## BIG DELTA STATE HISTORICAL PARK

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Set GPS to W147 701679°, N 64 819231°

TYPE: Public State Park. Handicap Access. pets welcome.

DIRECTIONS: fair gravel/dirt interior rds. fair paved access rd. (North of town) From town: Go 14 mi N on

Richardson Hwy 26 to Milepost 274.5, then NE on Rika's Rd..

SITES: 25 available: 25 dirt sites no patios, mostly shaded, 15 day max stay, Back-ins (15 x 35).

FACILITIES: restrooms only, dumping station, public phone.

RECREATION: nature trails.

OPEN: Open from Jun to Sep.

RATES: \$5 (Last year's).

# State Parks in the Delta Junction Area



### **Quartz Lake State Recreation Area**

For travelers and locals alike, this recreation area is a great place to visit. Recreational opportunities abound. Whether you enjoy the feel of a 20 inch rainbow trout on the line, the breathtaking view after a hike to Bluff Point, or sitting around the campfire with friends, these opportunities and more are available. Wildlife viewing, camping, picnicking, playing volleyball, swimming, playing horseshoes, and water skiing are also popular summertime activities. During the winter months popular activities include ice fishing, snowmachining, dog mushing, skijoring, and even staying at a rustic cabin when the temperatures can drop to well below zero. This 600 acre recreation area borders two lakes and has facilities adjacent to the lakes to accommodate the large crowds that are often attracted.

#### Clearwater State Recreation Site

A beautiful little campground lies tucked beside a crystal clear river offering a peaceful place to visit. Many visitors enjoy this recreation site for its well-kept campsites and for the picnic area. Others enjoy this site for the river access provided by the boat launch. Beside the excellent fishing opportunity for Arctic Grayling and salmon, many people enjoy the opportunity to float the Delta-Clearwater River. If you are traveling in the spring or fall, Clearwater State Recreation Site is an excellent place to see sandhill cranes, swans, geese and other migratory birds.

#### **Delta State Recreation Site**

Popular with those traveling between Fairbanks and Tok, this campground gives visitors a wilderness feel but keeps them conveniently close to town for events or shopping. Directly across the highway from the recreation site lies the Delta River allowing for some spectacular views of the Alaska Range beyond which remain snow covered year round. A city airstrip next to the site allows for fly-in camping.

#### Big Delta State Historical Park

Through its tremendous historic buildings and displays, this park gives visitors an opportunity to take a walk back in time. The historic district was an important crossroad for travelers, traders, and the military during the early days of the 20th century. Rika's Roadhouse, the centerpiece of the park, served travelers of the historic Valdez-to-Fairbanks Trail from 1913 to 1947. Also located at the park are the Delta Historical Society Museum, the McCarty Washington Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System (WAMCATS) station and the Alaska Road Commission (ARC) site. Both guided and unguided tours of the grounds and buildings are available. The park concessionaire also operates a gift store and the Packhouse Pavilion Restaurant.

### **Donnelly Creek State Recreation Site**

Located on the braided Delta River, this secluded wilderness campground is seldom crowded. With views of some of the tallest peaks of the Alaska Range, this is one of the state's most scenic campgrounds. There is a great opportunity here to examine alpine plant life. A variety of wildlife also inhabit the area. The Delta bison herd can often be seen across the river on their summer grounds from nearby viewpoints and occasionally from the campground.

#### Fielding Lake State Recreation Area

This scenic campground is at an elevation of 2,973 feet in the Alaska Range. Because of the elevation the ice sometimes remains on the lake until July. The great fishing opportunities for Arctic grayling, lake trout and burbot and the simple beauty of this alpine campground continue to bring people back to the area year after year.





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