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> CORDOVA

Ferry service to Cordova from Whittier is provided four days a week in the summer, and connects on alternate days from Valdez. The cruise to Cordova is just under seven hours from Whittier, or five hours from Valdez. In the winter, service to Cordova varies, but is still provided multiple days per week. As you travel through Prince William Sound, keep an eye out for an abundance of wildlife and ice flows from nearby glaciers.

There are also sample itineraries on our Cordova page on the website.

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/cordova.shtml>

> VALDEZ

Ferry service from Valdez to neighboring Prince William Sound communities is provided six days a week in the summer and three to four days a week in the winter. By ferry, Valdez is two hours and 45 minutes from Tatitlek, and five hours and 45 minutes from Whittier. En route to Valdez, traverse the northern-most ice free fjord in North America.

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/valdez.shtml>

The Southcentral region of the Alaska Marine Highway route includes communities in Prince William Sound and the Kenai Peninsula. These routes provide connections by road to Valdez, Whittier and Homer, and ferry service year-round to most communities in this region. During summer months, the MV Kennicott connects the regions of Southcentral and Southeast with sailings across the Gulf of Alaska, and the MV Tustumena connects Southcentral with Southwest, with sailings to Kodiak Island and out to the Aleutian Chain.



Christoph Strassler

>WHITTIER

Ferry service from Whittier to neighboring Prince William Sound communities is provided seven days a week in the summer and two to three days a week in the winter. By ferry, Whittier is five hours and 45 minutes to Valdez and six hours and 45 minutes to Cordova. The cross-gulf route, serviced by the MV Kennicott, connects Whittier to Southeast Alaska twice a month in the summer, and with access to surface highways. Once you arrive in Whittier the possibilities for exploration are endless.

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/whittier.shtml>

>TATITLEK

The community of Tatitlek receives ferry service one to two times a month in the summer. Tatitlek is a two hour and 45 minute ferry ride from Valdez and three hours and 15 minutes from Cordova. The village sits on a relatively flat, one-mile strip of land between Galena Bay and Boulder Bay within the Chugach National Forest. The Chugach Mountains form an impassable range to the north, and then lower into a mountain ridge, which runs parallel with the Tatitlek Narrows.

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/tatitlek.shtml>

>CHENEGA BAY

The community of Chenega Bay receives ferry service once a week from May through September. The MV Kennicott provides service en route between Whittier and Kodiak. Chenega Bay is four and a half hours by ferry from Whittier, and 14 hours to Kodiak. The 2,700-mile coastline of Prince William Sound is ringed by the coastal mountains of the Chugach Range and situated in the midst of the Chugach National Forest. Explore this community on the 7 Day West Gulf Coast Voyager itinerary.

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> WELCOME TO CORDOVA

Cordova lies near the mouth of the Copper River, and at the head of Orca Inlet in Prince William Sound, surrounded by rugged mountains sculpted by blue glaciers, fresh waterways, wildlife-rich wetlands, abundant bird life, and Chugach National Forest.

It is a beyond the road community 52 air miles southeast of Valdez and 150 air miles southeast of Anchorage, with no roads connecting this city to the rest of the state. Access is via Alaska Airlines or Ravn Alaska Air, or one of the Alaska Marine Highway's ferries.

Cordova is home to some 2,316 year-around residents, but that number doubles from April through September, during the influx of commercial fishermen, fish processing plant workers, construction workers, and summer residents.

Commercial salmon fishing is the main industry for Cordova, which is known worldwide for its wild Copper River sockeye salmon. Visitors come from all corners of the globe to learn about the lifecycles of sockeye salmon and the health benefits of this prized fish.



Cynthia Gabeles-Simmon



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CORDOVA

Approximately 400 residents hold commercial fishing permits and nearly half of all local households have someone working in the industry, either through harvesting or processing.

The largest employers in Cordova are Trident Seafoods, Inc., Cordova School District, Cordova Community Medical Center, city of Cordova, Alaska Department of Transportation, Native Village of Eyak and U.S. Forest Service-Cordova Ranger District.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sycamore is homeported in Cordova and the Coast Guard also maintains an air support station at the Mile 13 Merle K. “Mudhole” Smith Airport.

Cordova’s longest road is the Copper River Highway, which begins in Cordova and extends 56 miles to the 52 mile bridge.

The Copper River Highway offers access to hiking trails, off-road recreation sites, hunting and fishing, and the U.S. Forest Service’s Childs Glacier Campground.

The first 13 miles of road north of Cordova are paved and the rest is gravel. Access via the Copper River Highway is limited to approximately 36 miles, as changes of the flow in the Copper River took out Alaska Department of Transportation’s Bridge 339 in August 2011 and the bridge was closed. The bridge will not be replaced; however, the remaining 20 miles can still be reached via river crossing by boat.

Local tour companies provide this service, as the Copper River is full of dangerous, swift-moving water and unpredictable currents. It is not recommended to attempt this crossing without an experienced guide who knows this waterway.



Laura Mae Torgerson



Wendy Groves



Milo Buchheit



CORDOVA: *Important Numbers*

Emergency.....	911
Police/Fire/EMS.....	907-424-6100
Alaska State Troopers.....	907-424-3184 Dispatch 424-6100
U.S. Coast Guard District Command	800-478-5555 • VHF Channel 16
Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game.....	907-424-3212
U.S.F.S. Cordova Ranger District.....	907-424-7661

Cordova Community Medical Center.....	907-424-8000
Ilanka Health Center.....	907-424-3622
Outpatient Physicians Clinic.....	907-424-8200
Respite Care.....	907-424-8268
Veterinarian	907-772-3191

Cordova Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center.....	907-424-7260
City Hall.....	907-424-6200
City Library.....	907-424-6667
City Museum.....	907-424-6665
Ilanka Cultural Center.....	907-424-7903
Parks & Recreation.....	907-424-7282
Swimming Pool	907-424-7200
Sheridan Glacier Outdoor Shooting Range	907-424-7468

Baler.....	907-424-5600
Department of Motor Vehicles.....	907-424-6125
Harbor/Port/Harbormaster.....	907-424-6400 VHF Channel 68
Alaska Marine Highway/Ferry Terminal.....	907-424-7333
Alaska Airlines	907-424-3278
CTAF 122.50 (Eyak Lake) 123.60 (13-mile)	
Cordova Weather.....	424-7614
ASOS 134.80 or call.....	907-424-5900 (recording)
Current Time & Temp.....	907-424-5526 (recording)
DOT	907-424-3202
Airport Shuttle.....	907-424-5279
Car Rental.....	907-424-5279
Taxi	907-253-5151

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Cordova Historical Society

CORDOVA: *Over 100 years of fish, copper and more fish*

BY CATHY SHERMAN

Cordova Historical Society Local Historian

Nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Orca Inlet, Cordova is built upon a rich and diverse foundation of bounties from both the sea and land. The Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound regions have been a melting pot for Native cultures and those to follow later. Add together the traditions of a myriad of many cultures of people and you have a novel Alaskan community with a rich and fascinating story to tell.

Eyak and Chugach Natives lived near the shores of Eyak Lake and lined the coastal areas of Prince William Sound. Their traditions led them to respect the gifts the land and sea provided and to appreciate the value of the seasons. The Eyak occupied the Copper River Delta and west to what is today – Cordova. The Chugachmiut inhabited the coastal areas and islands of Prince William Sound.

Exploration of this region began in July 1741 when Vitus Bering, commanding the vessel *St. Peter*, made the first recorded Russian landing in Alaska arriv-

ing on Kayak Island southeast of Prince William Sound. Thirty-seven years later, Captain James Cook entered Prince William Sound on a voyage seeking the Northwest Passage.

French explorers arrived in 1786, followed by Spanish explorer Navy Lieutenant Salvador Fidalgo who sailed the *San Carlos* in 1790 into Prince William Sound. Fidalgo named a bay of water after himself but also named the bay of water in front of present day Cordova in honor of his patron, Don Luis Cordoba de Cordoba. The United States purchase of Russian America in 1867 opened Alaska to American traders and military expeditions. In 1885, Lieutenant Henry S. Allen led a successful American expedition up the Copper River Valley and was the first to make note of the extensive use of copper tools by the Natives in the upriver region. The American led Harriman expedition in 1889 sailed extensively through Prince William Sound and named many of the glaciers and bays after American Colleges – Columbia, Harvard, and Yale.

Salmon continued to be the draw and by 1887 two canneries were operating in

the Odiak Slough area adjacent to Eyak Lake; by the mid-1920s the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound region was dotted with over 50 canneries. Cordova had also become known as the Clam Capital of the World and at its peak produced over half of the United States' clam products. Salmon has for the most part formed the bulk of the catch, but halibut, black cod, shrimp, crab, and other seafood has also been harvested. Today, Copper River salmon are world renowned and regaled in restaurants and fish markets from coast to coast.

The natural resources in the land were being discovered and the new lands of Alaska were considered fair game and ripe for picking. Gold seekers who weren't having any luck, found their way to the region to search for a new ore – copper. This discovery turned out to be the highest grade commercial copper deposit ever found and the single most valuable mineral deposit discovered in Alaska. The Kennecott Mine became the source, but the copper needed a railroad to get to Cordova.

The construction of the Copper River and Northwest Railway backed by wealthy East Coast financiers took place between 1906 and 1911 with some of the most difficult engineering challenges known to man. The 196-mile railway was completed on March 29, 1911 with a copper spike driven before the first load of nearly pure copper ore worth \$250,000 made its way to the steamship docks. The railroad and fishing industries led to an era of prosperity and growth for the now booming town of Cordova.

As the population grew along so did the community, with the addition of a school, hospital, dairy and residences. Cordova was the first year-round port of call by steamship lines west of the Gulf of Alaska. The first airplane landed in Cordova in 1929 and a small city strip was created in 1934. Cordova has since survived the loss of the railroad, devastating fires, severe earthquakes, and the Exxon Valdez oil spill disaster.

The mainstay of Cordova's economy for over 100 years is the salmon that return year after year to spawn in the streams where they were born. While fishing equipment and production methods have changed, the fish continue to be the one constant providing sustenance for the residents and thanks to air transportation – the world over.



Cynthia Gibbens-Stimson

CORDOVA: *How to get to here*

Cordova is a landlocked community, with three options to get you here: via the Alaska Marine Highway's ferry boats, Alaska Airlines' 737 jets, or on Ravn Alaska's turbo-prop planes.

FERRY

Leaving Anchorage and taking the scenic route in a car or truck via the Seward Highway will take just a little over an hour to drive down Turnagain Arm to Portage.

Leaving Portage, drive through the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, passing under Maynard Mountain, part of the Chugach Mountain Range, and arrive in the town of Whittier on the other side.

Drive to the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry Terminal (follow the signposts), where you can check in for ferry passage with your vehicle, by bicycle, or on foot, to board for cruise to Cordova. Have your camera out and at the ready for scenic and wildlife photos.

Do check the Alaska Marine Highway's website well in advance of your trip, to make reservations, as these ferries book up fast in summer months.

The ferry travels across pristine and wild Prince William Sound, home to pods of Orca whales, porpoises who play in the wake of the ferry, seals hauled out on

rocks and basking in the sunshine, pods of sea otters, sea birds, and a commercial fishing fleet at work.

A trip aboard the fast ferry takes about three hours and 15 minutes, while taking one of the older ferries will put you into Cordova about six hours after departure. dot.state.ak.us/amhs/reservations.shtml
800-642-0066

PLANE

Alaska Airlines

Alaska Airlines 737 jets fly into Cordova twice daily. Flight 61 travels northbound from Seattle by way of Juneau, Yakutat, and Cordova, then on to Anchorage. Flight 66 arrives southbound from Anchorage, stops in Cordova, and then flies on to Yakutat, Juneau, and Seattle. Check Alaska Airlines' website well in advance for reservations, schedules and best fares. alaskaair.com or call 800-252-7522.

Ravn Alaska Air

Ravn Alaska, formerly ERA Aviation, services Cordova from Anchorage with a morning and evening direct flights. Check Ravn Alaska's website for up to date flight schedules and fares. flyravn.com or call 800-866-8394

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CORDOVA *Annual Events*

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copperriverdeltashorebirdfestival.com

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The Copper River Delta Shorebird Festival provides the ideal opportunity for bird watchers to see this spectacle of migration. Many activities, workshops and community events are offered throughout the festival.

Copper River Nouveau with the Prince William Sound Science Center

June 9-10, 2017

pwssc.org/support/copper-river-nouveau

Copper River Nouveau is our region's premier dining experience and fundraiser, a celebration of regional resilience, science, education, community, and wild salmon. The gala offers gourmet food with opportunities to meet important federal and regional elected leaders, scientists, educators, fishermen and others dedicated to maintaining renewable natural systems through science and education. Corporate and individual sponsorships, a silent and live auction, and dinner ticket sales help raise funds for our research and education. The Fisheries Achievement

Award reception, prior to the dinner, honors an individual or group for making a significant contribution toward the sustainable use of fishery resources in Prince William Sound or the Copper River regions.

The dinner and auction will be at Orca Adventure Lodge. Featured guest chefs are Jack Amon and Van Hale, of Marx Bros. Café, in Anchorage.

Old Time Downtown 4th of July Celebration

July 4, 2017

cordovachamber.com

Old Time Fourth of July Celebration is a free event on Main Street in Cordova, beginning at 11 a.m. with children's games, including a dunk tank, egg toss competition and three-legged races. Then comes a community potluck-style meal, featuring fresh Copper River salmon on the grill, provided by all our local seafood processors.

Work off that picnic potluck meal at the square dance, accompanied by live blue grass tunes, and then filler' up again at the Pioneers of Alaska Pie Social.

15th Annual Copper River Wild! Salmon Festival

July 14, 15 & 16, 2017

copperriverwild.org

The Copper River Wild! Salmon Festival is a weekend full of fun for the entire family, with live music, wild salmon, good food, arts and crafts, road races, dancing and fun activities for the kids. Visit Copper River Wild! Salmon Festival's website for complete details and forms to enter the road races, set up arts and crafts tables, and to sign up to perform at Salmon Jam. Festival headliners are the Low-down Brass Band, all the way from Chicago, Illinois!

Cordova Fungus Festival

Various local venues

September 1-3, 2017

[cordovachamber.com/events/](http://cordovachamber.com/events/cordova-fungus-festival)

cordova-fungus-festival

Fungus Festival attendees will have opportunities to learn more about local mushrooms, participate in mushroom related arts and crafts, and celebrate mushrooms and other wild-harvested foods with a Wild Foods Dinner. Daily guided forays, an identification table, and an expert keynote speaker are provided. Bring your cameras and rain gear, and join in the fun.

24th Annual Native Village of Eyak's Sobriety Celebration and Memorial Potlatch

Nov. 10-12, 2017

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The annual Native Village of Eyak's Sobriety Celebration and Memorial Potlatch is a time of sharing food, fellowship, and substance abuse awareness. Year after year, people from all corners of Alaska, and the Lower 48 states, to celebrate and talk about sobriety, and how to live lives drug and alcohol free. Alaska Native Dancers perform throughout the weekend, including the Cordova Ikumat Dancers. Traditional foods are served at the community-wide potlatch. Keynote speakers

including tribal members, sobriety mentors, state government officials and military veterans.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa Parade

Dec. 1, 2017

cordovachamber.com/events

Join the Cordova Chamber of Commerce in kicking off the holiday season, with hot cocoa and cookies, and carols with the student choir. Santa will arrive on his sleigh and light the huge community Christmas tree, marking the start of the holiday season!

Cordova Iceworm Festival

Feb. 1-4, 2018

facebook.com/cordovaicewormfestival

The first full weekend of every February, the city welcomes guests from all over the world to the annual Cordova Iceworm Festival. In 1961, a few residents created the Iceworm Festival to break up the winter blues.

The Iceworm Variety Show features local performers and is the stage for the Miss Iceworm pageant coronation. There are survival suit races in the icy waters of Cordova's boat harbor, free seafood appetizers, games and events for children, a fireworks display, and, of course, the famous Iceworm Parade!



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CORDOVA: *What to do*

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CITY OF CORDOVA

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Bidarki Recreation Center

Need to get in your regular workout while you're here? The Bidarki Recreation Center is a city owned and operated recreational facility, and home to the Cordova Parks and Recreation Department offices. The amenities include three cardio areas complete with elliptical machines, treadmills and exercise bikes, and a fully stocked weight room. Weekly activities include adult volleyball, basketball, tot times, open gym, and fitness classes. Locker rooms are equipped with saunas, showers, and lockers are available. Rent towels at the front desk for a dollar. 907-424-7282

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The Bob Korn Memorial Pool, operated

and maintained by the city of Cordova, is the home of the Cordova Wolverine's High School Swim Team, and the Cordova Iceworms Swim Team. Schedules are online at the cityofcordova.net, or by calling the pool, for open swim, tot swim, lap swim, and exercise classes. 907-424-7200

Cordova Historical Museum

The Cordova Historical Museum houses a diverse collection of Cordova-area history. View displays about early explorers to the area, Native culture, the Copper River Northwestern Railway and Kennecott Mine era, and the growth of the commercial fishing industry. A gift shop operated by the Cordova Historical Society features books by local and other Alaskan authors, plus Alaska-themed, one-of-a-kind gift items. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 12-5 p.m. 907-424-6665

Cordova Public Library

The Cordova Public Library, inside the Cordova Center, offers a plethora of hard copy, paperback and audiobooks. Wireless internet is available. Sit in cozy chairs in the fireplace nook to read, or just enjoy the view of Prince William Sound. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 12-5 p.m. 907-424-6667

Mt. Eyak Ski Area

Mt. Eyak Ski Area operates 1 of 2 remaining single chairlifts in North America. This historic lift was first installed in 1936 at Sun Valley, Idaho on Mt. Baldy's Christmas Ridge. In 1974, this lift was moved to Cordova and installed above town on the southern slopes of Mt. Eyak. With a vertical rise of 960 feet the lift serves 3 main runs with countless shots through trees and glades encompassing an area of over 600+ acres. The lift also accesses backcountry on the upper slopes of Mt. Eyak. A rope tow serves a beginner slope with a length of 300-feet and a vertical rise of 50-feet. Mt. Eyak has a full-service rental shop and food service is available. Mt. Eyak operates from November to April on weekends, holidays and powder days, snow permitting. There is also a hiking trail starts at the base area, utilized by locals and visitors alike.

The Ski Hill is operated and maintained by Sheridan Alpine Association, a local non-profit group of volunteers and a small seasonal staff. 907-424-7766

Cordova Historical Society's Walking Tour

The Cordova Historical Society provides a printed map and walking tour. Copies are available at the Cordova Visitors Center. 907-424-6665

Native Village of Eyak's Ilanka Cultural Center and Museum

The Ilanka Cultural Center honors the heritage and culture of the Eyak, Alutiiq, Ahtna, and Tlingit peoples, who have inhabited this region for more than 10,000 years. The museum preserves and exhibits a collection of prehistoric, historic, and contemporary tribal artifacts from the Prince William Sound and Copper River Delta. The center also hosts annual traveling exhibits. The center is dedicated to the revival and preservation of Native crafts and skills for future generations. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 907-424-7903

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Copper River Watershed Project

The Copper River Watershed Project works to foster the health of the Copper River watershed's communities, economies, and cultures with a variety of programs, including fish habitat monitoring and restoration. Hours of operation vary; contact the office for more information. 907-424-3334

GLACIER VIEWING

Many people come to Alaska to see glaciers. From the airplane window, they dot the landscape below, capturing your attention with their glorious sparkle.

A sunny day at Sheridan or Saddlebag Glaciers provides a stunning back drop for a picnic among wildflowers. Take a the 3.1-mile (5 km) hike to Saddlebag Lake where Saddlebag Glacier resides at the far end, or for a shorter outing, head to Sheridan Glacier, a 10-minute walk just past the Sheridan Mountain trailhead.

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The Chugach National Forest is a hiker's paradise. The district is nestled between the Copper River Delta and the southeastern end of Prince William Sound, and covers approximately 2.3 million acres. Enjoy a hike through this temperate rain forest.

Nearly all the U.S. Forest Service's trails are maintained annually.

Before taking off for a day of hiking, check with the Cordova Ranger District for current trail conditions.

Backpacking in the Chugach National Forest requires forethought. Pack carefully, planning for all eventualities, including the possibility of your trip being a little longer than anticipated. Always let someone else know where you're going and what time you plan to return. Don't assume that the cabin you are headed to is vacant – make reservations to rent a cabin ahead of time. Remember your camera, as vistas abound.

Trail maps are available at the Cordova Ranger District for the following Chugach National Forest and Copper River Delta Trails: Crater Lake Trail, Eyak River Trail, Haystack Trail, Heney Ridge Trail, McKinley Trail, Pipeline Lakes Trail, Power Creek Cabin-Power Creek Trail, Saddlebag Glacier Trail, and Sheridan Mountain Trail.

Visit fs.usda.gov/chugach/ for more information.

Trail descriptions:

Crater Lake Trail, length: 2.4 miles

This trail climbs a steep grade, passing through mature spruce-hemlock forests

to a picturesque alpine bowl where Crater Lake sits. The first half of the trail climbs over rough, rocky sections, with numerous switchbacks and muddy areas, as well as wooden bridges. The second half of the trail continues to climb, but at a gentler grade, through hillsides that are abundant with wildflowers during the summer months. A bench is provided midway up the trail for a great view of Eyak Lake.

At 1.2 miles, an intertie provides access to Eyak Ski Hill Trail. At the lake, the hiker has the option to access the Alice Smith Intertie or to climb Mt. Eyak. The entire loop from Crater Lake trailhead to Power Creek trailhead is 12 miles and takes approximately 10-12 hours.

Eyak River Trail, length: 3.3 miles

This trail follows the west bank of the Eyak River for one quarter mile through mature Sitka spruce forest before opening into rolling muskeg meadows. At mile 1.5, the trail reunites with Eyak River for the remainder of the distance before reaching Mountain Slough.

At the end of the trail, the flora composition changes to typical delta habitat of dense alder and grasses. The trail is muddy and wet in places, especially after heavy rain.

Haystack Trail, length: 3.3 miles

This short, mostly boardwalk trail, winds through spruce-hemlock forests to a knoll overlooking the Copper River Delta. From this spectacular vantage point, one may view the Gulf of Alaska, Kayak Island, and many species of wildlife, especially trumpeter swans and moose. The trail has several places to rest and relax.

Heney Ridge Trail, length: 3.7 miles

The first section of trail follows the contour of Hartney Bay and offers excellent bird watching and wildlife spotting opportunities. Spawning salmon may also be viewed from mid-July to August. The next two miles moderately climb through spruce-hemlock forest and muskeg areas scattered with wildflowers. The last mile is a steep climb onto Heney Ridge following rock cairns above the tree line.

Once on the ridge you are treated to spectacular views of the Copper River Delta, Prince William Sound, and Kayak Island (on clear days). There are many unique wood structures to assist hikers with traversing the varied terrain. The trail is muddy and wet in places, especially after heavy rain.

McKinley Trail, length: 2.4 miles

This well-maintained trail winds its way through mature spruce-hemlock forest and ends at the north end of McKinley Lake. Several bridges allow hikers easy crossings over small streams. This trail also provides access to two public-use recreation cabins.

McKinley Trail Cabin approximately 100-yards beyond the trailhead sign, and McKinley Lake Cabin, at the end of the trail. A rough, unmaintained trail continues for 1/4 mile past the lake cabin and accesses the remains of the Lucky Strike Mine. Interpretive signs guide visitors through the history and remains of the abandoned mine and mining camp. Midway, Pipeline Lakes Trail joins McKinley Trail for an optional loop.

Pipeline Trail, length: 1.8 miles

Most of this trail is boardwalk. The first 3/4 mile passes through dense spruce-hemlock forest before opening into muskeg meadows that offer impressive views of the Chugach Mountains. Short spur trails provide fishing access to five small lakes with populations of cutthroat trout. At the junction with the McKinley Lake trail there is an option of returning to the highway or continuing north to McKinley Lake cabin.

Power Creek Trail, length: 4.2 miles

This trail follows the river through Power Creek drainage, then leads the hiker up several switchbacks. Midway, at the beginning of Surprise Valley, the recently built Cordova Electric Cooperative hydropower dam can be seen.

The last half of the trail follows the creek up the Power Creek Basin, passing by several beaver ponds and hanging glaciers to the Power Creek Cabin. The cabin site has wonderful panoramic views of the valley and surrounding mountains. At mile 3.0, the Alice Smith Intertie accesses the Crater Lake Trail. The entire loop from Power Creek trailhead to Crater Lake trailhead is 12 miles.

Saddlebag Glacier Trail, length: 3.1 miles

This well-drained, level trail winds its way through stands of cottonwood and spruce trees, and guides the hiker through a small, glaciated valley to the outlet of Saddlebag Lake. Split-log bridges at several small stream crossings aid the hiker during highwater periods. From the lake outlet, Saddlebag Glacier can be viewed at the far end of the lake. Mountain goats can often be spotted on the cliffs on either side. The lake usually has icebergs near the outlet.

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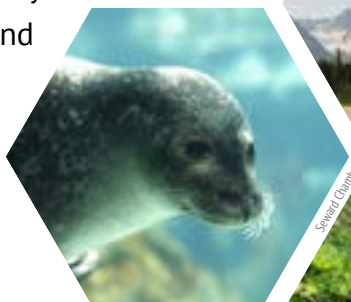
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SEWARD: Annual Events

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January

seward.com/welcome-to-seward-alaska/polar-bear-jump-january/

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Seward Harbor's Opening Weekend

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Holiday Weekend

December 2-4

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June 1-30

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July 1-4

seward.com/welcome-to-seward-alaska/fourth-of-july-july

For the Fourth of July, the population of Seward swells from around 2,500 to a reported 30,000. Main Street is blocked off to motor traffic and the streets fill with people. Most come to run in or watch the Mt. Marathon Race.

SEWARD:

Important Numbers

Emergency.....	911
Police	907-224-3338
Fire/EMS.....	907-224-3445
Alaska State Troopers	907-224-3346
Wildlife Trooper Office	907-224-3935
U.S. Coast Guard District Command	800-478-5555 VHF Channel 16
Alaska Dept. Fish & Game (Homer Office)	907-235-8191
U.S.F.S. Seward Ranger District	907-288-3178

Providence Seward Medical Center	907-224-5205
Seward Community Health Center	907-224-2273
Veterinarian	907-224-5500

Seward Chamber of Commerce	907-224-8051
City Hall	907-224-4050
Library & Museum	907-224-4082
Parks & Campgrounds	907-224-4055
Sports & Recreation	907-224-4054
Swimming Pool	907-224-3351

Waste Collection/Alaska Waste	1-800-478-DUMP (3867)
DMV	907-224-4037
Parking Management	907-224-7878
Seward Boat Harbor/Harbormaster	907-224-3138 VHF Channel 17
Alaska Railroad 265-2494 Passenger Depot	907-224-2268
Seward Cruise Ship Terminal	907-265-2209
Kenai Flight Service Station	1-866-864-1737 or 907-283-7211
CTAF 122.9 RCO (Kenai Radio) 122.6	
ASOS 135.20 or call	907-224-2440 (recording)
DOT	907-262-2199

Taxis:	
Mike's	907-224-2244
Resurrection	907-224-5678
PJ's	907-224-5555
Alaska Shuttle Service	907-947-3349
Seward City Tours	907-231-5773
Exit Glacier Shuttle	907-224-5569

Vehicle Rentals:	
Hertz of Seward.....	907-224-4378
ABC Motorhome Rentals	907-279-2000

Bike Rentals:	
Adventure 60 North.....	907-224-2600
Seward Bike Shop.....	907-224-2448

News:	
Seward City News.....	907-362-3070
Seward Journal	907-224-2525
Seward Phoenix Log	940-329-1540

Radio:	
KIBH-FM	91.7 or call 907-224-3997
KSEW	950AM 106.1FM or call 907-491-1319

SEWARD:

How to get here

The best way to reach Seward is by bus, personal vehicle, rental car, or via the Alaska Railroad. Small, private airplanes fly into Seward, but the runway is short and there is no terminal for commercial use.

CAR

Driving time: 2-3 hours, depending upon traffic.

Driving the Seward Highway offers scenic highlights around every turn, with plenty of pull out places to stop, picnic and take photographs. Once you arrive in Seward, you're already set for transportation-around town, out to Exit Glacier, or on down to Homer. If you rent an RV, you'll be all set for sleeping, dining, and showering. Directions: Take Alaska Highway 1 from Anchorage to Tern Lake, than Alaska Highway 9 from Tern Lake to Seward.

TRAIN

Train journey: Approximately 4 hours, 20 minutes.

Riding aboard the historic Alaska Railroad is an adventure in itself. The trip between Anchorage and Seward on the Coastal Classic is arguably its most scenic section, and you can take the train one-way. The route parallels the Seward Highway along the Turnagain Arm, then heading up into the mountains, away from the road, for a view of glaciers and alpine meadows you won't see by car!

You'll pass through tunnels and by railroad houses which are home to rail workers.

Train tickets are \$79 one-way, \$125 round trip. The rail cars are historic, and the ride a relaxing one. Daily departures from Anchorage are at 6:45 am. Visit <https://alaskatrains.com/book/> to book your Alaska Railroad adventure.

BUS

Travel time on-board: 3 hours, depending upon traffic.

Traveling by bus will allow you time to check out the scenery instead of keeping your eyes on the road. It is less expensive than the train (\$55-65 one-way, \$90 round trip), a bit faster (three hours), and offers a few different departure times from Anchorage. Buses also let you hop on and hop off anywhere along the route, with a reservation.

Departure times from Anchorage: 7 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

Several companies make the bus trip from Anchorage to Seward. For more information contact the Seward Chamber of Commerce at 907-224-8051 or visit <http://www.seward.com> or www.alaska.org, for more information.

*Seward transportation information
courtesy of Alaska.org. [www.alaska.org/
advice/anchorage-to-seward](http://www.alaska.org/advice/anchorage-to-seward).*



SEWARD: *A look at history*

The city of Seward was named for President Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Henry Seward, who negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867.

Seventy-five years earlier, in 1792, the Russian explorer Alexander Baranof sailed into what is now known as Resurrection Bay. From 1793-1794 he chose the sheltered waters of the bay to build the Phoenix, perhaps the first ship built on the west coast of North America, according to city of Seward historians.

The first Americans to settle in Resurrection Bay, in the 1890s, were Captain Frank Lowell, his Native wife Mary, and their children. More settlers followed to build the railroad in 1903 on the long –abandoned Native village site, founded the town and named it in honor of William Henry Seward. Railroad men laid out a traditional grid of city blocks and wide streets, including one named Millionaires Row for the gold barons, and another called Home Brew Alley, for obvious reasons.

The new railroad, incorporated in 1912, led to development of Interior Alaska, and Seward's role as a sea-land transportation hub was assured.

The Iditarod National Historical Trail begins in Seward. It traces the mail route that led to the rich strikes at Hope and Sunrise, and later to the bonanza at Iditarod, a place name commemorated in today's Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Seward played a vital role in World War Two. The Port of Seward was the northern-most ice-free port and served as the southern terminus of the Alaska Railroad, a critical supply line for the war effort. Alaska State Parks' Caines Head State Recreation Area, accessible by a foot trail or by sea, is the site of abandoned Fort McGilvray, which housed 500 soldiers from 1941-1943, and served as the strategic command center for protection of the port. Fort Raymond is still used as a recreational facility for both the Army and Air Force.

The 1964 "Good Friday" earthquake, centered 95 air miles northeast of Seward, measured 9.2 on the Richter scale. The earthquake, tsunami waves and fires in the aftermath of the quake caused much damage to Seward and rail yards. Rail service took many years to recover, but was eventually restored.

SEWARD: *What to do*

If wildlife and wilderness top your list of things to see in Alaska, the Seward area is a great place to be visiting. Check options for glacier cruises through Kenai Fjords National Park, including trips narrated by National Park rangers. Nobody can predict for sure who will show up, but the wildlife viewing possibilities include humpback whales, killer whales, sea lions basking on the rocks on shore, bears fishing for salmon or walking on shore, mountain goats on the cliffs, and sea birds and eagles soaring overhead.

Cruise Kenai Fjords National Park

Book a half-day or full day cruise in advance of arrival in Seward if possible, because yes, these tours do fill up quickly. Your chances of seeing wildlife with any of the cruise companies are fairly equal, since vessel captains, who are required by law to keep specific distances from marine wildlife, communicate their sightings to each other. Ask if your vessel will also cruise by tidewater glaciers for photo opportunities while watching the glaciers shed massive amounts of ice into the sea. Ask also before booking about the possibilities of seeing whales, bears, seabirds and other wildlife.

Exit Glacier offers easy and challenging hikes

Exit Glacier, the only area of Kenai Fjords National Park accessible by road, is a nice place for an easy hike on your own, or better yet, as part of a ranger led interpretive walk. More seasoned hikers will like the Harding Icefield Trail, which climbs 3,500 feet in 4.2 miles and is 8.4 miles round trip from the visitors center. While challenging, this hike offers stunning view of the park. No special equipment is necessary, but do wear sturdy foot gear

and bring extra layers of clothing, as temperatures may be significantly cooler at the icefield.

Get an eagle eye view of the Harding Icefield

Book a flight with an air taxi company for a bird's eye view of the 700-square-mile Harding Icefield. Veteran air taxi and helicopter pilots will show you a bird's eye view of the massive Harding Icefield, hundreds of icebergs, and area wildlife, from bears and moose to mountain goats and eagles.

All kinds of birds abound

Summer in Seward is a fabulous place for birders, whom you will find everywhere from sheer cliffs to the fjords. Look for horned and tufted puffins nesting on the cliffs with black-legged kittiwakes, common and thick-billed murres. These along with other seabirds may also be observed diving and paddling about in the fjords. Songbirds at Exit Glacier from May through late June may include Swainson's, Varied and Gray-cheeked thrushes, warblers and other songbirds. Learn more about the area's winged wildlife at the Kenai Fjords Visitor center.

Learn about marine ecosystems at the Alaska SeaLife Center

The Alaska SeaLife Center, in downtown Seward, offers tours conducted by interpretive and animal care staff, while providing opportunities for animal interaction and observation. Find details at www.alaskasealife.org/tours_encounters) Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Celebrate World Oceans Day on June 8 with the Center, or join in the Wildlife Rescue Run July 29, a 5K run with all proceeds benefiting the rescue, rehabilitation and release of Alaska's marine animals.

Discovery Seward's historic past on a walking tour

Take a walking tour of town, from the Port of Seward, past fish processing plants and historic buildings, churches, monuments and trails, and learn all about this historic town.

Stop by the Seward Chamber of Commerce for a detailed map.

Visit with artisans at their galleries and workshops

Seward is home to many talented artists, who create paintings, drawings, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, photographs, sculptures of metal, glass and wood, mixed media and more. Visit them in their art galleries and workshops.

Seward Community Library & Museum

The Seward Community Library and Museum combines the services of a public library, museum, archives and community center, offering much community enrichment and preserves the heritage of Seward. The 24-minute film Iditarod National Historic Trail: A History, is shown daily at 2 pm through Sept. 17. Copies of the 1964 earthquake movie "Waves Over Seward" are available for purchase. The museum is a partnership of the city and the Resurrection Bay



Seward Chamber

Historical Society, whose collection of objects and photographs is exhibited here.

Kayaking and Paddle boarding

Half day, full day and multi-day kayaking adventures are available from several outfitters.

These are family friendly trips, with all gear supplied and no experience needed. Find yourself paddling past sea otters dining on urchins and mollusks, whales and puffins, past protected coves with rugged cliffs in Kenai Fjords National Park and Resurrection Bay.

Ride with the huskies

Seward is the home of some avid dog mushers, including Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race champion Mitch Seavey and other Iditarod mushers. Ride on a cart behind a team of racing sled dogs on snow free summer trails or fly in a helicopter to

go dog sledding on a glacier. A great experience for all ages. Learn what it takes to race 1,000 miles to Nome along the Iditarod Trail and take photos of these wonderful dogs, who love to run. Book early.

Hike, bike and climb the ice

Opportunities abound for hikers, bikers and ice climbers at all skill levels to get outside and enjoy miles of trails and wilderness and the coastal shoreline. Remember to dress in layers, to stay comfortable in changing temperatures, and to wear sturdy footgear.

Horseback Riding -

Get off the beaten path.

Trail riding in Seward could prove to be the wilderness highlight of your trip to Alaska.

Guides will lead you through areas of Seward accessible only by horseback, including parts of

the old town destroyed by the 1964 earthquake, and tell you stories about the people who lived through it. Or ride along the shores of Resurrection Bay, viewing bald eagles close up.

Sail on beautiful Resurrection Bay

Learn to sail on Resurrection Bay, or if an experienced sailor, venture out through Kenai Fjords National Park, where you'll see whales, sea lions, glaciers, snow-capped mountains, puffins and dolphins as you enjoy the day. Options vary from lessons to independent trips, or enjoy a sailing vacation with professionals who will provide your party with comfortable quarters and gourmet meals as you go along for the ride.

Soar like eagles while ziplining

Sail above and through a gorgeous stand of North Pacific temperate rainforest high above a glacial valley floor just six miles north of Seward. Enjoy several zip lines, aerial walkways and rappelling through the varying shades of green found in our lush rainforest and a gorgeous stand of Sitka spruce.

Tour the area via a zipline cruise, with panoramic view of Mount Marathon, snow capped peaks and eagles nesting. This is a beautiful way to view the rainforest without impacting the environment, an adventure for the whole family.

www.alaskasealife.org



AA Seward Air Tours **Scenic Flights & Air Taxi**

Jim Craig

907-362-6205 www.sewardair.com

SEWARD: *Where to eat*

Alaska Seafood Grill

1321 4th Avenue
907-250-2541
Seafood, salads, wraps, sandwiches, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round, 7 days a week
alaskaseafoodgrill.com

Apollo Restaurant

229 4th Avenue
907-224-3092
Pizza, seafood, pasta, steaks, cook-your-catch
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round
apollorestaurantak.com

Breeze Inn Motel Restaurant

303 N Harbor Street
888-224-5237/907-224-5237
Americana, seafood, breakfast, lunch, dinner, full bar
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week
breezeinn.com

Chattermark

220 4th Avenue
907-224-4333
Seafood, steaks, oyster bar, salads, burgers, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout
May – September, 7 days a week
chattermark.biz

Chinooks Waterfront Restaurant (Erik)

1404 4th Avenue
907-224-2207
Seafood, specialty drinks, full bar
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
March – December, 7 days a week
chinookswaterfront.com

Seasalt

133 4th Avenue
907-224-5255
Seafood buffet, steaks, pasta, pizza, burgers, full bar
Dine-in, takeout, pizza delivery, outdoor seating
May – October, 7 days a week

Hamajang Foods. Aloha VIA Alaska

4th and Washington

907-422-7320
Food truck, Asian fusion, tacos, late night dining
Takeout, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May – September
facebook.com/Hamajangfood

Harbor Street Creamery

307 South Harbor Street
907-224-8818
Ice cream, soft serve, sundaes, banana splits, milkshakes, malts, espresso
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
May – September
Search Harbor Street Creamery on Facebook

Klondike Pizza

308 N Harbor Street
907-224-4433
Build your own personal pizza, beer and wine
Dine-in, takeout, delivery
May – September, 7 days a week

Le Barn Appetit Inn & Creperie

11786 Old Exit Glacier Road
907-224-8706
Savory & dessert crepes, waffles, desserts, espresso
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Mid-April – October, closed Monday
lebarnapppetit.com

Lighthouse Cafe and Bakery

1215 4th Avenue
907-224-6091
Bakery, donuts & pastries, breakfast, sandwiches, burgers, espresso
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
April – October, 7 days a week during peak season
facebook.com/lighthousecafe-andbakery

Ms. Gene's Place

221 5th Avenue
800-440-2444/907-224-6447
Breakfast, seafood, steaks, chicken, chowders, chops, full bar
Dine in, takeout, outdoor seating
May – September, 7 days a week.
Breakfast year-round
hotelsewardalaska.com/
seward-dining

Peking Chinese Restaurant

338 4th Avenue
907-224-5444
Chinese, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week

Pit Bar & Liquor Store

11857 Seward Highway
907-224-3006
BBQ, pulled pork, pizza, full bar & liquor store
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round, 7 days a week
pitbarandliquorstore.com

Railway Cantina

1401 4th Avenue
907-224-TACO (8226)
Burritos and beer
Dine-in, takeout, delivery
May – September, 7 days a week
railwaycantina.com

Ray's Waterfront Restaurant

1316 4th Avenue
907-224-5606
Seafood, steak, chicken, soups, salads, burgers, full bar
Dine-in, takeout
Mid-April – Sept, open 7 day a week
rayswaterfrontak.com

Red's Burgers

302 Van Buren Street
Burgers, sandwiches, hotdogs, wild meats, baskets, shakes, ice cream
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
May – September
facebook.com/redsburgers

Resurrect Art Coffee House

320 3rd Avenue
907-224-7161
Espresso, bagels, pastries, soup, sandwiches
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round, 7 days a week
resurrectart.com

Resurrection Roadhouse Restaurant

31772 Herman Leirer Rd
907-224-7116
Breakfast, seafood, steaks, burgers, sandwiches, soup, salad, full bar

May – September
sewardwindsonglodge.com

Seward Brewing Company

139 4th Avenue
907-422-0337
Local craft beers, seafood, wings, tacos, salads, burgers
Dine-in, takeout
May – Mid-September, 7 days a week
sewardbrewery.com

Subway Seward

303 South Harbor Street
907-224-7165
Sandwiches, salad, soup
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week
subway.com

The Cookery & Oyster Bar

209 5th Avenue
907-422-7459
Seafood, tapas bar, beer & wine
Dine-in, outdoor seating, takeout
Open year-round
facebook.com/cookeryseward

Thorn's Showcase Lounge

208 4th Avenue
907-224-3700
American, lounge, seafood, full bar
Dine-in
Open year-round, 7 days a week
facebook.com/thornsshowcase lounge

Woody's Thai Kitchen

800 4th Avenue
907-422-0338
Thai, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, closed Monday
woodysthaikitchenseward.com

Zudy's Café

501 Railway Avenue
907-224-4710
Internet café, brunch, sandwiches, desserts, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round
zudyscafe.com

SEWARD: *Where to stay*

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

JJK Campsites

Mile 1.5 Nash Road
907-362-3881
May – September
facebook.com/Funcamping2016

Miller's Landing

13880 Beach Drive
866-541-5739/907-331-3113
Open year-round
millerlandingak.com

Seward Waterfront Park

100-1100 Ballaine Boulevard
907-224-4055
Open year-round
cityofseward.us/index.aspx?nid=864

Silver Derby Campground & RV Park

13750 Lowell Point Road
907-224-4711
May – September
thesilverderbycampground.com

Stoney Creek RV Park

13760 Leslie Place
877-437-6366/907-224-6465
Memorial Day – Labor Day
stoneycreekrvpark.com

HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS

Breeze Inn Motel

303 N Harbor Street
888-224-5237/907-224-5237
Open year-round
breezeinn.com

Harbor 360 Hotel

1412 4th Avenue
888-514-8687/907-865-6224
Open year-round
harbor360hotel.com

Hotel Seward

221 5th Avenue
800-440-2444/907-224-8001

Open year-round
hotelsewardalaska.com

Marina Motel

1603 Seward Highway
907-224-5518
March – October
sewardmotel.com

Murphy's Alaskan Inn

911 4th Avenue
907-224-8090
Mid-May – Mid-September
murphysmotel.com

Seward Resort

2305 Dimond Boulevard
800-770-1858/907-224-5559
Open year-round
sewardresort.com

Taroka Inn

235 3rd Avenue
907-224-8975
Open year-round
alaskaone.com/taroka

Van Gilder Hotel

308 Adams Street
800-478-0400/907-224-3079
Mid-May – Mid-September
vangilderhotel.com

BED & BREAKFASTS

A Steller Bed and Breakfast

11952 Old Exit Glacier Road
907-224-7294
Mid-May – Mid-September
stellerbandb.com

Alaska Glacier Creek Lodging

33502 Vinewood Lane
907-362-1584
Open year-round
alaskaglaciercreek.com

Soo's B&B

810 2nd Avenue
907-224-3207
Open year-round
bbonline.com/ak/soos

Sourdough Sunrise B&B

11837 Old Exit Glacier Road
907-224-3600
Open year-round
sourdoughsunrise.com

SEWARD VACATION PROPERTIES

A Swan Nest Inn, Northern Nights B&B, S.F.R. B&B

504 Adams Street (actual B&B
locations vary)
907-224-3080
Open year-round
sewardvacationproperties.com

The Farm Bed & Breakfast Inn

11828 Salmon Creek Road
907-224-5691
Open year-round
thefarmbedandbreakfast.com

CABINS & LODGES

Aksala-Alaska

319 3rd Avenue
907-362-0055
Open year-round
visitalaska907.com

Angels Rest on Resurrection Bay, LLC

13730 Beach Drive, Lowell Point
907-224-7378
Open year-round
angelsrest.com

Exit Glacier Lodge

1/4 Mile Exit Glacier Road (Her-
man Leirer Road)
907-224-6040
Mid-May – Mid-September
sewardalaskalodging.com

Grande Alaska Lodge

1408 4th Avenue
907-224-3300
Mid-May – Mid-September
sewardakfishing.com

Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge

Pedersen Lagoon Aialik Bay
800-334-8730/907-783-2928
June – Mid-September
kenaifjordsglacierlodge.com

Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge

Fox Island in Resurrection Bay
800-808-8068/907-777-2854
May 27 – September 3
alaskacollection.com/lodging/kenai-fjords-wilderness-lodge

Lowell Point

Vacation Rentals

Alaska Paddle Inn & Spruce
House
13745 Beach Drive
907-362-2628
March – September
alaskapaddleinn.com

Nauti Otter Inn

Cabins & Hostel

13609 Seward Highway
907-491-2255
May 20 – September 6
nautiotterinn.com

Nauti Otter Yurt Village

33395 Winterset Circle
907-491-2255
May 20 – September 6
nautiotterinn.com

Seward Vacation Properties

S.F.R. Townhouse
223 Ballaine Boulevard
907-224-3080
Open year-round
sewardvacationproperties.com

Seward Windsong Lodge

31772 Herman Leirer
800-478-8069/907-777-2809
May – September
sewardwindsonglodge.com

> WELCOME TO VALDEZ

Valdez is one of the prettiest places in Alaska, surrounded by scenic Prince William

Sound on one side and heavily glaciated Chugach Mountains on the other side, at the head of a deep fjord. Valdez, population 4,353, is the northernmost year-round ice free port in North America. On the road system, Valdez is 305 road miles east of Anchorage, and 364 road miles south of Fairbanks.

Valdez was founded just prior to the turn of the 20th century as a gateway to the “All-American Route,” to interior gold and copper fields. Incorporated since 1901, the community’s first 100 years have been marked by significant events, the most notable of which are the 1964 Alaska Earthquake, being chosen as the terminus of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, and the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

Summer activities include hiking to cascading waterfalls, kayaking, cruising the fjords of Prince William Sound, and competing in Alaska’s oldest fishing derby, with over \$80,000 in cash and prizes awarded annually.

The community of Valdez is also a renowned winter playground for snowboarding, skiing, snow machining, snowshoeing, and ice climbing.

There are two museums in Valdez, the Valdez Mu-



Joyson Peterson



Michael Pezzani



Gavin on the Road USA



David Little



David Little



Alex Krimmer



David Little



Alaska Marine Highway System



Milo Burdett



VALDEZ:

How to get here

DRIVE:

Valdez is 299 highway miles from Anchorage, an approximate 5.5-hour drive.

Leaving Anchorage by car, take Alaska Highway 1 North until you reach Glennallen.

At Glennallen, follow Alaska Highway 4 North to Valdez.

FLY:

Valdez is 115 air miles from Anchorage.

The Valdez airport, which was renamed Valdez Pioneer Field in May 2000, in honor of Alaska's pioneer aviators, is served by one commuter airline.

Call Ravn Alaska Air for reservations at (907) 835-2636 or 1-800-866-8394, or visit www.flyravn.com for flight schedules and current fares.

FERRY:

The Alaska Marine Highway System provides ferry service from Valdez to neighboring Prince William Sound communities six days per week in the summer, and three to four days per week in the winter. By ferry, Valdez is two hours and forty-five minutes from Tatitlek and five hours and forty-five minutes from Whittier.

dot.state.ak.us/amhs/comm/valdez.shtml

seum and Historical Archive, and the Maxine and Jessie Whitney Museum, featuring historical exhibits and Alaska Native art.

The Valdez Marine Terminal is at the southern end of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, built in the mid-1970s to carry oil from the Prudhoe Bay oil fields on Alaska's North Slope to this shipping port and beyond. There are 14 active, aboveground crude oil storage tanks at the terminal, and an average of three to five oil tankers depart from the terminal each week. Since the pipeline became operational in 1976, more than 15,000 tankers full of oil have left the terminal.

Valdez has a subarctic climate and is known as the snowiest city in the United States, with an average of almost 300 inches per year.

The area attracts a number of both commercial and sport fishing harvesters, visitors attracted by marine life, glaciers, deep sea fishing and heli-skiing.

Valdez is connected to the Alaska Interior via the Richardson Highway and is a port of call for the Alaska Marine Highway ferries.

Thompson Pass, just north of Valdez via the highway system, has spectacular waterfalls and glaciers next to the highway. The Thompson Pass area is also known for treacherous driving conditions during the winter.

Valdez is home to the Last Frontier Theatre Conference, hosted by Prince William Sound College, an annual event that attracts playwrights and actors from around the country.

VALDEZ:

Important Numbers

Emergency..... 911
Police/Fire/EMS 907-835-4560
Wildlife Troopers Office 907-835-4307
U.S. Coast Guard District Command 800-478-5555
..... VHF Channel 16

Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game (*Anchorage*)

hunt/trap 907-267-2257
fishing 907-267-2218
U.S.F.S. Crooked Creek Info Site (summer only) 907-835-4680

Providence Medical Center 907-835-2249
Providence Counseling Center 907-835-2838
Valdez Medical Clinic 907-835-4811
Veterinarian 907-835-5280

Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau 907-835-2984
Civic/Convention Center 907-835-4440
City Hall 907-835-4313
City Library 907-835-4632
Valdez Museum & Historical Archives 907-835-2764
Maxine & Jesse Whitney Museum 907-834-1690
Parks & Recreation 907-835-2531
Parks & Rec Recorded Schedules/Events 907-835-3200
Swimming Pool 835-5429
Airport Road Outdoor Shooting Range 835-2531

Baler 835-2356
Department of Motor Vehicles 835-2443
Harbormaster 835-4981
Port of Valdez 835-4564 VHF Channel 16
Alaska Marine Highway/Ferry Terminal 835-4436
Ravn Alaska/Valdez Airport 835-2636
Airport Manager 835-5658
CTAF 122.9
AWOS 118.80 or call 835-5578 (*recording*)
DOT 834-1099
Valdez Airport Car Rental U-Drive 835-4402
Yellow Cab 835-2500

Newspaper:

Valdez Star 835-2405

Radio:

KCHU 770 AM
KVAK 93.3 FM & 1230 AM

VALDEZ: *A look at history*

In 1790, the Spanish explorer and cartographer Don Salvador Fidalgo named the Port of Valdez after the celebrated Spanish naval officer Antonio Valdes y Basan.

A town developed in 1898 as a debarkation point for men seeking a route to the Eagle Mining District and the Klondike goldfields. Valdez soon became the supply center of its own gold mining region and incorporated as a city in 1901.

The original town site of Valdez was destroyed on Good Friday in 1964 by the strongest recorded earthquake ever to strike the North American continent. The quake registered at 9.2 on the Richter scale. In addition, tsunamis generated by the earthquake ravaged the town. Five percent of the population of Valdez was killed in this disaster. As a result, the town site was condemned unsafe and the city was relocated four miles to the west.

During the 1970's, the Trans Alaska oil pipeline was constructed for the transportation of North Slope crude oil. This pipeline stretches 800 miles from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope to Valdez in Prince William Sound.

As the southern terminus of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, Valdez became the largest crude oil port in North America. The oil is stored in Valdez and from there it is transported via supertankers to locations in the continental United States.

On Good Friday in 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, resulting in one of the greatest man-made environmental disasters to hit North America. Although the oil fouled hundreds of miles of Prince William Sound shoreline, contrary to popular belief, oil neither approached nor contaminated the shores of the Port of Valdez. Valdez was the operational center for the massive cleanup of the oil spill.

Because of the 1989 spill, a new issue, oil spill response preparedness and oversight, became a regional industry and significant economic sector of Valdez. The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) was established as a watchdog organization to oversee safety and spill response issues for oil transportation in Prince William Sound.

RCAC's membership includes representatives of several communities,

Native Alaskans, and interested organizations around Prince William Sound. Ship Escort and Response Vessel Service (SERVES), was established with a fleet of modern vessels homeported in Valdez to escort oil tankers through Prince William Sound.

To immediately respond to oil spills, these vessels are equipped with state-of-the-art oil spill response equipment and technology, and are supported by a sophisticated ready response industry.



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VALDEZ: *Annual events*

Valdez Fly-In & Airshow

May 12-14

valdezflyin.com

Mothers' Day Weekend – The premier bush plane competition in the Western United States.

Valdez Geocaching Program

valdezalaska.org/

valdez-annual-events

Adventurous hunts around Valdez for unknown treasures all summer long.

Valdez Arts Council Annual Picnic:

(Date to be announced)

facebook.com/Valdez-Arts-Council
Annual barbecue and bonfire on the beach at Dock Point Pavilion, featuring something to burn, art to share, and an acoustic instrument to play. Bring a dish to share.

Military Appreciation Day:

(Date to be announced)

ci.valdez.ak.us/Calendar.aspx
Come celebrate and honor those in military service. Free food, fun events, discounts and more.

Bite Back Fun Run:

A 5K Fun Run, \$5 registration fee. ci.valdez.ak.us/special-events or call (907) 835-2531.

Halibut Derby:

May 20-Sept. 3

valdezfishderbies.com

Fish for halibut, get the biggest one and win big money.

Relay for Life:

June 2

main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17GW?pg=en-entry&fr_id=80294

Run or walk as you relay for life. All proceeds raised go to cancer research.

Halibut Hullabaloo:

June 8-18

valdezfishderbies.com

Catch the largest halibut during this 10-day period and you will win \$1,000 cash, in addition to weekly prizes.

Last Frontier Theater Conference:

June 11-17

theatreconference.org

Each year submissions from playwrights are solicited and the writers of the top scripts are invited to present their work for reading. Numerous classes are offered, panel discussions, and live performances.

Valdez Rock Climbing Festival:

June 16-18

facebook.com/valdezrockclimbingfest

Time for an epic rock climbing experience in Thompson Pass and Keystone Canyon. Belay lessons, music, fun, and prizes.

July 4th Celebration:

Fourth of July weekend

ci.valdez.ak.us

A city-wide celebration with street vendors, food, games, live music, the parade and more.

Pink Salmon Festival & Cook-Off:

Date TBA

ci.valdez.ak.us/Calendar.aspx

Free community fish fry, entertainment, music and more.

Fireweed 400 Bike Race:

July 7-8

fireweed400.com

Bike racing from Sheep Mountain to Valdez.

The Valdez Silver Derby:

July 22-Sept. 3

valdezfishderbies.com

Featuring a \$15,000 cash grand prize for the largest silver salmon, \$5,000 cash for the second-place winner and \$2,000 for the third-place winner. In addition to daily first and second place prizes, all anglers who purchase a derby ticket have a

chance to win \$10,000 in cash, in a drawing at the end of the season.

Big Prize Fridays:

Ongoing through fishing season

valdezfishderbies.com

The Valdez Fish Derby. Must purchase derby ticket to win prizes.

Kids Pink Salmon Derby:

Date TBA

valdezfishderbies.com

Open to kids ages 5-16. BBQ, prizes and more.

Gold Rush Days:

August 2-6

valdezgoldrushdays.org

A five-day, city-wide celebration honoring Valdez's past, present and future. Raffle, street vendors, music, kid's events, games and more.

Women's Silver Salmon Derby:

August 12

valdezfishderbies.com

All a woman needs is a derby tag to win big prizes and big money!

Richardson Highway Rendezvous Music Festival:

August 19

rhmusicfest.com

Music, dancing, food, and fun for all ages.

Valdez Fish Derby End of Year Awards:

Date TBA

valdezfishderbies.com

Fun and awards ceremony.

Blues Cruise:

Date TBA

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An evening of music aboard Stan Stephens' M/V Valdez Spirit, with live music, desserts, appetizers, and cash bar.

Annual Oktoberfest & Homebrew Competition:

October 7

valdez.org

Valdez Convention & Civic Center, with prizes offered for the best home brew. Enjoy music, games, contests, beer, wine, and delicious food. Bid on auction items like travel packages.

Valdez Museum Road House Dinner:

Date TBA

valdez.org

The annual fundraiser dinner for the Valdez Historical Museum and Archive.

Valdez Parks & Rec Halloween Carnival:

Date TBA

valdez.org

Get scared, but also get treats.

Local Business Community Trick or Treat:

Oct. 31

Business community members give out candy to trick or treaters. valdez.org

Ducks Unlimited Banquet in Valdez:

Date TBA

facebook.com/ValdezDucks

Unlimited

An evening of food and fun, all for Ducks Unlimited.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:

Date TBA

valdez.org

The 34rd Annual tree lighting ceremony is a Valdez tradition. Festivities, ornament decorating, caroling, refreshments, and Santa Claus!

Elk's Club Annual Christmas Bazaar:

Date TBA

[valdezalaska.org/valdez-](http://valdezalaska.org/valdez-annual-events)

[annual-events](http://valdezalaska.org/valdez-annual-events)

Local crafts, food, and gifts.

New Year's Fireworks:

Dec. 31

[valdezalaska.org/valdez-](http://valdezalaska.org/valdez-annual-events)

[annual-events](http://valdezalaska.org/valdez-annual-events)

An explosion of glorious fireworks to celebrate the New Year.



David Little

VALDEZ: *What to do*

Valdez has outdoor activities to suit many tastes, lifestyles and budget, depending on the time of year of your visit, from hiking, walking, and sightseeing to skiing, snowboarding and snow machining in winter, plus photo opportunities year round.

Visit the Valdez Visitors Center

Find half day, full day and extended tours of Prince William Sound to fit your stay in summer months.

Orca and humpback whales, sea otter, sea lions, birds, porpoise, and many other animals make their homes in Prince William Sound. Excursion vessels depart from the Valdez Small Boat Harbor for sightseeing and wildlife viewing.

Kayaking is another way to explore the Sound up close. Fly-outs and drop-offs are possible to remote locations in the Sound and Chugach Mountains, via helicopter or small planes. Tours accommodate all ages and skill levels.

Wintertime brings tons of snow and creates a perfect playground for winter sport enthusiasts who are avid skiers, snowboarders, are into heli-adventure sports, snowshoeing, ice climbing, riding snow machines and more.

<http://www.valdezalaska.org>

Sightseeing highlights

Check out Worthington Glacier, Columbia Glacier, Keystone Canyon, Solomon Gulch Hatchery, the Valdez Museum and Historical Archive, and the Maxine and Jesse Whitney Museum.

Take a hike, a wildlife and photography tours, go camping, river rafting, canoeing, ride on a boat charter, or see Valdez via helicopter.

Valdez is well-known for salmon and halibut sport fishing, and fishing derbies.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5194910.pdf

The Solomon Gulch Hatchery

The Valdez Fisheries Development Association built the Solomon Gulch Hatchery in 1981, and released its first pink salmon fry in 1982. It has operated consistently since then. The water for the hatchery is provided by the Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Plant, owned by the Copper Valley Electric Association through a cooperative agreement.

SGH has a permitted green egg capacity to incubate 230 million pink salmon and 2 million Coho salmon each year. The state of Alaska strictly control these egg capacities. With this capacity, VFDA achieves annual

releases of approximately 218 million pink salmon fry, and 1.75 million Coho salmon smolt.

Egg take or spawning happens in late summer. Hatchery staff may spawn as many as 16,000 adult brood stock each day. These fish return to the hatchery spawning building by entering the facility using a fish ladder, which carry the fish from salt water to raceways on shore.

Over the winter, the hatchery staff tends to the eggs as they hatch into alevin and settle into simulated gravel to subsist from their yolk sacs.

In early spring, the fry emerge and are ready to go to sea. VFDA pumps the fry to net pens offshore where they are fed using commercial salmon feeds until they reach a target weight of at least 0.5 grams. From there, smolt are released to complete their life cycle in the open sea. This process is known as ocean ranching. The adults, which average about 3.5 pounds each, return the following summer, and the process starts all over again.

Average adult returns to the hatchery are approximately 13 million adult pink, and 160,000 Coho salmon. After harvesting a small percentage of the return for cost recovery and brood stock, the remainder is harvested primarily by the commercial purse seine fishermen.

The hatchery is easily accessible and is open daily throughout the summer, offering unguided walking tours.

<https://www.valdezfisheries.org/the-hatchery>

Trans Alaska Pipeline Terminal

Valdez is home to the terminus of the Trans Alaska Pipeline and Terminal?

The terminal is located just across the inlet from town, and while visitors were once welcome, strict security protocols have closed the terminal to the public since September 2011.

<http://alaska-pipeline.com/TAPS/PipelineFacts>

VALDEZ: *What to eat*

A Rogue's Garden Café

354 Fairbanks Drive
907-835-5880
Health food store, café, espresso, smoothies, deli, pastries
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, closed Sunday
roguesgarden.com

Alaska Halibut House

208 Meals Avenue
907-835-2788
Seafood, burgers, salad bar, chowder, milkshakes
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week

Aunty Yum Yum's Real Thai Food Truck

239 Harbor Drive
907-255-THAI (8424)
Thai food
Takeout, outdoor seating
May – September, 7 days a week
facebook.com/
auntyyumyumtruck

Fu Kung Chinese Restaurant

207 Kobuk Drive
907-835-5255
Chinese, seafood, sushi
Dine-in, takeout, delivery
Open year-round, 7 days a week

Latte Dah

130 Meals Avenue
907-835-3720
Espresso, breakfast sandwiches, pastries
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week
facebook.com/coffeeshopvaldez

Mike's Palace Ristorante

201 North Harbor Drive
907-835-2365
Italian, Mexican, seafood, paninis, burgers, salads, beer & wine
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week
mikespalace.com

No Name Pizza

121 Egan Drive
907-835-4419
Pizza
Dine-in, takeout, delivery
Open year-round

Northern Treats

118 South Meals Road
907-835-4272
Ice cream, shakes, floats, parfaits, sundaes, espresso
Takeout, outdoor seating
Mid-May – September

Old Town Diner

139 East Pioneer Drive
907-461-8335
Breakfast, burgers, seafood, barbecue
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week

Roma Italian Kitchen

100 North Harbor Drive
907-835-9111
Italian, seafood, lunch, dinner, desserts, full bar
Dine-in, takeout
Open year-round, 7 days a week
romaitaliankitchen.com

Subway

126 Pioneer Drive
907-835-3103
Sandwiches, salad, pizza, soup
Dine-in, take out
Open year-round, 7 days a week
subway.com

The Roadside Potatohead

255 North Harbor Drive
907-835-3058
Breakfast, burgers, fresh cut fries
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
May 1 – September 15, 7 days a week
theroadsidepotatohead.com

The Fat Mermaid

143 North Harbor Drive
907-835-3000
Breakfast, seafood, pizza, burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads, full bar
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round, 7 days a week
thefatmermaid.com

Valdez Bistro

102 North Harbor Drive
907-835-4445
Seafood, steaks, salads, full bar
Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating
Open year-round, 7 days a week
www.facebook.com/valdezbistro

VALDEZ: *Where to stay*

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

Bayside RV Park & Campground

230 Egan Drive
888-835-4425/907-835-4425
May – Mid-September
baysiderv.com

Valdez KOA

3181 Richardson Highway
907-835-2723
Mid-May – Mid-September
koa.com/campgrounds/valdez

Bear Paw R.V. Park

101 North Harbor Drive
907-835-2530
May – September
bearpawrvpark.com

Chena RV Park

101 Chena Street
907-378-6165
May – September
chenarv.com

Eagles Rest RV Park

139 E. Pioneer Drive
800-553-7275/907-835-2373
May – September
eaglesrestrv.com

Valdez Glacier Campground - US Army MWR

1200 Airport Road
907-873-4795
Memorial Weekend – Labor Day
facebook.com/valdez
glaciercampground

HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS

Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn

100 N. Harbor Drive
907-835-3434
Open year-round
bestwestern.com

Downtown B&B Inn

113 Galena Drive
800-478-2791/907-835-2791
Open year-round
valdezdowntowninn.com

Keystone Hotel

400 Egan Street
907-835-3851
May 26 – September 4
keystonehotel.com

Mountain Sky Hotel & Suites

101 Meals Avenue
907-835-4445
Open year-round
mountainskyhotel.com

Totem Inn

144 E. Egan Drive
888-808-4431/907-835-4443
Open year-round
toteminn.com

Valdez Airport Man Camp

325 Airport Road
907-835-5990
Open year-round
mancamp@gci.net

BED & BREAKFASTS

A Place on Coho B&B

1222 Coho Place
907-835-2106/907-831-1077
Open year-round
aplaceoncohoandb.com

House on the Rock B&B

613 S Moraine Drive
907-831-9027
Open year-round
houseontherockbandb.com

L&L's Bed & Breakfast

533 West Hanagita Street
907-835-4447
Open year-round
lnlaska.com

The Timber House

100 Meals Hill Road
907-835-2903
June – September
thetimberhousevaldez.com

CABINS & LODGES

PWS Cabins

Irish Cove, Port Fidalgo
907-200-4665
Mid-May – Mid-September
pWSCabins.com

Ravencroft Lodge

Irish Cove, Port Fidalgo
907-200-4665
Mid-May – Mid-September
ravencroftlodge.com

Robe Lake Lodge & Cabins

5325 Lake View Drive
907-831-2339
Open year-round
robelakelodge.com

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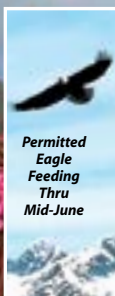
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> WELCOME TO WHITTIER

Whittier lies at the head of the Passage Canal, about 60 miles southeast of Anchorage, and almost all of its population of some 215 residents live in a single apartment building. Just a short ride by car from Anchorage, via the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, Whittier is known as “the strangest little town in Alaska,” by residents and visitors alike.

Watch wildlife and birdlife, go beachcombing, walking along the harbor front, hike along Portage Pass, Horse Tail Falls or Salmon Run trails, picking berries in season.

Eagles abound, as do thousands of seabirds who nest at a Kittiwake rookery, just across Passage Canal, right outside of Whittier.

The majority of shops in Whittier are open only seasonally. Harborside, you'll find places to book day cruises, fishing charters, kayak tours and scuba diving.

Sport fishing is popular, and many anglers come in late August and early September to catch the annual run of silver salmon. The Whittier Chamber of Commerce also hosts salmon and halibut derbies during the summer.

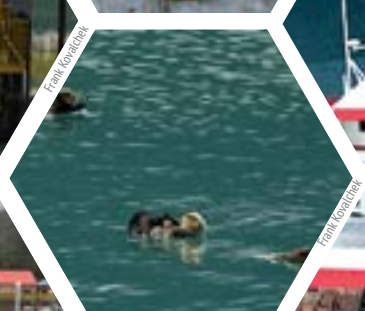
For folks following the snow, Whittier winter activities include snowshoeing, cross country skiing and snow machining.

During World War Two the U.S. Army constructed a military facility, complete with a port and a railroad near Whittier Glacier, and named the facility Camp Sullivan. The spur of the Alaska Railroad to Camp Sullivan was completed in 1943, and the port became the entrance for United States soldiers into Alaska.

While Whittier is known to have a mild, maritime climate, visitors should be prepared for changes in the weather at a moment's notice. Dress in warm layers and remember, it's easy to remove a layer or two if you're too warm, but it can be dangerous to come unprepared for inclement weather and become chilled. Don't forget your raingear!

Visit the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel website for a tunnel schedule and additional information at <http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/whittiertunnel/index.shtml>.

Whittier is also a part of the Southcentral route of the Alaska Marine Highway Service. You can visit their page at <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs>.





WHITTIER: *Important Numbers*

Emergency.....	911
Police/Fire/EMS.....	907-472-2340
Alaska State Troopers (Anchorage).....	907-761-7136
U.S. Coast Guard District Command	800-478-5555
.....	VHF Channel 16
Alaska Dept. Fish & Game (Anchorage)	
Hunt/trap	907-267-2257
Fishing	907-267-2218
U.S.F.S. Glacier Ranger District	907-783-3242
Whittier Health Clinic.....	907-472-2303
City of Whittier.....	907-472-2327 Ext: 0
Whittier Museum	907-472-2354
Harbormaster	907-472-2327 ext. 113
Harbor.....	472-2330 ext. 6 VHF Channel 68
Alaska Marine Highway/Ferry Terminal	907-472-2378
Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel/	
Operations & Times	907-472-2640
Alaska Railroad	907-265-2300 (2617)

WHITTIER: *Where to stay*

CAMPGROUNDS

& RV

PARKS

Whittier Parking & Camping

101 Whittier Street
907-472-2670/907-382-0276
May – October
whittierparking.com

HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS

Anchor Inn

100 Whittier Street
877-870-8787/907-472-2354
Open year-round, 7 days a week
anchorinnwhittier.com

Glacier View Condo Suites

100 Kenai Street
877-870-8787/907-472-2354
Open year-round, 7 days a week
glacierviewsuites.com

Inn at Whittier

5A Harbor Loop Road
907-472-3200/907-422-7020
May – September
innatwhittier.com

BED & BREAKFASTS

June's Whittier Condo Suites & Rentals

100 Kenai Street #1506
888-472-6001/907-841-5102
Open year-round, 7 days a week
juneswhittiercondosuites.com

WHITTIER: *A look at its history*

The region now occupied by Whittier was once part of the portage route of the Chugach people native to Prince William Sound, and later used by Russian and American explorers, and by prospecting miners during the gold rush. Nearby Whittier glacier was named for American poet John Greenleaf Whittier. The town eventually took the name too.

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The two huge buildings that dominate Whittier were built after World War II.

The 14-story Hodge Building (now Begich Towers), completed in 1957, has 150 two- and three-bedroom apartments, plus bachelor efficiency units. Dependent families and Civil Service employees were moved into this efficient high rise. The new Whittier School was connected by a tunnel at the base of the west tower, so students could more easily and safely access school on days with bad weather. The building was named in honor of Colonel Walter William Hodge, who was a civil engineer and the commanding officer of 93rd Engineer Regiment on the Alcan Highway.

The other main structure in town, the Buckner Building, was completed in 1953, and was called the “city under one roof.” The Buckner Building was eventually abandoned and remains empty today. Buckner and Begich Towers were at one time the largest buildings in Alaska. The Begich Building is now a condominium, and along with the two-story private residence known as Whittier Manor, houses most of the town’s residents.

The port at Whittier was an active Army facility until 1960. In 1962, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed a petroleum products terminal, a pumping station, and a 62-mile long, 8-inch pipeline to Anchorage in Whittier.

On March 28, 1964, Whittier suffered over \$10 million worth of damage in the Good Friday earthquake, which measured 9.2 on the Richter scale.

The tsunami that hit Whittier reached 43-feet, and killed 13 people.

Whittier was incorporated in 1969. Today, it is an increasingly popular port of call for cruise ships. When the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel opened to public access in 2000, it became the first highway to connect Whittier to Anchorage and inner Alaska. Previously, the only ways to reach the town had been rail, boat, and floatplane.

WHITTIER: *How to get here*

Travel to and from Whittier is by road, railroad or water. Drive your own vehicle, ride the bus (generally a comfortable motor coach), ride aboard the Alaska Railroad, or travel via one of the Alaska Marine Highway ferries. There is no airport in Whittier.

CAR

Driving time: About 1.5 hours, depending upon traffic.

This is an easy trip by car and you'll have an adventure going through the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel—the longest (2.5 miles) highway tunnel in North America, and the first designed for -40-below temperatures and 150 mph winds! One-way traffic and the occasional train can mean significant waiting times; research in advance when the tunnel will be open. This is a scenic drive with pull out areas for photo and picnic stops.

Directions: From Anchorage, turn onto the Seward Highway, (Alaska 1) head south along Turnagain Arm, past Girdwood, and look for signs directing you to Whittier. Turn left onto Portage Glacier Highway and follow it to the tollbooth for the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel. Toll fees vary; an average size car or SUV without a trailer costs \$15 for a round trip ticket through the tunnel, even if you're only traveling one-way.

Continue through the tunnel, following posted traffic signs and the posted speed limit. Whittier is just a five-minute drive from the tunnel's exit, at the end of the road.

Be sure to check the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel for scheduled times for vehicle passage at dot.alaska.gov/creg/whittier/tunnel/index.shtml.

BUS

Bus journey: 2-hours, depending upon traffic.

Traveling by a bus or motor coach eliminates the headache of having to plan for the Whittier tunnel and potential delays. Buses are timed to synchronize with tunnel openings. Leaving the driving to someone else allows travelers to fully enjoy the scenery. Some of the coaches have an onboard bathroom, but check on this one when booking.

Several bus companies make the drive from Anchorage to Whittier. For current schedules and information, contact the Greater Whittier Alaska Chamber of Commerce at whittieralaskachamber.org, or alaska.org.

TRAIN

Train journey: Approximately 2-hours.

Like the buses, the Alaska Railroad train will sync-up with Whittier tunnel openings, and at most, you'll wait a few minutes to pass through. Still, the train is the most expensive option, and it takes the longest to get here because it travels slowly, at about 35 miles per hour, along scenic Turnagain Arm. The upside is plenty of time to take photos of beautiful scenery and surrounding wildlife, often from domed rail cars.

Departures are offered daily from Anchorage; visit alaskatrain.com/book for reservations or to check train schedules.

FERRY

Cruise duration: Varies by destination

Ferry service from Whittier to neighboring Prince William Sound communities is provided seven days a week in the summer and two to three days a week in the winter. By ferry, Whittier is five hours and forty-five minutes to Valdez, and six hours and forty-five minutes to Cordova. The cross-gulf route, serviced by the MV Kennicott, connects Whittier to Southeast Alaska twice per month in the summer, and with access to surface highways once you arrive in Whittier, the possibilities for exploration are endless.

Visit dot.state.ak.us/amhs/reservations.shtml for current sailing schedules and to make reservations for ferries serving Whittier and Prince William Sound.

Whittier route travel information courtesy Alaska.org www.alaska.org.

Portage Glacier Highway History

The Portage Glacier Highway, or Portage Glacier Road, is made up of a series of roads, bridges, and tunnels that connect the Portage Glacier area of the Chugach National Forest and the city of Whittier, to the Seward Highway. Most of the highway travels through mainly rural areas just north of the Kenai Peninsula, with the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel passing under Maynard Mountain, part of the Chugach Mountain Range. Parts of the route were first constructed in the early 1900s, and the entire highway was completed on June 7, 2000, as part of the Whittier Access Project.

Since 2012, the highway has not been extended or rerouted. The main portion of the highway traveling from the western terminus to the Begich-Boggs Visitors Center is designated as National Forest Highway 35, by the U.S. Forest Service.

WHITTIER: *What to do*

Whittier offers year-around activities for thrill-seekers and families, including guided wilderness trips on ATVs and quads, kayaking tours and sea kayak rentals, wildlife rehabilitation education, birdwatching, wildlife photography and helicopter flightseeing trips. Also available for purchase are glacier tours by dogsled, do-it-yourself charters, hiking on established trails, jet-skiing, sightseeing cruises, and fishing charters, and more!

Spend a few hours just wandering around town, finding good places to eat and shops to buy unique treasures.

Join the locals in Whittier, grab a cup of coffee and listen to our story!

WHITTIER: *Annual events*

Whittier's Old-Fashioned, Family Fourth of July Celebration

July 3-4

Fireworks at midnight, the night of July 3; Halibut in the Harbor Parade through town and the harbor area on July 4, including free games for the kids and a free community barbecue – everyone is welcome!

Visit the Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce for more information: <http://whittieralaskachamber.org>



- Smooth cruising on stable catamarans
- See glaciers, birds, otters, sea lions, whales
- Full service bar, snacks, reserved seating
- Cruising from Whittier. 1.5hrs south of Anchorage



5 hrs

See the beauty of Esther Passage, Surprise Glacier, and Harriman Fjord.



3.75 hrs

View the impressive waterfalls and glaciers of Blackstone Bay.



2.5 hrs

An evening cruise on Blackstone Bay under the midnight sun.



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WHITTIER: *Where to eat*

Anchor Inn

100 Whittier Street
907-472-2354

Breakfast, seafood, steaks, burgers, sandwiches, salads, soup, full bar

Dine-in, takeout

Open year-round, 7 days a week

anchorinnwhittier.com

Café Orca & Gallery

Harbor Triangle, ocean side next to pavilion
520-204-7464

Espresso, coffee, tea, pastries, desserts

Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating

Seasonal, May – September

facebook.com/Alaskacafeorca

China Sea Restaurant

6 & 7 Harbor Triangle

907-472-3663

Chinese, seafood, open late

Dine-in, takeout

May – mid-September, 7 days a week

facebook.com/chinaseawhittieralaska

Donut Depot

Right next to the ferry terminal building
907-444-8523

Fresh donuts, breakfast burritos, brunch,

hotdogs, sandwiches, Frito pies, espresso

Takeout, outdoor seating

May – September, closed Tuesday

facebook.com/donutdepotatwhittier

Fee's Custom Seafoods

12 Harbor Triangle

907-472-5055/907-317-8210

Seafood processing, fresh fish market,

smoked salmon, bait, ice, snacks

Takeout

May – September

feescustomseafoods.com

Lazy Otter Café

Harborview Drive - Green roof, left of east launch ramp

800-587-6887/907-694-6887

Seafood, sandwiches, soup, baked goods, soft serve ice cream, espresso,

Dine-in, takeout, delivery, outdoor seating

May – September, 7 days a week

lazyottercharters.com/boxed-lunches/

Swiftwater Seafood Café

8 Harbor Triangle

907-472-2550

Seafood, cheeseburgers, salads, desserts, beer & wine

Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating

May – Labor Day, 7 days a week

swiftwaterseafoodcafe.com

Inn at Whittier

5A Harbor Loop Road

907-472-3200/ 907-422-7020

Seafood, oceanfront, pizza, desserts, full bar

Dine-in, takeout, delivery (pizza in summer)

Open year-round

innatwhittier.com

Varly's Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor

Harbor Triangle – top of east launch ramp

907-472-2547

Ice cream, shakes, pizza, quesadillas, sandwiches

Takeout, outdoor seating

May – Labor Day, 7 days a week

swiftwaterseafoodcafe.com

Whittier Fudge – Sound Ideas Gallery & Gifts

Lot 1 Harborview Drive

435-690-0186

Homemade fudge

Takeout, outdoor seating

May – September

whittierfudge.com

Wild Catch Café

12 Harbor Loop Road

907-472-2252

Seafood, fish and chips, chowder, burgers, breakfast, espresso

Dine-in, takeout, outdoor seating

Mid-April – Mid-October, 7 days a week

facebook.com/WildCatchCafe

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WHITTIER

ALASKA

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July 3 | Fireworks at midnight
July 4 | Celebration FREE!

Hiking, Glaciers, Fishing, Kayaking, Museum, Shops, Dining



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