

Klondike Highway Road Log

This 717 km/445 mile road, which is mostly paved, connects Skagway Alaska and Dawson City Yukon, heart of the Klondike. Beginning at Skagway, the road climbs for 14 miles/22.5 km to the 3,292 foot/1003 m summit near the Alaska/Canada border. Between Skagway and the border the road roughly parallels the old White Pass Trail, an alternate to the Chilkoot Trail which ultimately proved more popular as it was the shorter of the two climbs. The only population center along the 114 miles/183 km of connecting routes between Skagway and Whitehorse is the small community of Carcross. At present, there are no services between Skagway and Carcross.

The mileage markers along the way indicate the distance from Skagway.

Klondike Highwy Map (PDF)

Emergency Services

Skagway Fire Department-911
Carcross 867- 821-5555 (RCMP) or 867- 821-4444 Medical Emergency
Whitehorse Ambulance-911
Carmacks Medical Emergency 867- 863-4444, 867-863-5555 (RCMP)
Mayo Medical Emergency 867-996-4444
996-5555 (RCMP)
Dawson City Medical Emergency 867- 993-4444; 867-993-5555 (RCMP)

Updates on Road Conditions and Construction: http://511.alaska.gov

mile 0-Skagway Alaska .

Pay attention to the speed limit signs as the police are very serious about the speed limits in Skagway. The reduced speed zone extends to the White Pass Summit mile 14.3/km 23.

mile 1.4/km 2.3 Turn-off. On right (for northbound). Follows railroad track .6 mile/1 km to Gold Rush Cemetery where Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith and Frank Reid are buried. Hiking trail leads from the cemetery to Reid's Falls.

mile 1.6/km 2.6 Skagway River. Highway curves west past the White Pass and Yukon Route yard's and crosses Skagway River.

mile 2.3/km 3.7 Dyea turn-off 7.7 mile/12.4 km road to Dyea, Skagway's neighboring town in goldrush days. Remains of a wharf, foundations of some buildings, and Slide Cemetery can be found here. Dyea road is narrow, high above the water in places and has no guard rail. Be extremely cautious.

mile 5/km 8 Parking area. View of White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad on east side of canyon and the old Brackett Wagon Road on valley floor beside the Skagway River.

mile 5.5/km 8.9 Parking area with Historical Exhibit. Porcupine Creek was an ideal campsite for stampeders on Trail of '98.

mile 6.1/km 9.8 Parking.

mile 6.9/km 11 US Customs Station. Open 24 hours in the summer months. All travelers entering the US must stop.



There are several parking areas along the highway with views of Pitchfork Falls and White Pass Yukon Route Railroad.

mile 9.1/km 14.6 Parking, Historical information sign about the Klondike Gold Rush Trail. Good view of White Pass & Yukon Route and the canyon leading to Esk Glacier.

mile 10/km 16 Parking area at waterfall.

mile 11.1/km 17.9 Captain William Moore Bridge spans 110-foot/33.5 m gorge.

mile 11.8/km 19 Parking with view of Captain William Moore Bridge, hanging glacier, Sawtooth Mountains, and Skagway River gorge.

mile 13/km 20.9 Parking.

mile 14.3/km 23 White Pass Summit, parking. Highest point on the highway 3,292 ft/1003 m. The speed limit is 40mph/60 kmph from hereto Skagway, the police often have radar here. Mileage markers along the highway in Canada are in Kilometres.

km 24/mile 15 US/Canada boundary, parking. Highway begins descent into BC lake country. Time zone change. If you are traveling to the Yukon, it is one hour later. (PST in the Yukon)

km 25/mile 15.5 Rest are with view. Summit Lake and White Pass and Yukon Route RR station.

km 29/mile 18 Summit Creek, parking.

km 35/mile 21.7 Parking.

km 36.5/mile 22.6 Canadian Customs Station at Fraser. Open 24 hours. All vehicles must stop for inspection. View of Fraser Lake.

km 36.8/mile 22.8 Fraser, rest area with information sign.

km 38.5/mile 24 Parking.

km 43/mile 26.7 Parking with view of Tormented Valley.

km 44/mile 27.3 Highway crosses rails of White Pass and Yukon Railway at **Log Cabin**. This is the exit point for the Chilkoot Trail so there are always hikers in this area.

km 46/mile 28.6 Parking.

km 49.8/mile 31 Tutshi River.

km 57/mile 35 to km 70/mile 43 provides a view of Tutshi (too-shy) Lake. The highway parallels the lake for several miles and there are numerous parking areas along the road.

km 58/mile 36 Parking.

km 62.1/mile 38.6 Parking.



km 64.3/mile 40 Side Road on right (for northbound) leads to boat launch and undeveloped picnic area on Tutshi Lake (not recommended for large vehicles).

km 70/mile 43.5 Parking with view of Tutshi Lake.

km 74.4/mile 46.2 Venus Mines concentrator closed in 1981.

km 77/mile 47.8 Parking, view eastward of Windy Arm, an extension of Tagish Lake.

km 79.8/mile 49.6 Dall Creek.

km 80.3/mile 49.9 BC/Yukon Border. Rest area with view of Windy Arm.

km 83.4/mile 51.8 Parking. Remains of an Historic Mill from old Venus Mine. Mill operated for 6 months in 1910 before mine shut down.

km 84.5/mile 52.5 Pooly Creek.

km 85/mile 52.8 Parking.

km 86.7/mile 53.9 Venus Mine. Ore storage bin and foundation of old mill.

km 95/mile 59 Rest area with historical sign and view of Bove Island, toilets.

km 98.1/mile 61 Parking.

km 104/mile 64.6 Nares Lake.

km 105.2/mile 66 Nares River Bridge. Spans narrows between Bennett Lake and Tagish Lake. On left (for northbound), you can see railroad bridge for White Pass & Yukon Route.

km 105.6/mile 65.6 Carcross, pop. 430.

Services: Airstrip, Caribou Hotel, gas, store, police, post office.

Matthew Watson General Store The oldest operating store in the Yukon is loaded with both artifacts and a huge range of gifts, clothing, souvenirs - and an ice cream parlour.

km 106.2/mile 66 Carcross Yukon government campground, 12 camp sites, water, tables. Fee area.

km 106.4/mile 66.1 Junction with Yukon Highway #8 which leads to Tagish, Atlin Road and Alaska Highway at Jake's Corner. Visitor facilities.

km 107.7/mile 66.9 Point of interest sign on the Carcross Desert, parking. Most Canadians have never heard of Carcross Desert. The Yukon is home to the smallest desert in the world, less than 260 hectares. This desert is the remains of the sandy bottom of a glacial lake left after our last ice age. The dry climate and the strong wind conditions is what created the sand dunes and what allows little vegetation to grow.



km 108.6/mile 67.5 Caribou Crossing Trading Post and Wildlife Gallery, offers several activities under one roof: wildlife museum with the world's largest polar bear and life-size woolly mammoth, drop-in scenic dog cart rides with Iditarod teams, and cozy café with sandwiches, soups, and local coffees. Affordable admission rates (\$7.75) gets you admission to the museum, a visit with their adorable husky puppies, and also a stroll through the petting farm. Mention 'Bell's Guides' for 50% discount off admission. Open 9 to 5 daily. 867-821-4055

www.cariboucrossing.ca

km 115.5/mile 71.8 Spirit Lake Lodge, visitor facilities.

km 116.9/mile 72.6 Spirit Lake.

km 117.5/mile 73 View Point at Emerald Lake with Point of Interest sign. One of the most beautiful lakes in the Yukon.

km 128.6mile 80 Side road leads to Lewes Lake 2 km/1.2 miles. Fishing for grayling & Lake Trout.

km 136.7/mile 84.9 Rat Lake.

km 142.4/mile 88.5 Robinson Roadhouse Historical Site, Rest area with view of Robinson, once a stop on the White Pass and Yukon Route. The town was named for Stikine Bill Robinson, an early day adventurer.

km 148.1/mile 92 Cowley Lake Road leads to an abandoned White Pass & Yukon Railroad Station. Access via 2.6 km/1.6 miles side road.

km 152.3/mile 94.6 Kookatsoon Lake recreation use. Day use.

km 157.8/mile 98 Junction with Alaska Highway#1 South (km 1404.4). This is not the end of Klondike Highway 2. It joins the <u>Alaska Highway</u> for the next 34 km/21 miles where the Klondike Highway continues on to <u>Dawson City Yukon</u>.

km 161.4/mile 100.3 Wolf Creek Public Campground. Well water, toilets, tables, kitchen shelter, playground, hiking trails and fishing. Fee area.

km 169/mile 105 Pioneer RV Park mile 911/km 1465 Alaska Highway; 867-668-5944 or 1-866-626-7383 for reservations. 5 minutes to downtown Whitehorse. Full service RV Park. Full and partial hookups, showers, laundromat. Convenience store. Modem access. Tickets & reservations for attractions & Tours.

km 170/mile 105.6 Side Road. One-half mile to Miles Canyon and suspension footbridge. Past the footbridge the road follows the shoreline of Schwatka Lake until, just past the hydro dam, it joins the main, south access route into Whitehorse.

km 171/mile 106.3 Philmar RV Service km 1468 Alaska Highway. Complete RV repair. They have a large parts department and specialize in coach repairs, fabrication and welding on any size rig. 867-668-6129

km 172.5/mile 107.2 Rest stop.



km 172.9/mile 107.4 Hi Country RV Park 91374 Alaska Highway, Whitehorse. Great location, close to airport and downtown. 130 scenic treed sites, full hookups, 30 amp service, cable TV, Wi-fi, Laundromat, clean showers. Coin-op RV Wash and dump station. Tickets available for local attractions. Store and gift shop. 867-667-7445 or toll free 1-877-458-3806

www.hicountryrvyukon.com

km 172.9/mile 107.4 Robert Service Way south access route to Whitehorse.

km 176.5/mile 109.7 Airport Chalet 91634 Alaska Highway. Easy access hotel rooms, deluxe motel unit (including coffee maker and refrigerator), kitchenette or large family room. All rooms are spacious, clean and comfortable, 60 channel cable TV, Laundromat. Wi-fi in lobby. Open year-round. Pets welcome! ATM 867-668-2166, 1-866-668-2166

www.airportchalet.com

km 176.5/mile 109.7 Whitehorse Airport.

km 179/mile 111.2 Junction. Two Mile Hill leads to Whitehorse city center.

km 180.5/mile 112.2 Kopper King located on the Alaska Highway just north of Whitehorse. FasGas Plus gas & diesel products. Convenience store, Liquor off sales, Free dump station, and water with fill-up.

km 181.5/mile 112.8 Jackson Lake Public Campground. 24 km/15-mile road to campground. Grayling, Lake Trout.

km 190/mile 118 Rest Stop.

km 192/mile 119 Junction of Klondike Highway 2 and Alaska Highway #1,(Km 1437) It is 526 km/327 miles to Dawson City. If you are heading towards Fairbanks on the Alaska Highway continue straight ahead 960 km/597 miles (see index for the Alaska Highway description). If you go to Fairbanks via Dawson City it is 1160 km/721 miles. It is only 200 km/124 miles further to go via Dawson City so you should include this as one leg of your trip.

km 195.5/mile 121.5 Takhini River Bridge.

km 197.8/mile 123 Takhini Hot Springs reached by side road from km 6/mile 3.7 on the Klondike Highway, Campground with pull through sites, fire pits, dump station. In addition, there is swimming, suit and towel rental, trail rides and an excellent restaurant. 867-633-2706 .www.takhinihotsprings.yk.ca

km 208.7/mile 129.7 Shallow Bay Road.

km 212.1/mile 131.8 Horse Creek.

km 224/mile 139.2 Deep Creek.



km 224.6/mile 139.5 Lake Laberge (pronounced Labarge) Yukon government campground 3 km/1.9 mile, 22 camp sites, well water, tables, firepits, toilets, boat launch. Fee area. 30 mile-long lake that becomes rough quickly on a windy day. Lake Trout, grayling and pike in the lake.

km 228.3/mile 141.9 Fox Creek. Fishing for grayling.

km 239/mile 148.5 Scenic view of Fox Lake, boat launch.

km 247.7/mile 153.9 Fox Lake Yukon government campground, 33 camp sites, picnic area, water, firepits, fire wood, playground, boat launch swimming. \$8 fee. Fishing for Lake Trout, burbot and grayling.

km 262.2/mile 162.9 Parking beside Fox Lake.

km 272/mile 169 Rest Area.

km 280/mile 174 (HM 55) Braeburn Lodge, world famous cinnamon buns, home baking fresh daily. Gas, camping, fishing and canoe rental. Cinnamon bun airstrip. Open year round. On the Trans-Canada Trail system. Handicap accessible.

km 298/mile 185.2 Parking, Conglomerates Point of Interest.

km 308/mile 191.4 Twin Lakes Yukon government campground, 19 camp sites, water, tables, and toilets and boat launch. Fee area. Good fishing for pike, grayling and lake trout.

km 322.4/mile 200.3 Rest area, the remains of Montague House, one of over 50 roadhouses that were found along the stagecoach trail between Dawson City and Whitehorse.

km 354/mile 220 Carmacks, hotel, motel, cafe, grocery store, laundromat, post office, gas and boat rentals, a Yukon government campground. Ambulance, RCMP detachment, airstrip, CBC Radio 990.

km 357/mile221.8 Coal Mine Lake Road, at south end of bridge, 2.3 mile trail leads to Coal Mine Lake.

km 357.1/mile 221.9 Yukon River Bridge.

km 359.1/mile 223.1 Campbell Highway Junction (Yukon Highway 4) which connects Watson Lake and Carmacks. For description see Yukon Highway section.

km 360/mile 223.7 Coal Mine hill parking.

km 380/mile 236.1 Five Finger Rapids Recreation site. Hiking trails, picnic spot, tables, toilets. Information sign.

km 382/mile 237.4 Tatchum Creek.

km 382.3/mile 237.6 Tatchun Lake Campground. Access Road 6.7 km/4.2 miles and 8.7 km/5.4 miles to Tatchun Lake Yukon government campground, water, tables, toilets, firepits and firewood. Fishing for pike.

km 395.2/mile 245.5 Yukon Crossing Rest area.

km 403.4/mile 250.7 McGregor Creek.



km 422.5/mile 262.5 McCabe Creek, parking.

km 422.6/mile 262.6 Midway Lodge.

km 429/mile 266.6 Minto Resort Road.

km 430/mile 267.2 A short road leads to Minto, site of old settlement. In 1898, the Yukon River froze up and many goldseekers, forced to winter here, starved to death. Minto Airstrip.

km 448.8/mile 278.8 Rock Island Lake.

km 450/mile 279 Rest area

km 464.5/mile 288.6 Pelly Crossing (pop. 290). Small Native settlement, one-nurse station, post office, gas station, grocery store, RCMP detachment, phone, Yukon government campground and dump station. An excellent information sign about the Selkirk Indians can be found in the parking lot near the grocery store.

km 463.6/mile 288 Pelly River Bridge. This bridge replaced the ferry crossing in 1958.

km 466.7mile 290 Pelly Airstrip.

km 486.4/mile 302.2 Willow Creek, parking area.

km 507.8/mile 315.5 Parking.

km 521.4/mile 324 Crooked Creek Rest Area. Grayling and Pike fishing.

km 523/mile 325 Ethel Lake Road. Parking, narrow winding road leads 24 km/15 miles to Ethel Lake and Yukon government campground (not recommended for large RV's). 12 camp sites, boat launch, fishing.

km 534.8/mile 332 Stewart Crossing. Junction at north end of bridge. Silver Trails Information Center at south end of bridge. Highway 11 heads northeast to Mayo, Elsa and Keno. The road is paved to Mayo and gravel to Keno. This was one of Canada's richest silver mining areas it is 51 km/32 miles to Mayo and another 61 km/38 miles to Keno. This area was widely prospected in the early 1900's, but it was the strike of Louis Bouvette in 1919, that made the area famous.

km 545.4/mile 339 Dry Creek.

km 551/mile 342 Stewart River view point.

km 558.6/mile 347 Moose Creek Lodge.

km 558.9/mile 347.2 Moose Creek Bridge.

km 559.3/mile 347.5 Moose Creek Yukon government campground, 36 camp sites, water, picnic shelter, hiking trails, playground. Fee area. Good grayling fishing.

km 580.4/mile 360.6 McQuestern River Bridge.

km 580.7/mile 360.8 McQuestern River Lodge.



km 589.3/mile 366 Jackfish Lake.

km 590.7/mile 367 McQuestern Airport.

km 594/mile 369 Clear Creek.

km 614/mile 381.5 Beaver Dam Creek.

km 617.7/mile 384 Willow Creek.

km 627.6/mile 390 Meadow Creek.

km 628/mile 390.2 Rest area.

km 634.5/mile 394 French Creek.

km 639.7/mile 397 Stoneboat Creek.

km 655.2/mile 407 Tintina Trench Look-Out.

km 664.4/mile 412.8 Flat Creek Bridge.

km 668.2/mile 415 Historic sign about the Klondike River and the Dempster Highway.

km 674.7/mile 419 Dempster Highway #5 Junction 742 km/461 miles to Inuvik, an Eskimo village high above the Arctic Circle. The mile-by-mile description of the <u>Dempster Highway</u> can be found in this section. Klondike River Lodge, rooms, cafe, propane, gas, repairs, RV park, dump station.

km 682.7/mile 424 Rest area.

km 684.1/mile 425 Goring Creek.

km 696.7/mile 433 Klondike River Campground, water, picnic shelter, playground, hiking trails. Fee area.

km 697.5/mile 433 Dawson City Airport.

km 700.2/mile 435 Hunker Creek Road.

km 701.8/mile 436 Hunker Creek, point of interest sign.

km 702.7/mile 436.6 Bear Creek Road.

km 709/mile 440 Callison Subdivision.

km 711.6/mile 442 Bonanza Road to Discovery Claim and Historic Dredge No 4 operated by Canadian Heritage Parks Canada. Tours available 9 to 5 daily June through August admission fee.



km 715/mile 444 Bonanza Gold Motel & RV Park. A Good Sam campground located at the south entrance to Dawson City. A full service RV park, 15, 30 & 50 amp, camping, pull thru & back in. Cable TV, Wi-fi. Laundromat, showers and RV/car wash. Toll free 1-888-993-6789 or 867-993-6789

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km 712.2/mile 442.5 Klondike River Bridge.

km 713.4/mile 443 Dome Road.

km 716/mile 445 Dawson City Ferry Landing