

# Parks Highway Road Log

## Anchorage to Fairbanks

Over twelve years and \$150 million went into the completion of this route which extends through 358 miles/576 km of Alaska's most rugged terrain. Yet this highway need not be feared, because it is the state's widest and best year-round road. There are over 40 bridges to cross with the longest being a 1050-foot span of the Susitna River at mile 104. The most spectacular, Hurricane Gulch Bridge, at mile 174.3 is only half the length of the Susitna Bridge, but it is a breathtaking 254 feet above the white water of Hurricane Creek.

Mt. McKinley, the nation's tallest peak, lies about half way between [Anchorage](#) and [Fairbanks](#) and can be seen from both areas on a clear day: but there's a much better view from mile 70 at Willow. At mile 104 there is a good view of the three tallest peaks in the Alaska Range: Foraker, Hunter and McKinley, left to right. At mile 132.5 you enter Denali State Park. Denali "The Great One" is the Indian name for North America's tallest peak. Perhaps the most spectacular view from the highway of this 20,320-foot mountain comes at mile 134.5.

The mileage figures in the following highway description correspond to the numbers appearing on the mileposts in place along most of the highway. The description begins in Anchorage and follows the route's 358 miles to Fairbanks.

**Emergency Services** - Dial 911.

**mile 0** Mt. View. Turn north on Bragaw St. This suburban community has a number of businesses which you will be interested in if you're an RV'er: Mt. View Car Wash, Suburban Propane.

**mile 2/km 3.2** Boniface Parkway. Russian Jack Springs city campground is located south of the highway off Boniface Parkway. Not suitable for large units. Turn north for Elmendorf.

**mile 4/km 6.4** Muldoon Road. City bypass route to [Seward-Anchorage](#) Highway and the Anchorage International Airport.

**mile 6.5/km 10.4** Northbound exit to Ft. Richardson and Arctic Valley Road. Arctic Valley Ski Area is 7.5 miles on a steep road not recommended for large RV's.

**mile 7/km 11.3** Southbound exit to Ft. Richardson and Arctic Valley Road.

**mile 12/km 19.3** Hiland Road exit to Eagle River Campground and Picnic Area. Access via short side road. 57 camp sites, with picnic tables, fire pits, water, flush toilets and dump station. Overflow camping area of 10 sites. Fee area. Campground Host.

*Recreation:* Fishing, whitewater rafting. Short hiking trails.

*Special Note:* One-half of the campsites are available by reservation - call (907) 694-7982. Reservations can be made year round and up to one year in advance. However, the campground itself is usually only open from May through September, depending on the weather. This campground is operated by Lifetime Adventures under a commercial permit and is the only campground in the state park system to take reservations.

**mile 13/km 20.9** Bridge over Eagle River.

**mile 13.6/km 21.9** Exit to the twin communities of Chugiak-Eagle River. Since 1930, when the first homestead (300 acres) was hewn out of the wilderness, the area has grown into a sizeable community. A rodeo is staged here each summer, and winter sports activities include sled dog and snowmobile racing.

**mile 15.3/km 24.6** Exit for Old Glenn Highway and Eagle River.

**mile 16.3/km 26.2** Fire Lake.

**mile 17.5/km 28.2** South Birchwood Loop Road. Exit to Chugiak-Eagle River and Fire Lake Fish Hatchery. Visitors welcome.

**mile 20.7/km 33.3** North Birchwood Loop Road exits both sides of highway. East to Chugiak or the Old Glenn Highway south to Eagle River.

**mile 21/km 33.8** Bridge over Peters Creek.

**mile 21.6/km 34.8** South Peters Creek exits both sides of highway, visitor facilities.

**mile 22.6/km 36.4** North Peters Creek exits both sides of highway.

**mile 23.6/km 38** Mirror Lake. Picnic wayside for northbound traffic only. Swimming, boating.

**mile 24.5/km 39.4** Southbound exit for Mirror Lake picnic wayside.

**mile 25.2/km 40.5** Thunderbird Falls exit for northbound traffic only and access to Eklutna Road. Thunderbird Falls is about 1 mile from the highway. The trail to the falls goes through private property down to a picnic area.

**mile 25.6/km 41.2** Eklutna River.

**mile 26/km 42** Overpass with exits on both sides of highway to Eklutna and Thunderbird Falls. Head east on Eklutna Road for 10 miles/16 km to Eklutna Lake Recreation Area in Chugach State Park. The campground has 50 camp sites, picnic shelters, toilets, water, and hiking trails. Fee area. Eklutna Lake is the largest lake in Chugach State Park with good fishing for Dolly Varden and rainbow. Short hike to Eklutna glacier at far end of canyon-watch for falling rock and debris near glacier, this is a dangerous area. Do not climb on the glacier without proper equipment, knowledge, and companions.

**Eklutna Historical Park.** Twenty-six miles from Anchorage, is the historical location of the Dena'ina Athabaskan people. Dating back to 1650, this site has tiny buildings called "Spirit Houses" atop the graves of many generations of deceased. Next door, the Heritage House Museum is filled with photographs and craft displays portraying the native lifestyle and Russian influence. The oldest building in the greater Anchorage area (dated back to 1830) is the St. Nicholas Church, located in this park. Admission fee.

Eklutna Historical Park is open to the public 8am-6pm daily Memorial Day-Labor Day.

There is plenty of free parking and public facilities within the park for visitors. 907 696-2828 or 688-6026.

**mile 29.5/km 47.5** Old Glenn Highway.

**mile 29.9/km 48.1** In the next mile, 3 bridges cross the Knik River.

**mile 30.6/km 49.2** Knik River Access.

**mile 31.4/km 50.5** Bridge over Matanuska River.

**mile 35.3/km 56.8** Glenn-Parks Interchange, Trunk Road exit for Wasilla

**mile 35.5/km 57.1 Mat-Su Visitor Center** Mat-Su Visitor Center operated by Mat-Su CVB, is open from mid-May through mid-September. Its hours of operation are 8:30am to 6:30pm. It is located at Mile 35.5 Parks Highway, take the Trunk Road exit off the Parks Highway. Information on activities, events, lodging services, tours, and more is available at the Center. 907-746-5000  
[www.alaskavisit.com](http://www.alaskavisit.com)

**mile 39.3/km 63.2** Seward Meridian Road Meridian Center Mall and Walmart.

**mile 40.5/km 65.1** Windbreak Hotel and Cafe.

**mile 40.9/km 65.8** Cottonwood Creek Mall.

**mile 41.1/km 66.1** Junction of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

**mile 41.7/km 67.1** Newcomb Wasilla Lake Park, a very nice picnic area on the shores of Wasilla Lake. George Parks Monument.

**mile 42.2/km 67.9** Junction with Knik-Goose Bay Road. [Wasilla](#). Access to Hatcher Pass via Main Street, which becomes Wasilla Fishhook Road.

**mile 47/km 75.6** The Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry was founded as the Air Progress Museum in Anchorage in 1967 as part of the statewide Alaska Purchase Centennial. After a disastrous fire in 1973, the museum languished for a number of years before it was reborn under its present name.

The museum contains a variety of vehicles, tools, and equipment used by the early pioneers of Alaska, as well as more recent airplanes, railroad cars, boats, automobiles, fire trucks, military weapons, trucks, farm equipment, and other materials.

Museum of Alaska is open May 1st The museum is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm through September 30.

**mile 52.2/km 83.7** Meadowood Shopping Mall west of highway.

**mile 52.2/km 84** Junction with Big Lake Road leads to Big Lake Recreation area, one of the major recreational areas for Southcentral Alaska, and is easily accessible by highway. Turn West at mile 52 on the Parks Highway, and drive 3.6 miles to Fishers Y. Keep to the left and you will come to East Lake Mall. Groceries, pizza, liquor store. From Fishers Y, paved and unpaved roads lead to Big Lake, Beaver Lake, Rocky Lake, Horseshoe Lake, and numerous campgrounds. The lakes are connected by dredged waterways. Fishing is good for rainbow, lake trout, Dolly Varden, burbot, and landlocked salmon. If you're piloting your own plane, Big Lake has a good airstrip and is only a short flight from Anchorage. Most area resorts provide land and/or water taxi service. Motor and sailboats are for hire at the recreational marinas and resorts. Guide services are also available.

**mile 57/km 91.7** Bridge over Little Susitna River, parking. Fair rainbow fishing and good for king, red, humpie, and silver salmon in season. June through September. There is a good boat launch available to the public.

**mile 57.3/km 92.2** Houston Public Campground. Maintained by community of Houston on Little Susitna River, water, toilets.

**mile 57.35/km 92.2 Houston** has all visitor facilities, groceries, restaurant, post office, campground, and lodging by the Little Susitna excellent fishing and riverboat services available. Little Susitna River Campground. Fee area.

The river is famous for its world-class sport fishing. Little Susitna Public Use Facility offers camping and boating access approximately 26 miles south of Wasilla Alaska. The area is heavily forested with spruce and birch. The game refuge is home to an abundance of wildlife including brown bear, black bear, moose and a variety of waterfowl. The refuge is also known for its large variety of migratory shore birds. Fishing for Chinook and Coho salmon, trout and char. A general store food, showers, storage, and gasoline is located within five miles of the campground. This is not an Alaska State Park unit, but is managed as one.

**mile 66.5/km 107** Nancy Lake State Recreation Site. 30 camp sites is on the northeast shore of Nancy Lake, a popular fishing and boating area near Willow (67 miles from Anchorage, 30 miles north of Wasilla). A picnic area and a boat launch are also on the site. Electric hookups, phone. Fee area.

The 700-acre lake has fair fishing for rainbow and Dolly Varden, with occasional catches of silver salmon, whitefish, and burbot.

**mile 67.2/km 108.1** Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. This 22,000-acre area contains miles of scenic roadway ending at the South Rolly Lake Campground, 106 camp sites, picnic shelters, water, toilets, hiking trails, fishing, canoeing, canoe rental. Fee area. A well-developed canoe trail system provides access to many lakes inaccessible by road. The Red Shirt Lake Trail leads from campground to Red Shirt Lake Overlook-3 1/2 miles round trip hike-with a panoramic view of the lake country. In winter, the area is popular for snowmobiling.

**mile 69/km 111** Willow, population 500

**mile 69.5/km 111.8** Willow Post Office.

**mile 70.3/km 113.1** Willow Airport.

**mile 70.8/km 114** Willow Creek State Recreation Area has a 100 camp sites,64 with electrical hookups, water,modern restrooms,, hiking trails. Fee area. Fishing access to Willow Creek and its confluence with the Susitna River. There is excellent salmon fishing in the Willow area .

**mile 71.2/km 114.6** Junction. Hatcher Pass Road 49.5 miles. For a beautiful drive on some of the highest, most spectacular, and wildest roadway in the state, take a detour up Palmer-Fishhook Road (Hatcher Pass Road). After about 13 miles of modern pavement, you'll negotiate some rough conditions up and over the mountains-peaking at Hatcher Pass (3,886 feet). This old mining area is scenic, rich in history, and offers great hiking and berry picking. Hatcher Pass Road is 49 miles total and continues east to the Parks Highway (mile 71.2), near Willow

**mile 71.5/km 115.1** Lower Willow Creek. Rainbow, silver salmon. Only creek in area that is navigable to the Big Susitna River.

**mile 74.7/km 120.2** Little Willow Creek. There is fair summer-fall fishing for trout & salmon in season. Parking.

**mile 76.4/km 123** Kashwitna Lake; large parking area.

**mile 81.2/km 130.7** Large gravel parking area on both sides of highway at Grey's Creek.

**mile 83.2/km 130.9** Kashwitna River and bridge, there are large parking areas at both ends of the bridge.

**mile 84/km 135.2** Large parking area. Public access road to Caswell Creek.

**mile 85/km 136.8** Caswell Creek.

**mile 88.1/km 142.1 Giggleswood Lakeside Inn** Beautiful guest rooms, private unit with kitchen and bath. Outdoor wood sauna & TV/VCR. Great breakfast. A lake side cabin in the deep woods, lots of birds and wildlife. Nature hikes and mountain biking. Turn at mile 88.1 Parks Highway on Hidden Hills Access Road 1/2 mile to the fork. Take the fork to the left which is Caswell Lake Road. Continue 4 miles on Caswell Lake Road to Rainbow Ridge Road and turn left. First log home on the left next to Caswell Lake. For more information 907-495-1014 or toll free 1-800-574-2555.  
[www.giggleswood.com](http://www.giggleswood.com)

**mile 88.2/km 142.3** Sheep Creek Lodge.

**mile 88.5/km 142.4** Sheep Creek, large parking area at north end of bridge.

**mile 89/km 143.2** Parking.

**mile 90.5/km 145.6** Mat-Su Valley RV Park.

**mile 93/km 149.7** Parking.

**mile 93.5/km 150.5** Goose Creek, parking.

**mile 96.4/km 155.1** Montana Creek Campgrounds.

**mile 96.5/km 155.3** Montana Creek Lodge.

**mile 98.8/km 159 Talkeetna Junction and Visitor Information Cabin.** Paved road leads 14 miles to [Talkeetna](#). [Sunshine Gas](#) - Tesoro gas and oil products, convenience items.

**mile 102.2/km 164.5** Parking.

**mile 104/km 167.4** Big-Su Lodge.

**mile 104.2/km 167.7** Big Susitna River, State wayside, tables, fires pits and toilets.

**mile 104.5/km 168.2** Rabideaux Creek, day use area. Short trail to creek.

**mile 105.9/km 170.4** Rabideaux Creek.

**mile 114.8/km 184.7** Trapper Creek Inn - Tesoro gas and oil products.

**mile 115/km 185** Community of Trapper Creek. Before the Susitna River was bridged, miners and homesteaders crossed it on winter ice and forged their way up the Petersville mining road.

**mile 115/km 185.9 Trapper Creek Trading Post.** Texaco products, groceries, gift shop, cafe, lodging and liquor store. Camper park with full hook-ups, tent sites, showers and laundry. 907-733-2315.

**mile 121.6/km 195.7** Parking .

**mile 126.5/km 203.6** Parking.

**mile 127/km 204.4** Parking.

**mile 132.2/km 212.7 Denali State Park Southern Boundary.**

The park is undeveloped for the most part. Several nature trails are found in area to the 2,000-ft. butte at the back of Byers Lake. The view from the butte is splendid.

The park is bordered by the Talkeetna Mountains and Alaska Range. The latter protects the area from the

extreme winter cold of the Interior (to the north). The diverse landscape of the park is dominated by Curry and Indian ridges, which form a rugged 30-mile spine for the length of the park. Small terrace and upland lakes are found along the rock ridges. Numerous high points overlook the Alaska Range. The park is a game refuge but you may not see any animals during the summer. Moose retreat to higher elevations as the snow melts, and the bear prefers his natural habitat. Sheep inhabit only the alpine regions and caribou cross the highway only in winter when they migrate.

**mile 132.8/km 213.7** Chilitna River, parking.

**mile 133/km 214-Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge**, Mile 133 Parks Highway, Denali State Park; 907-733-2900. On the southern border of Denali National Park, this lodge features spectacular views of Mt. McKinley and the Alaska Range. The main lodge has fine dining, a lounge, a casual cafe, espresso bar, and a gift shop. Guests enjoy mountain views from the outdoor hot tubs. Private bungalow-style rooms are situated in a peaceful wilderness setting. Each room has a television and telephone. Open mid-May through mid-September. Lodge often runs special summer rates. Call 800-426-0500  
[www.princessalaskalodges.com](http://www.princessalaskalodges.com)

**mile 134.5/km 216.5** Mary's McKinley View Lodge.

**mile 134.7/km 216.7** Denali Viewpoint South, large parking area with excellent view of Mt. McKinley. Telescopes, toilets, water pump, trail. Day-use only.

**mile 137.2/km 220.8** Lower Troublesome Creek and trailhead, 20 campsites, picnic sites, water, picnic shelters, toilets. Trails and fair trout and salmon fishing, some grayling. Fee area.

**mile 137.6/km 221.4** Upper Troublesome Creek Trailhead; parking, water, toilets.

**mile 143.8/km 231.4** Byers Creek.

**mile 145.7/km 234.5** Parking.

**mile 147/km 236.6** Denali State Park at Byers Lake. 74 camp sites, picnic sites, water, toilets, trails, fishing and boat launch. Cascade Ridge Trail leads up Curry Ridge from campground. Lake is not open to motorized boats. Berries in the area are abundant. Fee. area. **There are a lot of bears in this area so be careful.**

**mile 147.1/km 236.7** [Alaska Veterans Memorial](#) and rest area. Tables, toilets, water and picnic shelters, trails and historical features.

**mile 156.5/km 251.8** Ermine Hill Trailhead, parking.

**mile 157.7/km 253.8** Parking.

**mile 159.4/km 256.5** Parking.

**mile 159.9/km 257.3** Horseshoe Creek, small parking area by creek.

**mile 161/km 259** Parking.

**mile 162.3/km 261.2** Denali viewpoint.

**mile 162.7/km 261.8** Denali View North campground, 20 camp sites, picnic sites, water, fire pits, toilets. Hiking trail, interpretive signs, viewing telescope. Fee area. Handicap accessible.

**mile 163.2/km 262.6** Little Coal Creek, parking at south end of bridge.

**mile 163.9/km 263.8** Little Coal Creek trailhead and parking. Toilets and hiking trail.

**mile 165.6/km 266.5** Parking on both sides of highway by small stream.

**mile 168.5/km 271.7** Denali State Park Northern Boundary.

**mile 170/km 273.5** Scenic viewpoint, parking.

**mile 173/km 278.4** Parking, viewpoint.

**mile 174/km 280** Hurricane Gulch. \$1.2 million 550-foot bridge 260 feet above Hurricane Creek. Parking at both ends of bridge. Highway opening ceremonies held here October 14, 1971.

**mile 176/km 283.2** Parking.

**mile 176.6/km 284.2** Parking.

**mile 177.9/km 286.3** Small parking area.

**mile 178.1/km 286.6** Honolulu Creek, parking on both sides of the creek.

**mile 179.5/km 288.9** Parking beside lake.

**mile 180/km 289.6** Parking beside lake.

**mile 183.1/km 294.7** Large parking area.

**mile 184.5/km 297** Parking.

**mile 185.1/km 297.9** East Fork of the Chulitna River parking at south end of bridge.

**mile 185.8/km 299** State Wayside. Picnic tables, shelter, water, firewood, fire pits, toilets.

**mile 187.5/km 301.7** Parking.

**mile 188.5/km 303.3** Igloo City, no services.

**mile 191.2/km 307.7** Large parking area.

**mile 194/km 312** Broad Pass 2,300 ft. lowest pass on Continental Divide.

**mile 194.5/km 313** Middle Fork Chulitna River. Parking at south end of bridge.

**mile 195.9/km 315.3** Good views of Mt. McKinley and Broad Pass, parking.

**mile 201/km 323.5** Large parking area.

**mile 203.6/km 327.7** Large parking area.

**mile 208/km 334.7** Pass Creek, parking.

**mile 209.2/km 336.7** Large parking area.

**mile 209.5/km 337** Jack River.

**mile 209.9/km 337.88 Junction.** The [Denali Highway](#) heads east for 133 miles to Paxson, mile 185.5 on the [Richardson Highway](#). The Denali Highway is a true wilderness highway and it is usually rough and dusty.

**Denali Wilderness Safaris** presents Jet Boat Excitement 2007. Travel through 20 miles of the Nenana River Valley, including several stretches of mild class two and three rapids bordering the National Park. Visit a 1909 miners' cabin that is still in use, check out a Beaver dam and an old fashioned Bear trap. Then continue up river in search of wildlife, fun and excitement in the comfort, warmth and safety of our enclosed Jet Boats with the occasional 360 degree boat spin to add to your fun. 907-768-2550  
[www.denaliparkadventures.com](http://www.denaliparkadventures.com)

**mile 210.5/km 338.8** Chevron, gas and oil products.

**mile 211.5/km 340.4** Parking.

**mile 213.8/km 344** Parking.

**mile 215.5/km 346.8** 1/4 mile road leads to parking by Nenana River. Easy turn around for larger vehicles.

**mile 215.9/km 347.4** Nenana River.

**mile 216.5/km 348.4** Parking.

**mile 218.5/km 351.6** Parking.

**mile 219.9/km 353.9** Parking at south end of bridge.

**mile 220.5/km 354.9** Large parking area.

**mile 222.2/km 357.6** Parking.

**mile 224/km 360.5** Carlo Creek.

**mile 229/km 368.5 Denali Cabins** 907-683-2643 or toll free 1-888-818-1992. The cosy fully furnished cabins are an excellent place to stay while enjoying Denali Park. After a busy day rafting or just watching the wildlife, relax in the hot tub.

**mile 229.7/km 369.7** Parking.

**mile 231/km 371.7 Denali Grizzly Bear** Cabins and Campgrounds. 907-583-2696.

**mile 231/km 371.8 Denali River Cabins** 907-683-2500; 1-800-230-7275. Beautiful log cabins on the banks of the Nenana River. Standard or deluxe cabins available. Restaurant & bar.

**mile 231.3/km 372.2** Nenana River. Denali National Park Boundary.

**mile 234.1/km 376.7** Parking area, scenic view.

**mile 237.2/km 381.7** Riley Creek.

**mile 237.3/km 381.9** Denali National Park and Preserve Entrance.

**mile 238/km 383** Nenana River Bridge The 5 miles of road through Nenana Canyon cost approximately \$8 million.

**mile 238.2/km 383.2** Kingfisher Creek.

**mile 240.1/km 386.4** Iceworm Gulch.

**mile 240.2/km 286.5** Hornet Creek.

**mile 240.4/km 386.9** Parking.

**mile 240.6/km 387** [Denali Outdoor Center](#) Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy. Box 170 Denali Park, AK 99755; 907-683-1925 or 1-888-303-1925. [Rafting](#), [mountain bike tours](#) and [kayaks!](#) Denali's adventure company with 2-hour and 4-hour excursions daily. Whitewater and scenic river trips, guided tours, rentals and instruction for all ages and abilities. Professional, experienced and friendly staff. Discounts for AK residents, military, groups and children. Dry suits for all river runners. Free local shuttles.  
[www.denalioutdoorcenter.com](http://www.denalioutdoorcenter.com)

**mile 241/km 387.8** Parking.

**mile 241.2/km 388.2** Fox Creek, parking.

**mile 242.2/km 389.8** Dragonfly Creek.

**mile 243/km 391** Moody Bridge spans Windy Canyon on the Nenana River. Winds have been clocked as high as 120 mph. It is 174 feet to the canyon floor, parking at south end of bridge.

**mile 243.8/km 392.3** Bridge over Bison Gulch, small parking area at north end of bridge.

**mile 244/km 392.6** Parking.

**mile 244.6/km 393.6** Antler Creek.

**mile 245.1/km 394.4** [Denali RV Park & Motel](#) offers bargain prices on 15 clean rooms—Rooms with two beds from \$89, room with one bed \$84. Family unit with kitchen and four beds \$139 for four people. Satellite TV, Wireless Internet, Gift Shop, Mile 245.1, Eight miles north of park entrance. 907-683-1500, 1-800-478-1501.  
[www.denalirvpark.com](http://www.denalirvpark.com)

**mile 246.9/km 397.3** Parking.

**mile 248.5/km 400** McKinley Campground.

**mile 248.6/km 400.1** Parking.

**mile 248.8/km 400.4** [Healy](#). Healy is at Mile 248 Parks Highway. It is home to the states only commercial coal mine. Founded in 1943, Usibelli Coal Mine has a work force of about 95 employees and operates year-round. Usibelli coal is among the lowest sulfur coal produced in the world. Other environmental benefits include low nitrogen content, high calcium content and excellent performance characteristics in equipment designed to clean flue-gas emission. For over 60 years UCM's success in a harsh climate and remote location can be attributed to innovation in its operations. State-of-the-art equipment and modern methods have maximized efficiency. Currently, an average of 1.3 million tons of coal is produced annually, supplying six Interior Alaska's power plants and also shipping coal to South Korea and Chile through the Port of Seward.

**Totem Inn** is just 11 scenic miles North of the Denali Park entrance. 907-683-6500. Deluxe rooms at reasonable prices. Restaurant is open from 7am to 10 pm daily. The lounge is open from 4pm to midnight. Wi-fi, laundry, coffee in rooms, microwave. Handicap rooms.  
[www.thetoteminn.com](http://www.thetoteminn.com)

**mile 249.5/km 401.5 Keith's Healy Service** Tesoro gas and oil products.

**mile 249.6/km 401.6 Motel Nord Haven**, Mile 249.5 Parks Highway, 907-683-4500 or toll free 1-800-683-4501. A 28-room hotel, with all rooms having private baths, queen beds, TV's and phones. Free Wireless DSL. A nonsmoking establishment, that offers rollaway beds and cribs for no extra charge. Pack lunches available for \$10.  
[www.motelnordhaven.com](http://www.motelnordhaven.com)

**mile 249.8/km 402 Dry Creek.**

**mile 251.3/km 404.4** Small parking area.

**mile 252.5/km 406.3** Panguingue Creek.

**mile 259.4/km 417.5** Parking; Rex Dome is to the northeast, Walker and Jumbo domes to the east. Liberty Bell mining area lies between the peaks and highway.

**mile 264.5/km 425.6** Parking.

**mile 269/km 432.9** Rest Area. Sheltered picnic table, firepits, toilets. Steep road leads to June Creek and lower parking area. There is limited turnaround space for large RV's.

**mile 269.3/km 433.4** Bear Creek, parking.

**mile 271.3/km 436.6** Parking.

**mile 275.8/km 443.8** Rex Bridge.

**mile 276/km 444.2** Tatlanika Gift Shop.

**mile 280/km 450.6** Clear Sky Lodge.

**mile 283.5/km 456.2** Junction to Clear Air Force Station and Anderson.

**mile 285.7/km 459.8** Julius Creek.

**mile 286.8/km 461.5** Parking.

**mile 296.7/km 477.5** Fish Creek.

**mile 304/km 489.2** Tripod Gift Shop.

**mile 304.6/km 490** Nenana Tesoro.

**mile 304.6/km 489.2** [Nenana Alaska](#) Pop. 425.

**mile 305/km 490.8** Alaska Veterans' Honor Bridge over the Tanana River, large paved parking at the north end of bridge.

**mile 304.6/km 490.3** Parking.

**mile 305.5/km 491.6** Parking.

**mile 314.6/km 506.3** Parking.

**mile 314.7/km 506.5** Little Goldstream Creek.

**mile 318.8/km 513** Parking with view of Mt. McKinley on clear day.

**mile 321/km 516.6** Tanana River is visible to the east.

**mile 324.4/km 522** Short loop road on right northbound with scenic view to south.

**mile 331.7/km 533.8** Short loop road on right northbound.

**mile 335.6/km 540** Short loop road on left northbound.

**mile 339/km 545.5** From here to mile 345, Murphy Dome, elevation 2,930 feet, is visible. On the summit are white communications installations.

**mile 341/km 548.8** Loop Road to scenic viewpoint on left northbound.

**mile 344.2/km 553.9** Large paved parking area. Monument in honor of George Alexander Parks, former governor of Alaska. Also here is a Blue Star Memorial plaque honoring the armed forces. The Tanana River can be seen below in the valley.

**mile 351.2/km 565** Turn-off for Ester (population approximately 200), a former gold mining camp. Drive .4 miles, turn right on road marked Ester, and drive .2 miles to an intersection. Turn left for Ester post office and Ester Gold Camp (hotel with dining and old-time saloon), turn right for residential area. The Malemute Saloon at Ester has been one of Fairbanks' leading visitor attractions for the last 28 years. See article in [Things to Do](#) section in [Fairbanks](#). Recreational vehicle parking is available.

**mile 353.5/km 568.9** Gold Hill Tesoro

**mile 355.8/km 572.6** Sheep Creek Road. Road to Murphy Dome (this is a restricted military site).

**mile 356.8/km 574.2** Turn-off to the University of Alaska, Geist Road where there is a post office, Chena Ridge Loop and Chena Pump Road, where the old Chena Pump House National Historical Site is located. The Chena Pumphouse is one of Fairbanks' finest restaurants.

**mile 357.7/km 575.6** Bridge over Chena River.

**mile 357.8/km 575.8** Exit to Fairbanks International Airport.

**mile 358/km 576** [Fairbanks](#). Parks Highway crosses Airport Way and becomes Mitchell Expressway. Follow Airport Way for downtown Fairbanks and visitor facilities or continue straight ahead for the [Richardson Highway](#) with access to the [Alaska Highway](#).

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