

THE SEWARD HIGHWAY ROAD GUIDE

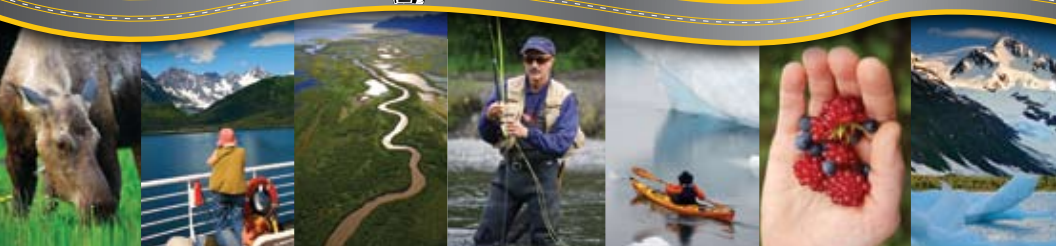
JOURNEY DEEP INTO ALASKA & OUT OF THIS WORLD



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WELCOME TO THE SEWARD HIGHWAY

ALASKA'S ALL AMERICAN ROAD & SCENIC BYWAY

The Seward Highway is alive with spectacular Alaskan scenery, wildlife, history, and recreational opportunities.

Linking Anchorage and Seward, the highway takes travelers on a 127-mile journey alongside rivers, lakes and a glacial fjord, through rainforests and snowcapped mountain passes, past glaciers and prime wildlife viewing areas, and into stunning beauty all along the way.

WHERE ALASKANS COME TO PLAY

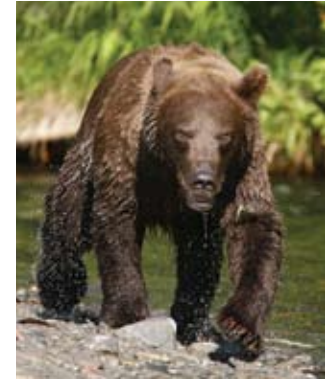
The Seward Highway is a gateway to adventure. Whether you're looking for a quick hike, a day outing or a multi-day adventure, you'll find it all along the Seward Highway.



Cover: Moose Meadows, Portage Valley

Chugach National Forest

! **PLAYING IN BEAR COUNTRY**
Bears won't bother you unless you surprise them or get between a sow and her cubs. So when you're walking or biking in the woods, make a lot of noise. Avoid overgrown areas. And stick to the trails. If you do encounter a bear, do not run. Stay calm and back away slowly. For more bear safety advice, visit www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm



Chugach National Forest

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

HIKING & GEOCACHING

Here you'll find brief descriptions of the popular hikes accessible from the highway. If you're a geocacher, you'll find many treasures hidden all throughout the region (get coordinates at geocaching.com).

Wherever you hike, it's always a good idea to be prepared for a change in weather — and dress in layers. Remember, cell service is spotty in these mountainous areas and help is not readily available, so you'll need to be self-sufficient.



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! **No poison ivy here, but...** Watch out for cow parsnip (it contains a phototoxin that can cause blisters if you touch it) and devil's club (barbed stalks can be painful).

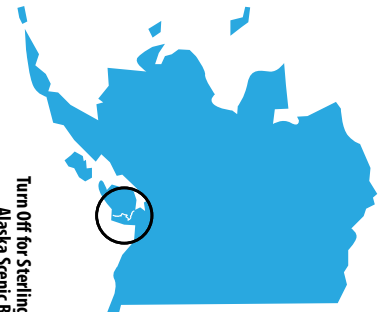


Turnagain Arm Trails
• Mile 115.1, 108 & 106

Bird Ridge
• Mile 102.1

Bird Creek
• Mile 101.5

Railroad
 Seward Hwy
 Lakes/Rivers
 Trails



Turn Off for Sterling Hwy
Alaska Scenic Byway
• Mile 37.7

Devil's Pass
• Mile 39

Tenderfoot
Campground
• Mile 46

Porcupine
Campground
• Mile 56.3

Hope
Area
Trails

Sixmile
Creek

Potter
Trailhead
• Mile 115.1

Bird Ridge
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Girdwood
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Twenty Mile River
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Portage
Valley
Campgrounds
• Mile 78.9
Whittier/Portage
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Placer River
• Mile 78.4

Bertha Creek
Campground
• Mile 65.5

Johnson Pass
• Mile 63.3

Granite Creek
Campground
• Mile 63

Summit Lake
• Mile 45.5

Trail River
Campground
• Mile 24.2

Pratmyan
Creek
Campground
• Mile 23.3

Pratmyan
Creek
• Mile 23.1

Lost Lake
Trail
• Mile 5.1

Exit Glacier
• Turn at
Mile 3.7

Mount
Marathon
• Mile 1

Resurrection
Bay

Kenai Lake & River
• Mile 37.7 Sterling Hwy

Tern Lake

Kenai River

Kenai Lake

Carter Lake Trail
• Mile 33.1

Carter & Crescent Lakes

Primrose
Campground
• Mile 17

Exit Glacier
Campground

Exit Glacier
(Kenai Fords Natl. Park Access)

Gaines Head
• Mile 0

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COOPER
LANDING

MOOSE
PASS

HOPE

GIRDWOOD

PORTAGE

WHITTIER

Portage Valley Campgrounds



Public Toilets
*Open
Tr./Round



12 MILES



Exit Glacier
(Kenai Fords Natl. Park Access)

SEWARD

Resurrection Bay

TURNAGAIN ARM TRAILS

• Mile 115.1, 112, 108 & 106 • Easy to Moderate • 9.4 miles

Starting with a short, gentle ascent lined with interpretive signs, this trail stretches from the Potter Trailhead to Windy Corner. It parallels the Seward Highway from above, affording wonderful views of the Arm and possibly eagles, moose, beluga whales, and the bore tide.

BIRD RIDGE • Mile 102.1 • Moderately Difficult • 2.5 miles

Up for a challenge? “Up” is the word. This trail takes you from zero to 3,500 feet in under 3 miles. You’ll be rewarded with spectacular views of...everything!

GIRDWOOD HIKES & GLACIER TREKS

• Turn at Mile 90 Girdwood Junction

Here you can join a guided glacier trek, take a tram up a ski mountain, or explore forested trails like Winner Creek (easy to moderate 2.5 miles to river gorge) or Crow Pass (3.5 steep miles to the Pass).

PORTAGE VALLEY • Mile 78.9 Whittier/Portage Glacier Highway Junction

Just six miles off the highway, near Begich, Boggs Visitor Center, there’s the 0.8 mile trail to Byron Glacier and the 4.7 mile long Trail of Blue Ice that winds through the valley linking campgrounds, glacier viewing and a salmon viewing platform.

JOHNSON PASS

• Mile 63.3 • Moderate • 23 miles • 1,000’ gain

This trail takes you through the forest, up to two beautiful summit lakes (10 miles in), then into gorgeous alpine terrain. It’s a traverse well-conditioned hikers can do in a day; it also makes for a great overnight trip.



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HOPE AREA TRAILS

• Mile 56.3 • Turn off at Hope Highway Junction

Hope is 16 miles off the highway and offers trails for hikers of all abilities. Gull Rock Trail (5 miles, one way) is easy and flat, taking hikers through the forest along the south side of Turnagain Arm. Hope Point is less developed and offers stunning views of the Arm — but at a price. The trail climbs 3,600 feet in just 5 miles. The Palmer Creek Lakes hike leads to gold mine ruins, pristine tarns and majestic valley views. Hope is also home to the north trailhead of the 39-mile long Resurrection Pass Trail popular with hikers, backpackers and mountain bikers (along with moose, bears, and all manner of wildlife). The first 12 miles climbs gradually through the forest along a mountain stream and makes for a beautiful day hike.

DEVIL’S PASS • Mile 39 • More difficult • 10 miles • 1,400’ gain

This 10-mile spur leads up into the Kenai Mountains and connects with the Resurrection Pass Trail. The first two-mile section is an easy walk in the woods. From there it climbs upward, ultimately revealing impressive alpine views.

CARTER LAKE TRAIL • Mile 33.1 • More difficult • 3.3 miles • 955’ gain

Short and steep, this trail follows switchbacks through a hemlock forest to the alpine lake, then levels out and changes to sub-alpine terrain with wildflowers and excellent views. Crescent Lake is another mile up the path.

PTARMIGAN LAKE • Mile 23.1 • Easy-Moderate • 3.5- 7.5 miles • 450’ gain

This turquoise beauty is a glacier-fed lake with gorgeous reflections of the mountains all around it. Walk up to the lake or continue another 3 miles along the shore.

PRIMROSE TRAIL • Mile 17 • More Difficult • 6.6-8 miles • 1500’ gain.

A one-mile access road leads to the Primrose Campground overlooking Kenai Lake. The Primrose trail starts from the campground and winds up 6.5 miles to connect with the Lost Lake trail.

LOST LAKE TRAIL • Mile 5.1 • More Difficult • 7 miles • 1,500’ gain

This beautiful alpine lake is 8 miles from the Primrose Trailhead or 7 miles from the Lost Lake Trailhead. Hearty souls can hike it in a day, but you might want to savor all the stunning wilderness vistas on a 2- to 3-day backpack adventure.

EXIT GLACIER • Turn at Mile 3.7 • Easy • 1.4 miles • 100’ gain

A 9-mile road leads you to an easy, accessible trail that takes visitors to the face of Exit Glacier, flowing down from the Harding Ice Field. Get amazingly close to this river of ice on various paths. Hikers game to trek up 3,000 to the ice field can follow a more difficult, 3.5-mile trail to an overlook.

MOUNT MARATHON • Mile 1 • Difficult • 1.5 - 2 miles • 2900’ gain.

How difficult can a 1.5-mile trail be? Every July 4th, hundreds head to Seward for the annual Mount Marathon Race, where runners take to the “racer’s trail” to see who can get up and down the fastest. The “hiker’s trail” is longer and less steep. All are rewarded with panoramic views.

CAINES HEAD • Mile 0 • Moderate • 6.5 miles • 600’ gain

This 6.5-mile trail takes hikers along the shores of Resurrection Bay to Caines Head, home of the abandoned Ft. McGilvray. Bring a flashlight to explore the fort. Note: there’s a 2.5-mile stretch 1.5 miles from the trailhead that’s passable only at low tide. It’s best to start an hour before low tide. Check in with locals for tide tables and current information.

! MANY TRAILS ARE MULTI-USE!

Depending on the trail and time of year, you may be sharing the trail with fellow hikers, hunters, trappers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, dog mushers, skiers, snowmachiners and of course all the wild critters, moose and bears out there!

CAMPING & CAMPGROUNDS

There are numerous campgrounds along the Seward Highway that feel far from civilization. These facilities are usually equipped with water, vault-style toilets, fire pits, picnic tables and a campground host. There is also plenty of tent camping in the surrounding backcountry. Campground fees and regulations can vary at each location. There are no hookups for RVs in any of these campgrounds.

BIRD CREEK CAMPGROUND • Mile 101.2

With popular silver salmon fishing nearby, this roadside State Park campground features 27 campsites, covered picnic tables, and a scenic bike trail passing through it. The day use area across the highway has interpretive signs, telescope, picnic tables, toilets, and 20 overflow campsites.

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUNDS

PORTAGE VALLEY CAMPGROUNDS

• Turn at Mile 78.9 Whittier/Portage Glacier Junction

Here you'll discover two campgrounds nestled in the forest, along a salmon stream. "Black Bear" is more rustic, with 12 sites and limited amenities. "Williwaw" is well developed with 60 sites, an onsite host and more. The two campgrounds are linked by a beautiful trail that extends up into the valley, perfect for walking or biking with the family to view waterfalls, glaciers, and salmon (in August).

BERTHA CREEK CAMPGROUND • Mile 65.5

This small campground has 12 individual camping sites suitable for vehicle camping (no RVs) and tents. It's a beautiful spot, nestled into a small canyon along the creek.

GRANITE CREEK CAMPGROUND • Mile 63

Here you'll find 19 sites (some beside the creek), linked by a well-maintained dirt road and tucked into a spruce forest. Anglers can fish for small Dolly Varden and hikers will enjoy the nearby Johnson Pass Trail.

PORCUPINE CAMPGROUND

(Hope) • Turn at Mile 56.3 Hope Highway Junction

Located at the end of the Hope road, this campground has 23 sites, some overlooking Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains. Trailheads for Gull Rock and Hope Point start here.

TENDERFOOT CAMPGROUND • Mile 46

Located on the east shore of Upper Summit Lake, this campground has 27 sites and no hookups. Along with the usual amenities, there's also a boat ramp (making it easy to fish for dollies and rainbow trout) and an onsite campground host.

TRAIL RIVER CAMPGROUND • Mile 24.2

Located along the glacier-fed Trail River with views of Kenai Lake in places, this campground features 91 campsites and day-use picnic sites. It's a good spot for mushrooming and berry picking in August. Anglers can try their luck for Dolly Varden and rainbows in the river.



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PTARMIGAN CREEK • Mile 23.1

This small campground has picnic sites and 16 campsites. Fishing in the creek is often good, and anglers can hike to Ptarmigan Lake along a steep, 3.5-mile trail.

PRIMROSE CAMPGROUND • Mile 17

Overlooking Kenai Lake, this small, wooded campground has 8 sites and a boat ramp. It's also a popular trailhead for the 8-mile (one-way) hike up to Lost Lake.

EXIT GLACIER CAMPGROUND, KENAI FJORD NATIONAL PARK

Turn at Mile 3.7 Exit Glacier Turnoff

This campground has 12 walk-in summer camping sites — for tents only. There are limited amenities in this wilderness, riverside setting and no-trace and bear-aware camping practices are strictly enforced.



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FISHING

The Seward Highway can take you to some of the most spectacular fishing in the world. Stop along the road and throw a line in the water, hike to a remote wilderness lake, or take a guided river or saltwater charter. Check with ADF&G for current information on salmon runs and fishing regulations. For ice fishing information, check out the winter highlights.

BIRD CREEK • Mile 101.5

This is an excellent (and very popular) silver salmon fishery less than an hour from downtown Anchorage. Silvers run late July through mid-August; pink salmon come in on even-numbered years, from early July through mid-August.

TWENTY MILE RIVER • Mile 80.7

During the spring eulachon fishing season, you'll often see dipnetters along the river and Turnagain Arm sweeping their long-handled nets through the silty water. They are trying to net eulachon, or "hooligan," small smelt that return to fresh water to spawn each spring. Pink, red and silver salmon also spawn in the Twentymile River system.

PLACER RIVER • Mile 78.4

The Placer River has good hooligan fishing in May. These smelt are taken with long handled dip nets. Silver salmon may be taken in August and September.

SUMMIT LAKE • Mile 45.5

Upper and Lower Summit Lakes provide good summer and fall fishing for Dolly Varden.

KENAI LAKE AND RIVER • Turn at Mile 37.6 Junction Sterling Highway

This world-class turquoise lake and river are famous for its trophy trout, huge salmon and "combat fishing." The river has complex regulations, so check with your guide or ADF&G (www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/regulations/scregs.cfm) before you go.

CARTER & CRESCENT LAKES • Mile 33.2

Hidden in a cluster of mountains north of Kenai Lake, Carter Lake is stocked with rainbow trout. At the western end of Crescent Lake, anglers can catch grayling.

PTARMIGAN CREEK • Mile 23.1

Fish for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout in Ptarmigan Creek, and grayling in Ptarmigan Lake. You can also watch sockeye salmon “turn the river red” in late July and early August here — but salmon fishing is prohibited.

RESURRECTION BAY • Mile 0

Seward is one of Alaska’s most popular fishing destinations, for both locals and anglers from around the world. Here you can land anything from a monstrous halibut (maybe a 200-pounder!) to several species of pacific salmon and many other saltwater species. There’s fishing right from the beach, but most folks hop on a charter and spend a day or half-day out with the guides who know where to go and how to maximize your success.

WATER ACTIVITIES

Whether you seek a quiet, peaceful retreat on the water, a total adrenaline rush, or something in between, you’ll find it here along the highway. For all the right gear and insider knowledge, look for guided tours and other services in the larger communities.

PORTAGE RIVER RAFTING & CANOEING: Spend a few hours floating this glacial stream, with waterfalls streaming down the mountains on either side of you. See glaciers, wildflowers and perhaps wildlife such as moose and bears.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SEA KAYAKING: Located at the head of the Passage Canal on the western edge of Prince William Sound, boaters can enjoy exploring coves and bays while viewing a variety of wildlife, glaciers, waterfalls, and more. Water sports include boating, sailing, kayaking, and scuba diving.

SIXMILE CREEK RAFTING & WHITEWATER KAYAKING:

Sixmile Creek is one of the most thrilling — and challenging — whitewater rivers in Alaska. Join an experienced rafting company for an exciting class IV–V run past towering canyon cliffs and through huge waves. Caution: This river looks calm at the put-in but around the corner it’s anything but; it should only be attempted by expert boaters or with a permitted company.



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UPPER KENAI RIVER SCENIC RAFTING & CANOEING:

The Upper Kenai River is a very popular scenic rafting destination. Float atop turquoise waters and look for eagles, moose, and bears for up to 17 miles.

RESURRECTION BAY SEA

KAYAKING & SAILING: Enjoy stunning views of the fjord as you sail or paddle down the coast, often accompanied by sea otters, sea lions, bald eagles, numerous sea birds, and leaping salmon. You may also spot orcas, humpback whales and porpoise. Instruction, guided tours, rentals and water taxis are all available in Seward.

BIKING: MOUNTAIN & ROAD

The highway provides spectacular riding for road and mountain bikers. You can ride the entire length of the highway itself, hop on various adjacent paved paths along the way, or take off into the woods for a day trip or a multi-day mountain biking adventure. Sign up with a guided tour for all the right equipment, expertise and insider knowledge...or venture out on your own. Bike rentals and tours are available in Anchorage, Girdwood and Seward.

See hiking descriptions for more about each of the mountain biking trails below. For more information, contact the local chambers or call the Arctic Bicycle Club hotline: (907) 566-0177 or visit www.arcticbike.org.

GO THE DISTANCE: Serious road cyclists can take on the beautiful, 127-mile trek. You’ll travel through amazing scenery, but be prepared for elevation gains of over 900 feet, headwinds and narrow shoulders (except for when you can ride on adjacent bike trails).

INDIAN TO BIRD CREEK PATH:

A paved 3-mile Indian to Bird bike trail goes along the coast, weaving in and out of sight from the highway.

BIRD TO GIRD PATH:

This 6-mile paved path follows the old highway route — yes, it really did go way up there — and features interpretive signs, a picnic shelter and fantastic views of Turnagain Arm.

PORTAGE VALLEY PATHS: The Trail of Blue Ice is a 4.7 mile, fully-accessible trail that connects Portage Valley recreation sites and campgrounds from the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center to Moose Flats Day Use Area.

JOHNSON PASS:

This premiere mountain biking trail is 23 miles of gorgeous single track. Overgrowth, roots, and several small stream crossings can make it challenging, especially when wet. Most riders do the traverse north to south.

JOHNSON TO HOPE ROAD PATH: It’s all downhill (until you turn around) with views of raging river canyons just off the trail, interpretive signs at the rest stop and mountains all around. Eight miles one way.

RESURRECTION PASS: This 39-mile beauty is an all-day or multi-day traverse that takes you through incredible mountain scenery, laced with rivers, lakes and wildlife.

MOOSE PASS PATH: This 1.5-mile dirt bike trail winds along Trail Lake.

LOST LAKE TRAIL: It’s beautiful, but it’s grueling by bike. Thanks to steep terrain and numerous technical sections along the 7.5-mile route to the lake, you can count on all day to get up and back.



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WANT MORE IDEAS?

HORSEBACK RIDING is a fun, laid-back way to experience scenic mountain passes and lush valleys or take an afternoon trot along the beach. Available in Cooper Landing or Seward.

PARAGLIDING off Mt. Alyeska, you can soar with the eagles. Novice jumpers can go tandem with an experienced guide.

WINDSURFING & KITE SURFING can be seen along the highway. Strong steady winds and large waves make for world-class windsurfing (and world class hazards) at the mouth of Turnagain Arm. Kite surfing occasionally happens near Twentymile River.

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Winter is when the highway scenery transforms from snow-capped to snow-covered mountains bathed in lingering alpenglow. Cartop bike and boat racks give way to ski and snowboard racks, boat trailers now carry snowmobiles, and snowshoes, ice skates and sleds are all tucked inside. Get ready to play!

SKIING

The Seward Highway is your link to fantastic skiing and snowboarding of every flavor. From bunny slopes to extreme heliskiing, lighted skate-ski trails to backcountry bliss. It all starts here.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION:

Nordic Ski Club, Hotline (grooming conditions & event information): (907) 248-6667

Nordic Trail Information (check Anchorage & Kenai areas): www.crosscountryalaska.org/trails

Alyeska Resort (Girdwood Alpine skiing): (907) SKI-SNOW

Seward Nordic Ski Club: www.sewardnordicskiclub.org



ANCHORAGE NORDIC TRAILS: Here you'll find several groomed and lighted ski trail systems, including Hillside Park and the world-class Kincaid Park, home to the U.S. Nordic Ski Championships.

HILLTOP SKI AREA: Just a few miles north of the highway, you'll find a downhill ski area perfect for families and beginners, including a ski jump and a half pipe for snowboarders. (There's also Nordic ski trails next door in Hillside Park.)

BIRD CREEK NORDIC TRAILS: This area is often overlooked, but there are groomed cross-country ski trails on the bike path along the highway and access to Chugach State Park backcountry trails just .6 miles north of the highway at MP 101.

GIRDWOOD/MT. ALYESKA SLOPES: Here you'll find the hometown slopes of Olympic medalists Rosey Fletcher, Tommy Moe and others. Numerous runs — some with breathtaking views — offer great fun for skiers and snowboarders of all abilities. There's also great groomed Nordic and backcountry trails at Moose Meadows, and a tram up to mountaintop restaurants, a viewing platform, and more skiing. Lessons and rentals available.

CHUGACH HELISKIING: The surrounding Chugach Mountains offer some of the best heliskiing and snowboarding in the world. Your guide will take you to gentle bowls, giant mountain faces, massive glaciers and/or sheltered tree skiing, depending on preferences and skill levels. Access from Girdwood.

TURNAGAIN PASS BACKCOUNTRY & TELEMARKING: Long, powdery runs give you the freedom to make hundreds of turns and enjoy spectacular vistas along the way. This is undeveloped backcountry terrain. All skiers need to be avalanche savvy and get local information before you go, including current avalanche conditions: www.cnfaic.org. Find guided tour companies in Anchorage and Girdwood.

SEWARD NORDIC TRAILS: At Mile 12 you'll find the "Divide Ski Area" with groomed loops of various distances, including one that takes you over part of the Iditarod Trail. Other (often groomed) trails include Trail River Campground, Bear Lake, and Exit Glacier Road. For current conditions and more information, visit the Seward Nordic Ski Club, www.sewardnordicskiclub.org.

SNOWSHOEING

Strap on a pair of snowshoes for a spectacular way to explore Alaska's winter wonderland! See hiking descriptions for ideas and beware of avalanche dangers in steeper areas.



SNOWMACHINING (ALASKAN FOR “SNOWMOBILING”)

The Seward Highway is your link to fantastic backcountry snowmachining. You’ll find guide companies in Anchorage, Girdwood and Seward that can show you the lay of the land, safely. For more information contact the local chambers or the Anchorage Snowmobile Club: anchagesnowmobileclub.com.



Remember, always wear a helmet and be aware of avalanche conditions in the area: www.cnfaic.org.

GIRDWOOD/PLACER VALLEY: Here you’ll find quick rides, half-, full- or multi-day treks that take you through forests, alongside glaciers and even up to an ice cave.

TURNAGAIN PASS: The west side of Turnagain Pass is the snowmachine side (the east is reserved for non-motorized activities only). Here riders can cruise along a creek bed or power up a mountainside and discover hidden backcountry terrain beyond. Avalanche danger can be extreme.

SUMMIT LAKE: This lake offers full throttle fun on flat terrain, just off the highway. Watch out for ice fishers on the 258-acre lake.

LOST LAKE: This is a very popular mountain adventure near Seward, taking you up to incredible backcountry vistas. See hiking description for more.

DOG SLEDDING

Enjoy the thrill of dog mushing and traveling through the mountains and forests by sled. Winter rides available in Girdwood and Seward. If you are out on the trails in the winter, be sure to be courteous to local mushers and their teams as they go by!

ICE FISHING

You can catch many different types of fish under the ice, including rainbow trout, lake trout, Northern pike, and burbot. You’ll need a pole or handline, hooks, bait, an ice auger to drill through the ice, an ice strainer to scoop the access floating ice, a bucket to sit on and a lot of hand warmers. You’ll also need thick ice so you don’t fall through! Try your luck on one of the many lakes along the highway, but check the fishing regulations before you go!



DRIVING THE SEWARD HIGHWAY:

Don’t let the stunning beauty of the area distract you from driving. Cars in front of you may suddenly stop when they spot wildlife. Or that wildlife, such as a 1,200-pound moose, might step out in front of you. There are also narrow sections, frost heaves and impatient driver hazards. Be alert at all times. Call 511 or visit <http://511.alaska.gov> for current road conditions.



TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE & ENJOY THE DRIVE:

- Pull over often so you can relax and enjoy the views.
- Drive with lights on at all times, day or night (it’s the law).
- Let others pass — by law, if you have five vehicles behind you, you must pull off the road (in a safe place) and let them pass.
- Don’t count on your cell phone. Mountains make cell service spotty, which means help may not be readily available should your vehicle have trouble. Be prepared.
- Watch for frost heaves. Seasonal freezing and thawing causes unexpected (and unmarked) bumps or breaks in the pavement.

! WINTER DRIVING TIPS

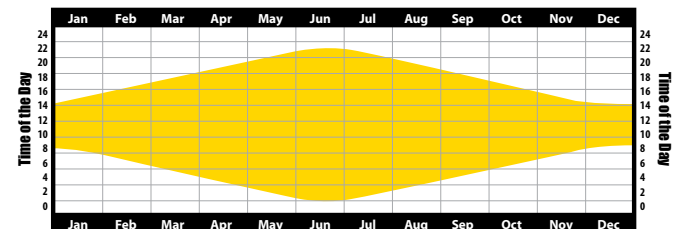
Tell someone where you’re going and when you’re expected, and be sure you:

- PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE WITH:**
- Winter wiper blades, full washer reservoir
 - Studded tires or good tread mud & snow tires (studs are legal from Sept. 15 to May 1)
 - Functioning heating system
 - Non-Leaking exhaust system
 - Fully charged battery (terminals clean)
 - Block heater, battery warmer, oil pan heater
 - Extra weight over rear axle (for trucks)

- BRING COLD WEATHER EQUIPMENT:**
- Ice scraper & snow removal brush/broom
 - Extra windshield washer fluid
 - Work gloves, rag (to clean headlights)
 - Jumper Cables, extra fuses
 - Snow Shovel
 - Tire chains, bag of sand/salt
 - Blanket, sleeping bag & extra warm clothes
 - Non-perishable food
 - Emergency Gear: waterproof matches, candles, rechargeable flashlight, flares, first aid kit

! DAYLIGHT HOURS

This region is blessed with long summer days, with nearly 24 hours of daylight in June, and lingering winter sunsets that make for gorgeous photographs.





DANGEROUS MUDFLATS

It is never safe to walk on the Turnagain Arm mudflats. Similar to quicksand, this glacial mud can — without warning — grab and hold the unwary. People caught in this predicament have drown when the tide rushes in.

LEAVE NO TRACE

You are encouraged to embrace the Leave No Trace philosophy of recreating in a way that minimizes your impact on the land. Ways to do so:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out what you pack in
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



HELPFUL RESOURCES

EMERGENCY

Alaska State Troopers: 911 or (907) 269-5511

ROAD CONDITIONS

Call 511 or visit <http://511.alaska.gov>

LOCAL VISITOR CENTERS

Anchorage CVB 907-276-4118 www.anchorage.net

Begich, Boggs Visitor Center 907-783-2326

www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/chugach_pages/bbvc/bbvc.htm

Girdwood Chamber of Commerce www.girdwoodchamber.com

Whittier Chamber of Commerce www.whittieralaskachamber.org/

Hope Chamber of Commerce www.advenalaska.com/hope/

Cooper Landing Chamber & CVB 907-595-8888 www.cooperlandingchamber.com

Moose Pass Chamber & CVB 907-288-3111 www.moosepassalaska.com

Seward Chamber of Commerce, CVB 907-224-8051 www.seward.com

RECREATION INFORMATION

Alaska Department of Fish & Game: (907) 465-4100 www.adfg.state.ak.us

Alaska Public Lands Information Center (Anchorage): (907) 271-2737

Chugach National Forest: (907) 743-9500

Chugach State Park: (907) 269-8400

Public Information Center (Anchorage): (907) 269-8400

US Forest Service: (907) 743-9500 U.S. Forest Service

USDA Forest Service Glacier Ranger District: Girdwood (907) 783-3242

USDA Forest Service Seward Ranger District: Seward (907) 224-3374

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Alaska Weather Information: 1-800-472-0391 or (907) 266-5145

Avalanche Information Center: www.cnfaic.org

National Weather Service: www.arh.noaa.gov

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