


Nome Creek Valley is north of the Steese Highway in the White Mountains National Recreation Area. If you like to camp, hike, gold pan, fish or just relax in the outdoors- come see what the Nome Creek Valley has to offer!




How to Get There
From Fairbanks, take the Steese Highway to mile 57 and follow U.S. Creek Road for six miles to Nome Creek Road. To the right, it's four miles to the upper end of Nome Creek Valley, the Quartz Creek Trailhead and Mount Prindle Campground. To the left, it is 12 miles to lower Nome Creek, the Ophir Creek

Campground and the put-in for floating Beaver Creek National Wild & Scenic River.

Campgrounds
Both campgrounds at either end of Nome Creek Road are recreation fee sites with well water, trash cans and wheelchair accessible outhouse-style toilets. Each campground has pull-through and back-in campsites with picnic tables and fire rings.

On the east end of Nome Creek Road, Mount Prindle Campground has 13 campsites and is near Quartz Creek Trail. The alpine tundra meadows of Mount Prindle (5,286 feet) make this campground an ideal spot to begin a hike into the high country.



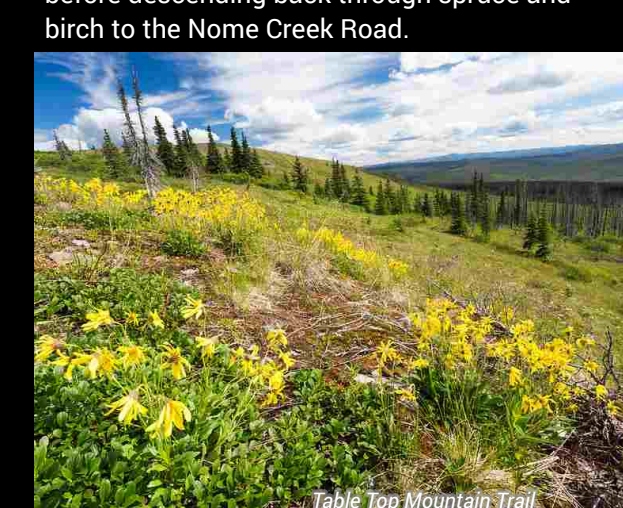
Ophir Creek Campground at the lower end of Nome Creek has 19 campsites. The campground is nestled in tall white spruce trees on the bank of Nome Creek. From here you can enjoy fishing in Nome Creek or take a day hike over to Beaver Creek.

Trails
Adventures await those who are willing to venture off the beaten path. From Nome Creek, several ridges lead northward to the high country offering spectacular views of high alpine tundra and geologic formations. Dall sheep, caribou, moose and grizzly bear are commonly seen throughout the area. Travel in Interior Alaska can be a challenge. Usually the valley bottoms are wet and boggy with knee-deep tussocks that can wear out even the hardest person, while ridges offer the best hiking and views.

The 16-mile Quartz Creek Trail crosses alpine tundra hillsides and white spruce-forested valleys, passes rocky granite tors and crosses cold mountain streams. Used by both hikers



and four-wheelers, this trail marks the boundary of the area closed to motorized use. Lands 50 ft. east of the trail are closed to motorized vehicles.

The 3-mile Table Top Mountain trail climbs above tree line and passes through a regenerating spruce forest from prior forest fires. The trail tops a large mesa-shaped mountain with a view of the White Mountains before descending back through spruce and birch to the Nome Creek Road.



Fishing
Interior Alaska is home to several species of sport fish, but the Arctic grayling is the most common in Nome Creek. Arctic grayling are known for their distinctive large dorsal fin and iridescent silver-purple coloring. Grayling are easily caught using lures or flies, but in the Nome Creek Valley they are catch and release only. Remember, you need a current Alaska fishing license to fish in Alaska streams.

Gold Panning
Want to try your luck at gold panning like the Alaskan sourdoughs? With no active mining claims within the White Mountains National Recreation Area, you can recreationally pan for gold anywhere without worrying about claim jumping. The Nome Creek tailings cross-country travel areas are a designated recreational gold panning site. Only hand tools and light equipment, such as gold pans, rocker boxes, sluice boxes, picks and shovels can be used for recreational gold panning on BLM-managed lands.

Summer Designations: May 1 - Oct. 14

BLM Routes

- Non-motorized and mechanized use only. Open to class 1, 2 and 3 E-bikes and non-motorized travel. Use is limited to OHVs weighing 1500 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 64 inches.
- Nome Creek Road - Open to all modes of motorized and non-motorized travel. Primitive route - no summer maintenance. Use is limited to OHVs weighing 1,000 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 50 inches.
- Non-BLM Trail

OHV Use Areas

- Cross country travel allowed for OHVs 1,000 pounds or less curb weight and a maximum width of 50 inches.
- No Summer Use of OHVs.
- OHVs limited to designated routes, no cross-country travel allowed.
- Nome Creek Tailings near the bridge and landing - Open to cross country travel.
- Nome Creek Tailings - Cross country travel allowed for street legal OHVs 10,000 lbs or less or non-street legal OHVs 1,500 lbs curb weight or less. All other OHVs are limited to designated routes.

Curb weight is the unloaded vehicle weight with full fuel and oil.

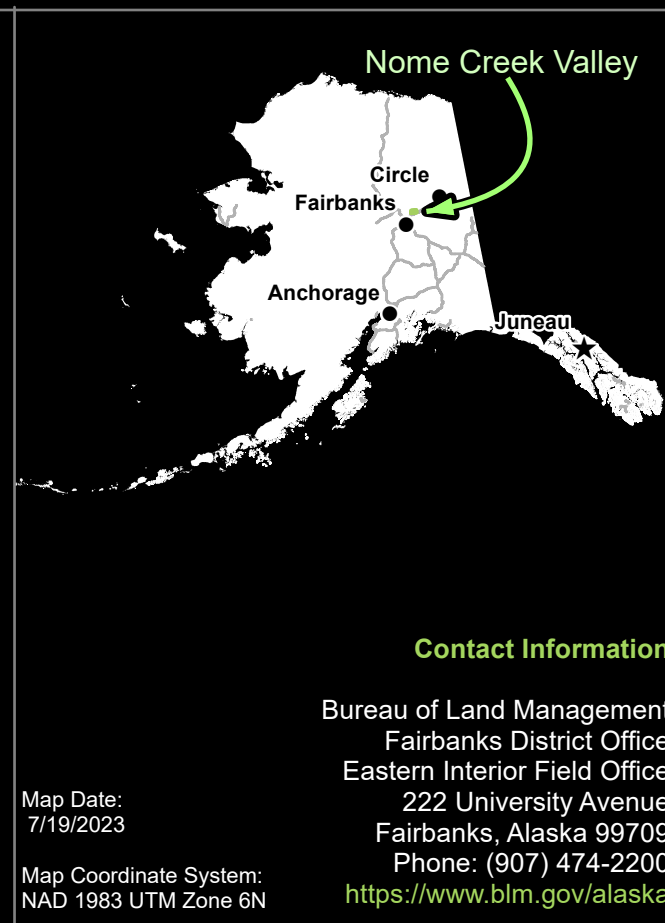
Legend:

- Campground
- Parking Area
- Interpretive Site
- Scenic Overlook
- Bridge
- Rivers and streams
- Alaska Game Management Unit (GMU)
- State of Alaska lands outside the White Mountains NRA

Basemap: Contours (50 and 100 ft. interval) on National Elevation Dataset Hillshade

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