

Alaska Airlines lowers Fairbanks, Nome rates

Alaska Airlines is making flying between Fairbanks and the Arctic easier this summer.

The airline is offering a new \$299 Arctic Weekend Special fare, lowering the full round-trip ticket price between Fairbanks and Nome-Kotzebue by more than \$150 for Alaska residents. The fare goes into effect May 26, and all travel must be completed on or before Sept. 4.

The Arctic Weekend fare is the lowest round trip fare between the two areas and costs only \$7 more than the special weekend fare between Anchorage and Nome-Kotzebue.

In addition to the low fare, passengers do not need to purchase their tickets in advance.

"All you have to do is show your Alaska driver's license or other proof of Alaska residency, buy your ticket and hop on the plane. It's that easy," said Bill McKay, regional vice president of the airline. The fare should stimulate more travel between Fairbanks and Nome-Kotzebue, he said.

In addition to proof of Alaska residency, seats will be limited, the fare is good Friday through Monday, and passengers must begin and end travel during the same weekend. Passengers must also stay a minimum of one night.

Details on the Arctic Weekend Special are available through travel agents or Alaska Airlines.