

Gate Creek Cabins Snowmobile Adventures

Are you looking for the Ultimate Winter Recreational Activity?

Welcome to the **Gateway to South Denali**. Many people believe the **Greater Petersville Area** to be **Alaska's Premier Recreational Playground**. Gate Creek Cabins offers a wide range of Snowmobile Tours for the absolute beginner; or more exhilarating backcountry excursions for advanced and experienced riders. Tours start right out our back door. We are located just 30 air miles south of Mt. McKinley, with incredible vistas of Mt. Hunter, Mt. Foraker, towering Mt. McKinley, and the entire Alaska Range. Bring your camera—this beautiful country is the **“Land of 1000 Postcards”**. Enjoy close-up encounters with wildlife in addition to the magnificent scenery. We can get to overlooks on snowmobiles that you would need days of hiking to reach.

All our **Ski-Doo® Snowmobiles** are current or new models, with the rider-friendly REV (reverse) chassis. Incredible weight-to-power ratios means they are easy to handle for riders of all abilities. Some of our sleds are 2-up machines that are perfect for families. All our machines are well-maintained and in new or like-new condition. You must be at least 18, and a licensed automobile driver, to rent our snowmobiles. Proof of Financial Responsibility is required.

Cheechako (3-1/4 Hour Tour)

Snowmobiling is one of the easiest and most enjoyable recreational activities that Alaska has to offer. It's an adventure for the entire family—regardless of age. Relax, your safety is our #1 priority. Our experienced guide(s) will provide you with instructions on how to safely operate the World's most popular snowmobiles. Just up the trail from Gate Creek Cabins our **Cheechako Tour** introduces you to snow-covered meadows and white draped forests on groomed trails. The landscape is highlighted by wide open views of Mt. McKinley, Mt. Hunter and Mt. Foraker. Please ask about the Sacagawea Tree and its unbelievable historical significance. We'll stop by one of the local “sled-in only” lodges that features a magnificent view of Mt. McKinley and “Alaska's Best Homemade Pie”. It's a great place to warm up and discuss each rider's progress. Typically, the trip home seems quicker because you've just learned the basics and you'll be “teaming” with confidence. We can take you places on **Ski-Doo®** snowmobiles that you just can't get to any other way—unless, of course, you own a helicopter. **The Cheechako Tour Package includes: snowmobile and fuel; helmet and goggles; coffee and a snack.** Insurance on the machines is extra.

**It's a steal of a deal @ \$200 per person, based on a 3 person minimum.
\$235 per person with only 2 people. \$75 for 2nd person on a 2-up.**

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The Boondocker (5-1/2 Hour Tour)

If you are ready for the next step, the **Boondocker** challenges your abilities, a little bit or a lot bit, whichever you are ready for. Recommended for advanced beginners and up. Get ready to “surf” powder—it is clearly “what’s next”. We will “peg” your fun meter! With thousands of acres of riding possibilities, the **Boondocker** is a “point and shoot” experience that will take you to new heights—literally. It’s perfect for the explorer in each of us. It’s a great way to learn the area and familiarize yourself with the landmarks; while challenging yourself to new skill levels. We can customize this ride for whatever the group wants to do. There’s so much to see. We’ll stop for lunch and determine the last half of the ride. If we can do it in the time allowed, and based on the ability of the entire group, we’ll make it happen! Because this ride requires more proficiency, there is a good chance of getting stuck—be ready to pitch in.

This is an excellent “Team Building” opportunity, and perfect for “Corporate Outings”; since we can only move forward at the pace and function of a team. We don’t leave people on the trail—ever! The **Boondocker** can cover high country, deep powder, search for wildlife and photo ops—the possibilities are endless, and no two **Boondockers** are alike. Because it is an “exploration” tour, it’s our most popular ride. Most people see places and try things on their snow machines they never thought possible. Nothing goofy or dangerous—just a smidgen outside their comfort zone...a little bit at a time.

The **Boondocker** is a very popular ride with our friends from Europe and the Lower 48 States. They spend so much time riding on groomed trails, they may never experience what we take for granted. Open powder riding is what most experienced Alaskan snow machine riders live for.

Come experience the true excitement of our open powder adventure...we call it the Boondocker!

The Boondocker Tour Package includes: snowmobile and fuel; helmet and goggles; and lunch. Insurance on the machines is extra.

**Value priced @ \$300 per person, based on a 3 person minimum.
\$350 per person with only 2 people.**

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McKinley South (7-1/2 Hour Tour)

With all the excitement of the **Boondocker**, the **McKinley South** is more of a destination ride simply because of the time it takes to get there and back. It still has all the components of the **Boondocker** with longer seat time on your sled, plus more opportunities to learn or play. The best riding is usually where the deepest snow is—and that's where we are going.

McKinley South separates the men from the boys...so to speak. Higher skill levels are required because we are likely to face more challenges, side hilling, and hill climbing to see Mt. McKinley up close and personal. (**Intermediate experience levels minimum recommended.**) This trip can be **customized*** for parties with less experience, but want to ride longer and challenge their riding abilities. Sorry, no 2-ups allowed on this trip.

Safety will always be our first concern, so feel confident that we won't be riding into avalanche areas or other overtly dangerous situations. There are many different areas to ride to accomplish **McKinley South**. From our back door we could ride for a week and never cover the same ground twice. Popular spots are the Bunco Bump, Peters Hills, Dutch Hills, Alder Mt., Cache Creek/Dollar Creek, Heaven, and Wild Horse, just to name a few. Some rides are only available from late February on, and are based on snow conditions.

***A Beginners Version** is available. This is an easier ride and non-technical, using mostly groomed trails. We take the Safari lake Trail past Bunco lake, onto the Tokositna River (snow levels permitting). We'll still position your party right at the edge of Denali National Park, just 12 air-miles from the South face of Mt. McKinley...it's down right Spiritual!

McKinley South is a full 7-1/2 hour ride, with fewer breaks than other rides simply because of the territory we cover.

The McKinley South Tour Package includes: snowmobile and fuel; helmet and goggles; snacks and lunch. Insurance on the machines is extra.

**It's a Mountain of Fun @ \$400 per person.
Based on a 3 person minimum.**

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Custom Tours

Gate Creek Cabins is situated in some of Alaska's best snow country. Petersville Road encompasses over a million acres of wilderness. The possibilities for Snowmobile Tours are almost endless. Let us know where you would like to go, and how many hours you want to ride. If we can get you there and back safely, we will accommodate you.

With our magnum-size tow sled and wide track Ski-Doo Expedition, we can help you recover broken down sleds, or shuttle supplies and equipment to your remote cabin.

The Custom Tour Packages includes: snowmobile and fuel; helmet and goggles. Insurance on the machines is extra.

Rates are \$50 per hour, plus daily snowmobile rental.