

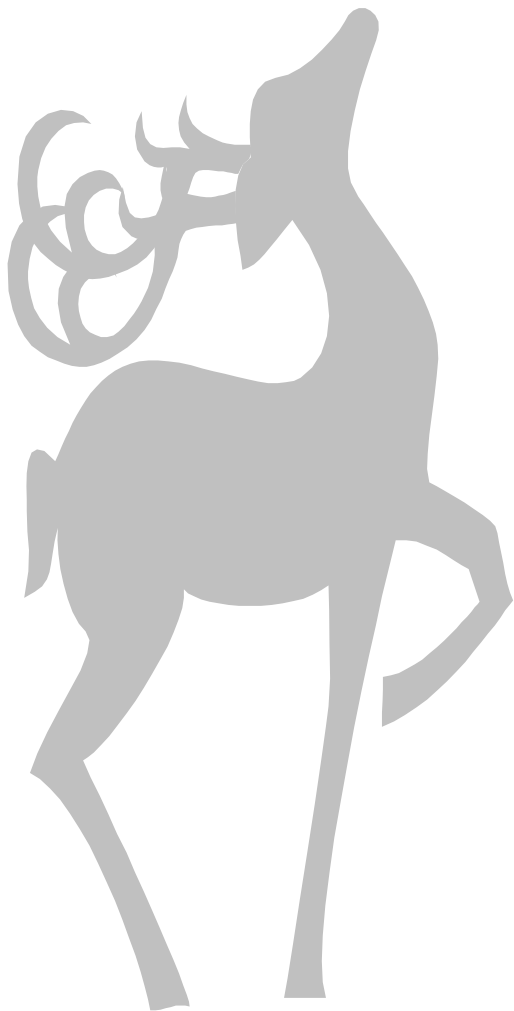


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What's New

The Alaskan Agate B&B opened on July 4, 1992 with simple plans....a single building with four apartment suites. It wasn't long before we realized that innkeeping was our destiny. So, we didn't have to think twice as three other buildings surrounding us were placed on the market. We found our dream quickly expanded.

With plans for expansion in mind, the need for a shorter, simpler name also became apparent. After debate and deliberation, we chose Agate Inn and we adopted a polar bear into our new logo. Harvey was very disappointed to find that a rock just wasn't recognizable in the logo.

The Agate Inn guest complex now consists of four buildings situated on 16 heavily wooded and landscaped acres.

The Agate Family

Apartment Suites continue to serve as the main guest area of the Inn.

The 2,000 square foot **Agate Guest House** offers three large comfortable guest rooms, each with king beds and a private bath.

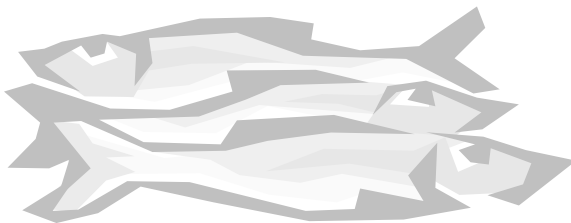
The new **Susitna Cottage** is a bright and cheerful two-bedroom home ideal for longer stays.

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1999 Fishing

Andy Couch, local guide and owner of FishTale River Guides, keeps us abreast of local Salmon fishing information for the Susitna River systems. Based on excellent King Salmon fishing in 1997 and 1998, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and our local river guides are projecting a strong King

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Salmon return for 1999. In addition, unusually large King Salmon were caught in 1998.

FishTale anglers caught the two largest King Salmon on the Little Susitna River that have been caught in the past fifteen years. This trend of good to excellent King Salmon fishing is expected to continue in 1999. King Salmon run from early May through July 13. Andy expects the best King Salmon fishing to occur between June 1 and July 7.

For years the Little Susitna River has produced Alaska's second largest Silver Salmon sport harvest. Andy reminds us that mild winters traditionally produce strong Salmon returns a year and a half later. The past few winters have been mild, so expect swarms of the high action Silver Salmon in 1999. Early Silvers arrive the first or second week of July, but

the best fishing consistently occurs between July 20 and September.

For more information about Salmon fishing visit FishTale's website at <http://www.fish4salmon.com> or call Andy Couch at 800-376-3625.

FishTale and other guides typically provide the fishing gear, but it is recommended to bring rain gear and knee boots, hip boots or chest waiters.

The Agate Inn has plenty of freezer space and outdoor barbecues.

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New for 1999, the **Knik Building** holds two wheel chair accessible apartment suites and four Luxury Rooms. Each luxury room has a king bed, two person whirlpool tub, wet bar and gas fireplace. Three

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of these new rooms will be ready for occupancy by July first.

Also, before the end of 1999, our **Alaska Room** will be completed. This expansion of the Agate Guest House will allow our guests to host small meetings, conferences, weddings and receptions. The Alaska Room was designed to take advantage of the wooded site and the spectacular mountain views to the north and south. Harvey will finally have ample space to display the agates, rocks, fossils and minerals he has been collecting for the past thirty years.

The Agate Inn has become a *“unique country style inn”* with a variety of accommodation choices for families, groups, and business travelers.

Visit our web site at <http://www.agateinn.com>. Send your email greetings to agate@alaska.net.

Name Our Reindeer

Reindeer are domesticated caribou. Reindeer have been herded in Alaska since late 1880. Family and friends have tried to convince us we need a pet. So, what better pets for long-time Alaskans Harvey and Sandy Bowers?

Harvey has a large fenced area ready for our reindeer friends. But the two female fawns will need names. Send your suggestions by mail or email before May 1. Email entries to agate@alaska.net. The winning suggestion will receive a gift certificate for two nights at the Agate Inn for a party of up to four people. If multiple entries of a winning name are submitted, the first entry received will be the winner. Remember, our reindeer are females. The name, “Rudolph” doesn’t quite fit!

Local Events

January	Willow Winter Carnival
February	Iron Dog Race
March	Iditarod Days Festival Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race
June	Colony Days
July	Wasilla Water Festival Moose Dropping Festival Palmer Pride Picnic
August	Alaska State Fair
December	Colony Christmas Talkeetna Winterfest





More Area News.....



The **South Denali Visitors Center** planned for the Petersville Road is still on hold due to environmental concerns and impact on local mining activity. This area has spectacular views of Mt. McKinley and will have a major

impact on our area of Alaska, the Matanuska-Susitna Valleys.

The road to **Hatcher Pass and the Independence Mine State Historical Park** will be upgraded this summer. Also, plans for a downhill ski resort are slowly progressing.



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