILLIK
6. NOATAK
7. KOYUKUK NORTH FORK
8. ALATNA
9. KOBUK, UPPER
10. SALMON
11. KUZITRIN
12. KISARALIK
13. PORCUPINE
14. UNALAKLEET
15. SELAWIK
16. KOYUKUK
17. NOWITNA
18. YUKON, RAMPARTS SECTION
19. YUKON, TANANA HIGHLANDS SECTION
20. CHARLEY
21. CHILIKADROTNA
22. CHISANA
23. BEAVER CREEK OF WRANGELLS
24. DELTA
25. SUSITNA
26. NELCHINA-TAZLINA
27. COPPER
28. KROTO (DESHKA)
29. SWANSON
30. TLIKAKILA
31. KOKSETNA
32. COPPER (ILIAMNA)
33. AMERICAN CREEK
34. KING SALMON
35. ANIAKCHAK
36. BREMNER
37. SITUK
38. HASSELBORG
39. UNUK

SPECIAL PLACES

a. ULO VALLEY
b. ALATNA CANYON
c. SELBY-NARVAK LAKE
d. CAPE KRUSENSTERN
e. IMURUK BASIN
f. LAVA LAKE
g. CHARLEY RIVER
h. NECONS-CHILLIGAN PASS
i. KONTRASHIBUNA LAKE
j. SOUTHWEST KANTISHNA HILLS
k. CHITISTONE CANYON-TRUMPETER LAKE
l. ROCK-PTARMIGAN LAKES TRENCH
m. LOWER COPPER RIVER CANYON
n. SEMIDI ISLANDS
o. OKMOK CALDERA
p. ANANGULA ISLAND
q. BAINBRIDGE PASSAGE
r. CHILKOOT PASS
s. JOHNS HOPKINS INLET
t. WEST CHICHAGOF INNER PASSAGE
u. KOOTZNAHOO INLET
v. TWIN GLACIER LAKE
w. FORDS TERROR

VIEW POINTS

A. CAMDEN BAY BEACHES
B. PETERS-SCHRADER LAKES
C. CASTLE MOUNTAIN
D. PINGALULIGIT MOUNTAIN
E. LOOKOUT RIDGE
F. IGLOO MOUNTAIN
G. SUKAKPAK MOUNTAIN
H. GATES OF THE ARCTIC
I. THREE TIME MOUNTAIN IN JOHN RIVER VALLEY
J. ANGAYUCHAM MOUNTAINS
K. KOBUK SAND DUNES
L. ASKINUK MOUNTAINS
M. KILBUCK MOUNTAINS ALONG KISARALIK RIVER
N. RIDGE ABOVE LAKE BEVERLEY
O. ALEKNAGIK LAKE ROAD
P. MOUNT SCHWATKA
Q. RIDGE ABOVE PTARMIGAN AND ROCK LAKES
R. MOUND IN FRONT OF NABESNA GLACIER
S. WRANGELLS OVERLOOK NEAR SLANA
T. WRANGELLS OVERLOOK NEAR CHITINA
U. UPPER KUSKULANA RIVER TOWARD MOUNT BLACKBURN
V. NIKOLAI RIDGE
W. RIDGE ABOVE CANYON CREEK
X. ROCK MOUND OVERLOOKING MATANUSKA GLACIER
Y. PANORAMIC PEAK OF GRANITE MOUNTAIN
Z. RIDGE OVERLOOKING BLACK RAPIDS GLACIER
AA. MOLYBDENUM RIDGE
BB. PARKS HIGHWAY TOWARD DENALI
CC. SOUTHWEST RIDGE OF KANTISHNA HILLS
DD. ROOSEVELT HILLS ABOVE CHILCHUKABENA LAKE
EE. CASTLE ROCKS
FF. UP ELDRIDGE GLACIER TO DENALI
GG. BUNCO-SWAN LAKES AND EASTERN PETERS HILLS
HH. MOUNT YENLO
II. ANCHOR POINT
JJ. KACHEMAK BAY OVERLOOK
KK. HALFWAY MOUNTAIN ABOVE MULCHATNA RIVER
LL. BONANZA HILLS
MM. DUMPLING MOUNTAIN
NN. TUGAMAK RIDGE ON UNIMAK ISLAND
OO. ANANGULA ISLAND
PP. EAST RIDGE OF ROBINSON MOUNTAINS OVER ICY BAY
QQ. OCEAN CAPE AT YAKUTAT BAY
RR. RUSSELL ISLAND IN UPPER GLACIER BAY
SS. MOUNT RIFINSKI
TT. DENALI FAULT TRENCH