



# Tongass National Forest

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## Availability of Anan Wildlife Observatory Permits

**WRANGELL**, Alaska—Visitors will soon be able to request the last four daily permits for the Anan Wildlife Observatory this summer. These permits are meant to accommodate last-minute planning, and need to be requested in person at the Wrangell Ranger District up to one week in advance. Requests will be made through filling out a form at the front desk, and individuals listed on the form must be physically present at the time of request (with the exception of family members only). Weekly requests will be collected by Mondays at 4:30 and awarded on Tuesdays by noon. If several requests are for the same day, a lottery for awarding reservation space will be held on Tuesdays at 9AM. If there is any space left, requests will be accommodated on a first come/first serve basis through the front desk during regular business hours (Mon-Fri; 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM).

The Request Schedule is as follows:

<b>For Permits to Visit Anan:</b>	<b>Requests Accepted</b>	<b>Permits Awarded</b>
July 5	June 22 - June 27	June 28
July 6 - July 12	June 28 - July 1	July 5
July 13 - 19	July 5 - July 11	July 12
July 20 - July 26	July 12 - July 18	July 19
July 27 - August 2	July 19 - July 25	July 26
August 3 - August 9	July 26 - August 1	August 2
August 10 - August 16	August 2 - August 8	August 9
August 17 - August 23	August 9 - August 15	August 16
August 24 - August 25	August 16 - August 22	August 23

Permits are required from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup> to visit the observatory. Visitation outside of this time period does not require a permit. Information on the observatory, including site restrictions and a list of authorized guiding services can be found the Tongass National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/AnanObsrv>. For more information, contact the Wrangell Ranger District at 907-874-2323.

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