

GETTING TO KNOW GLADYS, THE BUS
Fireweed Airstrip (0AK8 – Iverson Farm)
West McCarthy, Alaska

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FINDING GLADYS BY ROAD:

At Mile 58 of the McCarthy Road, you will be on the last downgrade to the Kennicott River. At the bottom of the downgrade is the National Park Service information shack on the left. Here, **TURN RIGHT** off the McCarthy Road at John Adam's airstrip. **PROCEED STRAIGHT** south .3 miles past John Adam's place on the left along a straight section of road he occasionally uses as his airstrip. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** ahead south another .75 miles through the spruce forest out onto the gravel of the Kennicott River. The road makes a 90 degree **RIGHT** turn. From that turn proceed west another .75 miles back into spruce forest. Turn **RIGHT** at the "Clayton's DairyAire Strip" sign. After a block you reach the taxiway providing access to all the property.

Before entering the taxiway or crossing the airstrip, **STOP**, roll down your windows on both sides, **LOOK** and **LISTEN**. Give way to aircraft.

Turn Right on the taxiway and follow it around to the left until it takes you West to the 100' wide airstrip with the wind sock on your right.

Before crossing the airstrip, **STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN FOR OPERATING AIRCRAFT BEFORE CROSSING THE STRIP!**

Go directly across the strip and continue west on the taxiway which will bear right and arrive at Gladys the Bus and related red roofed buildings.

Welcome to Gladys' meadow!

FINDING GLADYS BY AIR:

Fireweed Strip is located 2.6 nautical miles SW of McCarthy (PAMX)

Please announce intentions on 122.9 for landing "Fireweed Airstrip." Elevation is 1250 feet, packed gravel surface with more than 2500 feet between the orange cones marking the preferred

northern end of the airstrip. Runways 01-19. Right traffic for 01. Park at the south end of the strip. For noise abatement on departures to the south on 19, turn left (east) toward the Kennicott River as soon as able. 100LL is available from Keith Rowland at north end of Fireweed and also at McCarthy state strip on east side of valley.

STUFF TO BRING:

For camping and playing at Clayton's DairyAire Strip with Gladys, bring tents, camper or motor homes, chairs, four wheelers, water, beverages and food for potlucks. Swimsuits are good if you want to use the hot tub. Assuming my water system is working, the "wash house" will be available for hot showers and to wash dishes. We also have a fire pit, picnic tables, two burner propane outdoor stove and a couple of barbecues. Circular driveway is motor home friendly.

HELPFUL NEIGHBORS

If you run into trouble or need local help in any emergency several kind neighbors are nearby:
John Adams (tire repair, frame construction, B&B) 554-4433hm; 554-1133cl
Keith and Laurie Rowland (They have the shop and fuel, including 100LL avgas and Jet A, at north end of airstrip and do freight, road construction) home: 554-4498; cell 554-2288

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST:

Let fire in woodstove die down.

SIGN THE GUESTBOOK!

Put four wheelers in garage WITH IGNITION OFF; put keys in bus on shelf above table near woodstove

Disconnect water at filter at dam

Drain water pipe by opening large valve behind shed

Do not leave fruit or other perishables

Do not leave water jugs full in winter to freeze (ok in summer)

Leave Bus battery fully charged

Disconnect negative cable to bus battery

Turn off switch on propane heater thermostat

Turn off valves on all propane tanks

Close front door and engage latch with black handle

Exit rear emergency exit and lock with padlock

Lock washhouse and garage

LET AL KNOW OF ANY TROUBLES, SQUAWKS OR MISSING ITEMS. LET AL KNOW IF ANYONE HAD FUN!

