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I have lived, worked and played on the Alaska Highway most of my life. My love affair with the north began when my family moved to Muncho Lake in 1959 to run Lakeview Lodge. Since the age of 19, I’ve made my living publishing travel guides about Alaska, the Yukon and Northern BC. I’ve grown to know the people and places that make the North Country unique and consider it a privilege to share my experiences through this Mapbook.

In this guide, each town has a select few advertisers, giving our readers a choice of businesses we can recommend with confidence. Having published travel guides for over 50 years, I’ve found it is better to only showcase reputable, local businesses that offer the most authentic and best experience.

Our Mapbook is filled with easy to read maps of each city, town and highway we cover. Camping, scenic viewpoints and point of interest stops are marked with symbols. Mile by mile road logs of every highway are available online, or you can download them using the scannable QR codes found on each map.

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Grande Cache is a bustling community of 3800, boasting spectacular vistas of the Canadian Rockies. The name “Grande Cache” comes from a Hudson’s Bay fur trader who established a large fur cache in the area in the 19th century. In 1969, coal was the mainstay of the community’s growth and economy, but forestry, oil and gas have also had a significant impact. Tourism activity has grown as visitors discover the immense natural beauty of the area and its easy access to mountain biking, hiking, lakes, rivers, and more.

Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre offers hiking guides, maps and a look back at the rich history of the area with exhibits and displays. 780-827-3300

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The Hart Highway, named after former Premier of British Columbia, John Hart, begins in Prince George and winds its way northeast 395 km to Dawson Creek. The Hart Highway accesses the towns of Mackenzie and Chetwynd. Mackenzie is reached by a 29 km side road and was built in 1965 during the construction of the Peace River Dam. Mackenzie Visitor Information Centre is at the Mackenzie road junction with the Hart Hwy. Chetwynd is at km 304 and is home to a fantastic collection of chainsaw carvings and some very friendly people. The highway continues past Chetwynd for 90 km to Dawson Creek and the beginning of the Alaska Highway. The Hart Highway is usually in good condition and most of the grades are moderate, except the Pine Pass, which is quite steep.

Chetwynd is at the junction of Hwy 29 and the Hart Highway. Hwy 29 accesses the town of Tumbler Ridge, 90 km to the south. 46 km south of the junction with the Hart Highway you will find Gwillim Lake Provincial Park with 50 campsites, water, picnic tables and firepits. There is excellent fishing, a boat launch and day use area.

Highway 29 also continues north from Chetwynd. It stretches 137 km, passing through Hudson’s Hope and connecting with the Alaska Hwy, north of Ft. St. John. Moberly Provincial Park is 25 km northwest of Chetwynd, has 109 campsites, a picnic area, boat launch and sani-dump. There is a 3.5 km access road to reach the park on the shores of beautiful Moberly Lake.

Tumbler Ridge became an “instant town” in 1981 when the Quinette Coal Mine was opened. The mine was closed in 2000 before reopening in 2016. During the mine closure, Tumbler Ridge reinvented itself as destination for outdoor adventure, waterfalls and dinosaur discoveries. One of the area’s more famous attractions is Kinuseo Falls in Monkman Provincial Park. They are 60 km south of Tumbler Ridge, 48 km of which is on a gravel forest service road. The Falls are spectacular, and at 70 metres/230 ft. they are taller than Niagara Falls. There are a number of viewing platforms and trails. Monkman Provincial Park has 20 dry campsites and a day-use area, just 3 km from Kinuseo Falls.

To continue to Dawson Creek from Tumbler Ridge drive 96 km on Highway 52 North. At the Hart Hwy, turn right (east) and drive 13 km to reach Dawson Creek.

The Hudson’s Hope area saw explorers as far back as the late 18th century, but the modern town really developed in the 1960’s during construction of the Peace River Dam, now known as the W.A.C. Bennett Dam. The Dam, only 24 km west of town, is one of the world’s largest “earth filled” Dams, rising 183 metres/600 ft. The new Visitor Centre at the Dam is open from late May to early September and offers tours.

The drive from Hudson’s Hope to the Alaska Highway is 73 km. There are a number of steep climbs and descents along this section, including some 10% grades.
Hudson’s Hope is a unique northern community. Surrounded by lakes and rivers, it offers a wide range of outdoor recreational activities including excellent fishing, canoeing, camping and hiking. You will find numerous parks and trails providing recreation for residents and visitors alike. Take a dip in the outdoor swimming pool or enjoy a picnic at Beattie Park surrounded by unparalleled displays of flowers. Portage Trail, accessed from Beattie Park, is a quiet oasis as you make your way to the Peace River. For those looking for an adventure, be sure to visit the Steam Vents on the banks of Dinosaur Lake.

Hudson’s Hope Visitor Centre is at 9555 Beattie Dr. Open May – Sept. 250-783-9154

Tumbler Ridge is a picturesque community situated at the heart of the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark. Hiking trails lead to fascinating geological formations, alpine vistas, sparkling waterfalls, and dinosaur trackways. In 2000, dinosaur tracks were discovered and that lead to a number of internationally significant prehistoric discoveries that date back 74-135 million years. The Dinosaur Discovery Gallery displays examples of these rare finds, including a dinosaur skull discovered in 2017. Tumbler Ridge is the perfect place to discover the heart and soul of this wild and adventurous region.

Tumbler Ridge Visitor Center located at 265 Southgate St. 250-242-3123
The Chetwynd Visitor Centre is at 5400 North Access Road. It’s on your left as you enter Chetwynd heading North. Open daily from 9am-7pm during the summer and 8am-4:30pm October through April. 250-788-1943

The four seasons combined with forests, hills, mountains and lakes make Chetwynd a playground for any outdoor enthusiast. Chainsaw Carving Tours join the counselors at the Visitor Centre for a walking tour of the carvings and the town. Learn about the history of this collection of interesting artwork, and get a local perspective from the staff. The International Chainsaw Carving Championship takes place annually in June.

Little Prairie Heritage Museum was originally a general store and post office in the downtown area. It has been refurbished and renovated and is open during the summer. It provides a good sense of the history and culture of Chetwynd. Just south of downtown at 5633 Westgate Rd.
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Chetwynd Visitor Centre
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The Alaska Highway was the engineering marvel of World War II and was once described as the largest and most difficult construction project since the Panama Canal. It began as a true wilderness trail with gravel roads, steep grades, muskeg and log bridges to navigate. The difficult and exhausting work inspired one poet to write, ‘The Alaska Highway, winding in and winding out, fills my mind with serious doubt, as to whether ‘the lout’ who built this route, was going to hell or coming out!’

The building of the highway took unprecedented cooperation between the Canadian and United States governments to make construction possible.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt lobbied Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King for a highway connecting Canada and Alaska. It could be used to shore up military defenses on the west coast in case of a Japanese attack. It wasn’t until the attack on Pearl Harbor that both nations agreed on the importance of such a road and quickly put the wheels in motion.

The United States Army approved a plan for the construction of the Alaska Highway on February 6, 1942 and received authorization from the U.S. Congress and President Roosevelt only five days later. Canada agreed to the construction if the United States would bear the full cost and that the road and all facilities in Canada were to be turned over to Canadian authority at the end of the war. Less than a month later, on March 8, 1942 construction began.

More than 11,000 soldiers and engineers, 16,000 civilians and 7000 pieces of equipment were called upon to build this 1500 mile road through the vast wilderness of northern Canada and Alaska.
In less than nine months these hardy men managed to connect Dawson Creek, BC and Delta Junction, AK. On November 20, 1942, the official ribbon cutting took place at “Soldiers Summit” at mile 1061.

The final tally for the Alaska Highway was approximately $140 million U.S. dollars, making it the most expensive construction project of World War II.

77 years later, the Alaska or Alcan Highway, as it became known, now bears little resemblance to the original trail, save for the same spectacular scenery. It is a good year-round highway that sees thousands of visitors drive its length safely and comfortably each year.

In 1947 the highway was marked with mileposts and many of the towns and lodges along the way became known by their milepost number. Even today, many lodges use Historical Mileposts (HM) to refer to their location on the highway.

The Canadian portion of The Alcan Highway is now marked with kilometer posts and due to highway reconstruction and re-routing over the years, the road is now 64 km (40 miles) shorter than the original Highway. Alaska, however, has not changed the original mileposts, so there is a mileage discrepancy of 40 miles when you cross the border.

Bucket List
- Take a photo at the Mile 0 Post
- Visit The Alaska Highway House
- Soak in Liard Hot Springs
- Experience Teslin Tlingit Culture
- Camp at Kluane Lake
- Fish in a roadside stream
- Spot wildlife on your journey

Alaska Highway Maps
- Dawson Creek to Mile 278
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- Fort Nelson to Watson Lake
- Watson Lake to Teslin
- Teslin to Haines Junction
- Haines Jct. to Alaska Border
- Alaska Border to Delta Jct.

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Dawson Creek is “Mile 0” of the Alaska Highway and with a population of about 11,000 people and a trading area of 60,000, it is the service centre for the Peace River District. The community was one of many farming communities established by European-Canadian settlers moving into the Peace River Country. The Canadian government began issuing homestead grants to settlers in 1912 and the pace of migration increased. With the opening of a few stores and hotels in 1919 and the incorporation of the Dawson Creek Cooperative Union on May 28, 1921, it became the dominant business centre in the area.

The Northern Alberta Railway built its western terminus in Dawson Creek and the golden spike was driven on December 29, 1930. The first passenger train arrived on January 15, 1931. The arrival of the railway and the construction of grain elevators attracted more settlers and the need to provide services led Dawson Creek to incorporate as a village in May 1936. A small wave of refugees from the Sudetenland (Northern Czechoslovakia) settled in the area in 1939. Be sure and visit the Walter Wright Pioneer Village at Mile 0 Park to learn more about these hard working Immigrants.

Northern Alberta Railway Park in the heart of Dawson Creek hosts the Visitor Centre, the Train Station Museum, the iconic Grain Elevator Art Gallery, the Mile 0 Cairn, 2 gift shops, public washrooms, free Wi-fi, and plenty of large vehicle parking. The Visitor Centre provides local information as well as info on the Yukon, Alaska, Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Pick up a Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour brochure at the Visitor Center. A Free Alaska Highway Gas Station & Campground Guide and Dawson Creek City Service Guide is also available. Open year-round. 900 Alaska Avenue. 250-782-9595 or 866-645-3022

Super 8 Motel is close to downtown and offers a free breakfast & Wi-fi. Pet friendly and RV parking available. 1440 Alaska Ave. 250-782-8899
Brown’s Socialhouse has an elevated take on burgers, pizza and traditional pub fare. 1100 Alaska Ave. 250-782-2400

Joe’s Pizza Stone makes Dawson Creek’s best pizza. They use delicious high quality ingredients. Pickup or have it delivered. 11612 8th St. 250-782-8400

Health Food Centre is your one stop shop for natural foods, trail mixes, vitamins, Aromatherapy, Homeopathy, natural beauty products & a great selection of gluten-free foods. This is the perfect place to stock up on all your healthy food needs for the trip north. #103 - 833 - 102nd Avenue. 250-782-4656

Dawson Creek Mall is the go to shopping destination with services and amenities for the entire family. Featuring everything from fashion and electronics to cosmetics and gifts. 11000 - 8th Street.

Mile 0 Park home to Mile 0 Campground, Walter Wright Pioneer Village and Rotary Lake. Beautiful treed sites with large pull throughs. 15, 30 & 50 amp hookups. Amenities include laundry, free Wi-fi, showers and sani-dump.

Take a self-guided tour of the Pioneer Village heritage site to explore the lives of early pioneers or take a break and relax at the man-made Rotary Lake and Splash Park. 1901 Alaska Ave. (Mile 1.5 of the Alaska Highway). 250-782-2590

Brass Scissors Hair Designs A full service salon with experienced stylists and estheticians. Tanning and complete barbering plus a wide selection of products, including Merle Norman. Brass Scissors has been serving the Peace Region for over 25 years. Walk-ins welcome. 10217 10th Street. 250-782-1606
**Alaska Highway House** Browse the historic exhibits and interactive displays dedicated to telling the Alaska Highway story. Features include fascinating WWII propaganda, vintage photos, video footage, war artifacts, a completely restored, Willys Jeep and the PBS documentary: *Building the Alaska Highway*. There is also a model replica of the Kiskatinaw Bridge, the longest curved wooden bridge in North America. Use the coupon on page 23 to receive 2 for 1 admission. 10201-10th Street by the Mile 0 Post. Open year-round. The Mile 0 Cairn is where the U.S. Army surveyors designated the beginning of the Alaska Highway. Don’t miss the opportunity to take a picture of the Mile 0 Post. This renowned landmark celebrates the Alaska Highway and is one of the most photographed subjects in the North.

**Dawson Creek Art Gallery** is in a renovated 1930 grain elevator and should not to be missed. 816 Alaska Ave. 250-782-2601

**The Farmers Market** Local farmers offer a variety of locally grown produce, baked goods, homemade jewelry, soaps and crafts. Saturdays during the summer, check with the Visitor’s Centre for its current location.

**Walter Wright Pioneer Village** This historic village shows Dawson Creek as it was before the Alaska Highway construction period. Pick up a Walking Tour brochure which guides you through this collection of original and replica buildings.

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**ALASKA HIGHWAY**

The first 75 km of the Alaska Highway between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John winds through the lush farm lands of the Peace River District and the town of Taylor (Map pg. 18).

An interesting loop road at km 26 follows the old Alaska Highway to the Kiskatinaw Provincial Park and the historic curved wooden trestle bridge. This is the only timber bridge, built during the construction of the Alaska Highway, that is still in use today. This bridge curves nine degrees over its 534 foot length and was the first of its kind built in Canada. Because of the limited weight capacity of the wooden trestles, a new bridge needed to be built in 1978 which rerouted the Alaska Highway around this 10 km section of highway. The Provincial Park at the Kiskatinaw River has 28 campsites, water, toilets, firepits, fishing, swimming and a playground on the banks of the river. You will rejoin the Alaska Highway at km 34.
Taylor, at km 56 of the Alaska Highway, overlooks the Peace River and surrounding valley. In 1896, Donald “Herbie” Taylor moved west from Manitoba. First homesteading at Peace River Crossing, Alberta before moving to Hudson’s Hope in 1905 to become the Factor for the Hudson’s Bay Co. In 1912 he moved his family down river and became the first family to settle on the Flats, which came to be known as the Taylor Flats. Herbie maintained a Peace River ferry crossing for fur traders, prospectors and homesteaders.

A post office was opened in 1923 and the town was officially recognized as Taylor. The Peace River Suspension Bridge opened in 1943 and was the longest bridge on the Alaska Highway at 2130 feet. It collapsed in 1957 and was rebuilt in 1959.

Taylor’s economy has close ties to the oil & gas industry since Canada’s first natural gas pipeline was constructed from Taylor to the United States border in 1957. Taylor prides itself as a quickly growing business community with small town charm.

Taylor Info Centre on the left when heading north at 10316 100 St. 250-789-9015

Peace Island Park has full serviced campsites available plus a day use area with water, firewood and boat launch. Explore walking and hiking trails, playgrounds and Historic Rocky Mountain Forts. Located on the south side of the Peace River Bridge at km 55. 250-789-9295

Lone Wolf Golf Club is an 18-hole championship course that has been named the best manicured course in Northern BC. There is a driving range and a licensed restaurant. Enjoy dining and drinks on the beautiful patio. 250-789-3711

World Invitational Gold Panning Championships take place over the August long weekend. They have been held annually in Taylor since 1972 and attract participants from around the world. Events take place at Peace Island Park with fun-filled family activities and a number of different competition classes for young and old alike.

Peace Island Park spans 3.5 km along the shores of the Peace River and offers swimming, fishing, walking and hiking trails and wildlife viewing. Located on the south side of the Peace River Bridge at km 55.
Fort St. John is located in the heart of the majestic Peace River and has a population of 25,000 and serves a trading area of over 60,000. Historically, Fort St. John traces its roots back to the end of the 18th century when Sir Alexander Mackenzie opened a series of forts along the Peace River to service the fur traders.

At the end of World War I many veterans moved westward to the fertile agricultural lands on both sides of the Peace River, and formed the population base for the tiny hamlet of Fort St. John. In March 1942 the construction of the Alaska Highway began and in a few short years Fort St. John’s population swelled all the way up to 2,000.

With the completion of the Alaska Highway, only nine months later in October 1942, the American troops left and the population dropped to 700.
In 1952 gas and oil was discovered and by 1957 the refinery at Taylor and a pipeline to the south had been built. On July 1, 1975 incorporation as a city took place and Fort St. John hasn’t looked back.

The city is rich in natural resources including oil and gas, timber, hydroelectricity and agriculture. More grain, seed and honey is produced here than anywhere else in BC.

Adventurers, recreational enthusiasts and wildlife share thousands of acres of pristine wilderness, making Fort St. John one of the recreation jewels of British Columbia.

Visitor Info Centre

whether it be camping, fishing, golfing, boating or hiking the energetic staff will help you discover all there is to do in and around the city. In the Pomeroy Sport Centre at 9324 - 96 St. Open 9am to 8pm Monday – Friday and 11am to 7pm Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays during the summer.

Lakeview Inn & Suites complimentary breakfast, fitness center, free Wi-fi. 10103 98 Ave. 250-787-0779

Rotary RV Park at km 81 of the Alaska Highway, on the shores of Charlie Lake. This is a nice, full service RV Park.

Beatton Provincial Park is a large recreation/day use area with a campground on the shores of Charlie Lake. There are 37 sites for RVs and tents. Water, toilets, firewood, hiking trails, picnic area and boat launch. Campground is open May to Sept. Take 271 Road 7 km north off Alcan Hwy.

Charlie Lake RV & Leisure is a private campground with full hookups. Km 82 of the Alaska Highway. 250-787-1569

A free sani-dump station can be found on the right if you are headed to Alaska at km 73.2 (at 86th St. SE).
Fort St. John North Peace Museum Journey through Fort St. John’s history from native settlement to the pioneer homesteads and the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1942. Interactive exhibits include a teepee, trapper’s cabin, blacksmith shop, police barracks and jail. An excellent selection of local history books is available at the museum gift shop. Open year-round. 9323 100 St. 907-787-0430

Farmers Market takes place every Saturday at Centennial Park from 9am to 3pm. Lone Wolf Golf Club is an 18-hole championship course in Taylor, just 12 km south of Fort St. John. A driving range and practice green are available. Enjoy breakfast or dinner and drinks on their beautiful patio overlooking the golf course. 250-789-3711

Pomeroy Sports Centre is a complete recreation complex that features two NHL sized ice rinks, an indoor Olympic sized speed skating oval (one of only four in North America) and a 340 metre walking track. The walking track is open year-round and is free to the public. All ice surfaces can be removed to make space for major indoor sport and cultural events and trade shows. 9324 - 96 Street.

Pioneer Pathway Walking Tour Start your tour on 100th Street across from Centennial Park. Discover the people and places that shaped Fort St. John’s history. Look for the historic panels with photos and stories throughout downtown. You can pick up a map at the visitor centre and take a self-guided tour.

North Peace Cultural Centre is the hub for the arts and cultural events in Fort St. John since its opening in 1992. It is host to a Theatre, Library, Art Gallery and Café. Visit them online to see upcoming events and shows. The Peace Gallery North in the Cultural Centre showcases a wide range of media from both established and emerging artists. Every month a new exhibition is featured with both group and solo shows. The Cultural Centre is located at 10015 100 Avenue. 250-787-0993

Fort St. John Regional Airport has daily flights to Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and more. The airport is serviced by Air Canada, WestJet and Central Mountain Air. 250-787-0426

BC Bus North connects northern communities Along the Alaska Highway, Hart Highway and Yellowhead Highway. Fares are affordable ($35-$45 one way) and one to two trips per week are scheduled between all destinations.

City Bus operates from Monday through Saturday. Pick up a Riders Guide and bus tickets at the Visitor’s Center and City Hall. 250-787-RIDE
The Alaska Highway heads north-west for the next 380 km to the town of Fort Nelson (Map pg. 23). The grades are mostly moderate and the road is in very good condition. It traverses the heart of oil country and you will see much evidence of this along the way. Just outside of Fort St. John, at km 86, is the junction with Highway 29, which leads to Hudson’s Hope, Chetwynd and the Hart Highway.

From Wonowon the Highway climbs to the small community of Pink Mountain at km 226 (Historic Mile 143), the highest point in this stretch before beginning its steep descent to the Sikanni River.

After climbing out of the valley, the highway continues towards the Prophet/ Muskwa area, which is world renowned for its hunting and fishing. When you reach Fort Nelson you will be at the lowest point on the Alaska Highway.

There are several highway lodges on this stretch of highway that offer a variety of services for the traveller and the following businesses are recommended. **The Shepherd’s Inn** km 115 (HM 72) Celebrating 39 years of service on the Alaska Highway. Motel, convenience store, gas and diesel fuel station and an excellent family restaurant. Breakfast served all day and homemade baked goods available. An oasis on the Alaska Highway. 250-827-3676

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Buffalo Inn km 226 (HM 143) has clean, modern motel units, an RV park with hookups & laundromat. The restaurant features home cooking with a great menu. This is the only pub between Fort St. John and Fort Nelson. Open 24hrs. 250-772-3234

Sasquatch Crossing Lodge at km 236 has cabins, camping, gifts and souvenirs. The restaurant is open daily and features home-cooking with excellent daily specials.

This is a favorite stopping place for seasoned Alaska Highway travellers. Open year-round. 250-772-3220

Sikanni River Campground & RV Park at km 256.5 offers access to riverside camping with full service, power only & dry sites. Some pull-through sites, Wi-fi, coin laundry, washrooms, free showers, convenience store and playground. Regular gas available (no diesel or propane). Open May - Sept. 250-772-5400

Buckinghorse River Provincial Park km 278
33 campsites, picnic sites, firepits and toilets. Fishing for arctic grayling. Open mid-May to Sept.

Buckinghorse River Lodge km 279 has a restaurant, motel, log cabins and RV parking (no hookups). Gas, diesel & propane. Across the street from the Provincial Park (on the left, northbound) 250-772-4999

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Fort Nelson was established first as a Hudson Bay Trading Post in 1805 and named after Admiral Nelson of the British Navy. Fort Nelson remained a small outpost until the U.S. Army arrived in early 1942. They named Fort Nelson “Zero” because on their maps Fort Nelson was the beginning of two very important roads: the Alcan leading to Delta Junction, Alaska and the other to Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories (now called the Liard Highway, part of the Deh Cho Route). The Fort Simpson, Mackenzie River Route was an alternate highway built in the event of Japanese attack on the Alaska Highway.

When the troops heading south met the troops heading north, at Contact Creek on September 24, 1942, it marked the completion of the Highway between Dawson Creek and Whitehorse. It was only after the opening of the Highway that Dawson Creek was officially named Mile 0, as it was the Highway’s southernmost point.

Fort Nelson’s economy has always been based on forestry, oil & gas. However, the oil and gas industry has struggled because of low oil prices over the past few years, and there has also been a downturn in demand for forestry products. North America’s largest gas processing plant and one of the largest deposits of shale gas in North America can be found here. Tourism has become a very important part of the economy and there are a large number of businesses in town that cater to visitors. Fort Nelson is a major transportation hub in the north. There is regular scheduled air service, it is the northern railhead of CN Rail, and the world famous Alaska Highway doubles as Main Street.

Visitor Info Centre has all the amenities visitors will need including computers, and free Wi-fi. Stop by to pick up a free copy of the Northern Rockies Travel Guide or ask the travel advisors for information on activities in Northern BC. 5500 Alaska Highway. 250-774-6400

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Triple “G” Hideaway RV Park Pull through sites with full hookups (30 amp), RV wash, laundry, gift shop and newly renovated bathrooms. Wi-fi hotspots and cable TV available in selected sites. Conveniently located next door to the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum and close to the Visitor Info Center and Recreation Centre. RV’s, tenters, and caravans welcome. Your hostesses are Glenda & Mama ‘D’. 250-774-2340

There is a free public dump station next to the Visitor Centre and Recreation Centre. Entrance is at the Visitor Centre.

Fort Nelson Heritage Museum One of the most unique museums on the Highway. This collection all started with an antique car and truck owned by Marl Brown, a local Fort Nelson resident. Marl is still restoring and tinkering and can often be found at the site. Hundreds of license plates donated by locals and travellers and antique heavy equipment used in the building of the Alcan Highway are just some of the interesting things you will find on display.

The Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre offers a range of things to do for travellers including a pool, water slide and indoor walking track. The facility also hosts many sporting and community events.

Fort Nelson Public Library Home of the Northern Rockies Regional Historical Project whose goal is to preserve and protect local history. Come view the archives at the Library or visit their excellent Facebook page highlighting some of their extensive collection. 5315 – 50th Avenue South.
**Dining**

**Triple G Hideaway Restaurant** serves up excellent food with home cooked flavors. Prime Rib and steak specials are served on the weekend and daily features during the week. Delicious desserts are a specialty. In the old Saloon at Triple G Hideaway. 250-774-2340

**Hiking**

**Fort Nelson Demonstration Forest Trails** is a great choice for hikers. There are four main trails that range in length from 2 km to 8 km. All trails are fairly flat with picnic tables, outhouses and benches along the way. Take Simpson Trail north from downtown, turn left on Mountain View Road and follow until you reach the parking lot at the end of the road. Trailhead access from the parking lot.

**Flower Springs Trail** starts just south of Summit Lake Campground at km 598 of the Alaska Highway. This trail takes hikers through lowland bogs and over glacial moraines, left from retreating glaciers, before reaching your destination at Flower Springs Lake. This is one of the most popular hikes in the region because it has amazing views and is moderately easy. It is 13.6 km round trip via the lake trail and 10.2 km round trip via the tower trail.

**Teetering Rock** is a rugged steep hike to view Teetering Rock. This route (23 km round trip) is difficult with many steep sections and is a long day hike or better as an overnight trip. Impressive views of the surrounding countryside, including Steamboat Mountain, make this trail worth the effort. Hikers need to bring water, as there are no clean sources on this hike. There is a campsite, pit toilet, table, and firepit on the trail. Trail head is 95 km north west of Fort Nelson, and is marked by a blue hiking sign. Check with the Visitor Center for up-to-date conditions.

**Services**

**Dalex Auto Services** is a full service automotive and RV repair specialist. Services include: alignment, brake repairs, tune-ups, oil changes, electrical and drive ability diagnostics. They are equipped with a 40,000 lbs hoist capable of raising a large motorhome safely. This is the only facility in the north with this capability. Towing and 24-hour emergency service is also available. 4440-50th Avenue North. 250-774-6804

![Dalex Auto Services logo and details]

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![TRIPLE 'G' HIDEAWAY RV Park & Campground details]

Located next to Mile 300 Historical Museum

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This 480 km stretch from Fort Nelson to Watson Lake winds through forests, mountains and beside beautiful lakes including Summit Lake, which is the highest point on the Highway (Maps pg. 32-33). North of Fort Nelson, wildlife such as Stone Sheep, bison, elk and deer are often seen. At km 700 the highway skirts the shores of Muncho Lake for 12 km and provides unparalleled views of the blue green waters. The color of the lake is attributed to copper oxide leaching into the water. This area presented a major obstacle to the construction crews in 1942 as the road had to be cut through the steep rock cliffs that border the lake.

Pete Petersen was one of the early white residents of the Muncho lake area and was instrumental in helping to refine the proposed route for the Army Core of Engineers. His story is mostly undocumented but he was a very well known trapper, guide and explorer. Many of the local landmarks bear his name such as Mt. Petersen and Petersen Creek. The other famous residents of Muncho Lake are the McDonald clan, a First Nations family. It is thought that the McDonald’s moved here in 1860 from the Ross River area in the Yukon. They lived a traditional Kaska Dena lifestyle with several home bases.

Charlie McDonald was one of the guides that helped plot the Route of the Alaska Highway. He raised his family in this area and there are several of his descendents still living here. If you want to know more about this fascinating family I highly recommend the book *The McDonald’s: The Lives & Legends of a Kaska Dena Family* by Alison Tubman, great-granddaughter of Charlie MacDonald.

Plan at least a day in the Muncho Lake area as there is fishing for lake trout, whitefish and grayling. June is the best month for trolling with red and white spoons.
The lodges found along this section of the highway have accommodations, camping, fuel and restaurants and are recommended stopovers.

**Toad River Lodge** km 647.4 (HM 422). Cabins with kitchenettes are available. A very nice RV park, that has full hookups, free satellite TV and Wi-fi. Reservations are recommended. Excellent restaurant with home cooked meals. Service station with fuel & repairs. 250-232-5401 or 855-878-8623

**Northern Rockies Lodge** km 708 (HM 462) is an impressive log building on the shore of Muncho Lake. Hotel, lakeshore chalets, RV park, Wi-fi and restaurant. Guided fishing trips & flight tours to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Nahanni National Park. Regular & premium fuel available. Open year-round. 1-800-663-5269

**Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park** km 765 (HM 496). 53 campsites, water, toilets, firewood and day-use area. Change houses & boardwalks connect the pools. There is a day-use fee of $5 for adults, $3 for children or $10 for families. Don’t forget your mosquito spray!

**Contact Creek Lodge** km 912 (HM 590) is your first stop in the Yukon. Souvenirs and fishing licenses, gas, diesel & towing service available. They typically have some of the best fuel prices on the highway. Open year-round. 867-536-2262
The Yukon claims to be larger than life and it truly is. It is home to Mt. Logan, Canada’s highest mountain, Kluane National Park, a World Heritage Site and the Yukon River, the 5th longest river in North America. It’s also the site of the world famous Klondike Gold Rush, which began in 1898 in Dawson City.

The lure of this powerful land is documented as far back as the middle 1800s when the first white men travelled here. They found well established First Nations cultures to trade with for furs and were told of gold nuggets that could be scooped from the streams.

Yukon Visitor Centers are in Watson Lake, Whitehorse, Haines Junction, Beaver Creek, Dawson City and Carcross. The Staff are experts in their local area and can assist you in discovering the best of the Yukon, so be sure to visit them all.

Government campgrounds have water, picnic tables, firepits, firewood, picnic shelters and outhouses. There are also many private campgrounds with hookups, showers, laundromats and dump stations.

Internet is available at most private campgrounds however because of its extremely high cost it is limited. Mobile phone service is also limited and very expensive.

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**Bucket List**

- Pan for Gold in Dawson City
- Take a Scenic Flight in a Float Plane
- Add a Sign to the Signpost Forest
- Visit the World’s Smallest Desert in Carcross

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Bell’s Travel Guides
Watson Lake grew from a small isolated outpost to a thriving community when the Alaska Highway was routed through its center. It became the accommodation and supply center for the building of this section of the highway.

The Signpost Forest is Watson Lake’s most famous attraction. It was started in 1942 by Carl Lindley, a homesick American GI, while working on the Alaska Highway. When repairing a directional post, he decided to add a sign for his hometown of Danville, IL, and inadvertently started the huge collection of signs. It is still being added to each year by visitors who wish to promote their own communities. The Town of Watson Lake maintains the Signpost Forest, which is one of The Yukon’s most famous landmarks with over 75,000 unique signs.

In 1898, 14 year old Francis (Frank) Gilbert Watson, an American from Lake Tahoe, came to the Yukon with his father Robert Montgomery Watson. They travelled the Chilkoot Trail route to Dawson City and operated a successful Gold Mine in the Klondike. Unfortunately, like many gold miners of the day their mine was flooded out in 1905 and Frank & Robert decided to return home to Lake Tahoe. A few years later Frank returned to The Yukon through Wrangell, Alaska and up the Stikine and Dease Rivers. This brought him to the Liard River Valley near what is now the town of Watson Lake. It was here he met Adela Stone, a formidable & well-known Kaska woman.

Because of Frank’s relationship with Adela, the Kaska people allowed Frank to trap, prospect and settle in the area. Frank and Adela Watson have long been recognized as key figures in the early development of this part of the Yukon and there are still several members of the Watson family that live in the area.

Watson Lake is the first Yukon community encountered by the northbound traveller. A comfortable day’s drive from Fort Nelson or Whitehorse make it a popular stopover point. There are several hotels, campgrounds and a number of interesting tourist attractions.

The Alaska Highway Interpretive Centre is open daily during the summer months, located behind the Signpost Forest. The center has an exceptional display of photos and other audiovisual presentations. It is managed by Yukon Tourism and is one of six centers in the Yukon. Open May 1st to September 30th from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. 867-536-7469

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Watson Lake Government Campground at km 984 is accessed via a 1.5 km side road. There are 48 campsites, water, shelters & outhouses. Swimming & boat launch on Watson Lake. Handicap accessible.

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Located at the North end of Watson Lake Adjacent to the Sign Post Forest
The Alaska Highway from Watson Lake to Teslin is excellent and well maintained. It travels through the lush river valleys and low mountain passes of Canada’s Yukon Territory (Map pg. 40). It is 264 km from Watson Lake to Teslin, home of the Teslin Tlingit people and the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Center. This section of the highway has limited services, but numerous opportunities for camping, fishing and hiking at Big Creek Campground, Rancheria Falls and other roadside rest areas. Fishing in the rivers and lakes attracts anglers looking for lake trout, grayling, and whitefish.

The junction of the Stewart-Cassiar and Alaska Highway is 26 km west of Watson Lake. This highway extends 724 km south to Highway 16 in British Columbia. It is a beautiful area with remote towns and wilderness camping. You will find the map and the description in the connecting routes section of this guide (page 85).

A half mile west of the Stewart-Cassiar junction is Nugget City. They have 24 hour fuel, motel, Big Rig RV park, a 100 seat restaurant, RV wash and tire repair. Cabins with jacuzzis are available. Up to 70% off gifts. This is a very nice facility with lots of amenities and a great reputation among seasoned highway travellers. E-mail for advance reservations or call 867-536-2307 for same day reservations.

Lucky Lake Park and Water Slide is a popular spot for picnics and swimming. On the July 1st long weekend, Canada Day is celebrated with a softball tournament, games and food. The park has a 500 foot outdoor water slide. 5 km south of town on the Alaska Highway at km 970.

Wye Lake Nature Walk is an easy and enjoyable walk around the lake. There is a picnic area, wildflower and bird viewing. There are 65 kilometers of hiking and multipurpose trails in the Watson Lake area.

World Famous Signpost Forest Take a stroll along the walking trails winding through the many signs of the ‘Forest.’ You will find it interesting to see how far some of these signs have travelled. Take part in this tradition by bringing your own sign from your hometown or buy a board from the Visitor Center and make one yourself.

Watson Lake’s Northern Lights Centre is a state-of-the-art facility in Watson Lake. It is an outstanding attraction which incorporates an exciting multimedia Northern Lights show inside a 100 seat Electric Sky theatre environment. Interactive exhibits explore the mystery of the “Aurora Borealis.” There are presentations of this excellent show from early May until early September. Six shows daily. ViewSpace is a direct link to the Space Telescope Science Institute, where one can view Celestial Tours, the latest images and science discoveries from the Hubble Space Telescope and other NASA science missions. For more information and schedules call the centre at 867-536-7827.

The Recreation Centre was built for the residents of Watson Lake and is open to the general public. There is a fitness room, bowling alley, hockey arena, curling club and a swimming pool that make this facility the centre for social activities in town. The Visitor Information Center can also be found here. Check with the Recreation Center or the Watson Lake town office for schedules.

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The Village of Teslin is on the shores of Nisutlin Bay on Teslin Lake. The name Teslin is taken from the Tlingit word ‘Teslintoo’, meaning, “long narrow waters” referring to Teslin Lake, which is 125 km (78 miles) long.

The Teslin Tlingit people are descendants of the Taku Qwan who moved inland from Southeast Alaska’s coastal regions to the shores of the upper Taku River in the early 18th Century. At the turn of the 20th century, the Tlingit people continued to move inland and arrived in the Teslin Lake area. In the 1940s, construction of the Alaska Highway and the Canol Road brought major changes to the area and prompted the semi-nomadic Tlingit population to permanently settle in what is today the Village of Teslin.

During the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 gold seekers travelled up the Stikine River from Wrangell, Alaska, then trekked 150
miles overland from Telegraph Creek to the headwaters of Teslin Lake. There, they constructed crude boats and sailed across the lake, down the Teslin and Yukon Rivers to Dawson City and the gold fields.

The Teslin stopover soon became busy enough for The Hudson Bay Co. to establish a trading post for the villagers and travellers. However, it was closed by 1903 and the Nisutlin Trading Post was established to serve the Tlingit First Nations. Teslin’s economy is still based on traditional hunting, trapping and fishing, although tourism is playing an increasingly important role.

There is a day-use area with boat launch at the north end of Nisutlin Bay Bridge, which is the longest water span on the Alaska Highway at 584 metres/1,917 feet. Teslin’s population is approximately 125.
Nisutlin Trading Post & Motel Updated rooms including Wi-fi & satellite TV, in room bar fridge and coffee maker. Open year-round. 867-390-2521

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Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre on the shores of beautiful Teslin Lake, 5 km north of Teslin. The centre features modern and traditional Tlingit arts, cultural program and demonstrations and a canoe exhibit. The gift shop has locally made crafts and gift items. This is a highly recommended stop on your journey north. Open daily from June 1st to September 1st, 9am to 5pm. Stop in and Share in the Tlingit Culture!

The George Johnston Museum has an amazing collection of photographs and historical memorabilia. The Museum is named after a venerated Tlingit elder, trapper, fur trader and photographer.

The Northern Wildlife Museum next to the Yukon Motel houses an informative and educational display of many species of Yukon wildlife in their natural habitat, including bear, caribou, lynx and sheep.

Nisutlin Trading Post ‘A little store with more.’ Includes a general store, fast food, a fuel station and is a source of information about local attractions. There is an ATM in the store. Unleaded, premium, diesel and propane. 867-390-2521
A beautiful side trip off the Alaska Highway is the 95km drive to Atlin, BC. At Jake’s Corner (km 1342) take the Tagish Road for 1.7 km before turning south on the Atlin Road, which parallels Atlin Lake for much of the journey. This is the largest natural lake in BC and it is set against a spectacular backdrop of towering mountains.

The town of Atlin, like so many northern towns, was built on the back of the gold rush. In 1898, a few miners heading to the Klondike, took a detour and went in search of lesser known gold fields. Two such prospectors, Kenny MacLaren and Fritz Miller discovered gold in Pine Creek, not far from the current townsite of Atlin. The area quickly grew to over 5,000 and a town was born. To this day, there are active mining operations in the area and many historic buildings from the gold rush era are still standing.

Now Atlin attracts visitors from around the world who want to experience its beauty and laid-back lifestyle. It has become home to many artists, musicians and photographers.

Norseman Adventures RV Park has tent and RV sites right on the shores of Atlin Lake. 30 amp, internet access, water, toilets and boat launch. 250-651-7535

Atlin Arts & Music Festival This three day festival at the beginning of July is a family friendly event with performers, artists, exhibitions and workshops.

MV Tarahne this restored ship sits on the shores of Atlin Lake. Built by the White Pass & Yukon Co. it transported goods and offered luxury cruises around the lake and to Llewellyn Glacier from 1917 to 1936.
Whitehorse is ideally located for visitors looking to access some exciting nearby activities and tours. The South Klondike Highway, at Km 1403 of the Alcan Hwy, leads to Skagway. The Klondike Hwy. passes by the historic town of Carcross, where you’ll feel like you’ve stepped into the past with its real frontier atmosphere. Continue south to Skagway, home of the Fjord Express and the White Pass and Yukon Railway. Skagway became famous as the Gateway to the Klondike, in 1898.

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With building space at a premium, one entrepreneur began building small two and three-story log cabins, or “Log skyscrapers,” which are still in use today. After the war, Whitehorse maintained its importance as a transportation and communications center for the Yukon. On April 1, 1953, the capital of the Yukon was officially transferred from Dawson City to Whitehorse. Today the mainstays of the Whitehorse economy are tourism, government and mining.

Yukon Visitor Reception Centre is on Hanson St. between 1st and 2nd Ave. This is a great place to begin your visit to Whitehorse. The Visitor Centre regularly shows a 15 minute film on the history of the Yukon. Pick up a free Historical Walking Tour map for a self-guided wander through Whitehorse’s many historic sites. There is ample parking for large vehicles on the north side of the building. Each Visitor Center in the Yukon has something different to offer so be sure and visit them when passing through the communities. The Whitehorse centre is open year-round, with extended hours from May to September. 867-667-3084
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Hi Country RV Park at the junction of the Alaska Highway and Robert Service Way, close to the airport and downtown. 130 treed sites, full hookups, 30 amp service, cable TV, Wi-fi, Laundromat, clean showers.

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Alpine Aviation Air Charters is a full service aviation charter company based in Whitehorse. They provide year-round access to the Yukon wilderness on wheels, floats and skis. Discover remote hiking, canoeing and fishing destinations you can only reach by air. For more information on booking a tour visit their website, follow them on Facebook or call 867-668-7725, cell 867-333-9249.
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre celebrate the culture and traditions of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. Come explore exhibits, experience amazing festivals, meet Artists-in-Residence, and take a tour of the inspirational Centre with a local guide. Open Monday to Saturday, from June to August and Monday to Friday in the winter months. 1171 Front Street. 867-456-5322

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Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre offers a chance to meet Ice Age giants like the woolly mammoth or the scimitar cat that ruled ancient Beringia. Discover and learn through skeletal remains, interactive exhibits and films. A visit to the Centre will add 40,000 years to your vacation! Km 1423 Alaska Highway. 867-667-8855

Yukon Wildlife Preserve See Yukon’s iconic wildlife up close and roaming in large, natural habitats! Walk, ski, bike or join interpretive bus tours for a scenic 5 km adventure. Along your journey, view 11 different northern mammals that inhabit grassland, boreal forest, marsh and steep cliff habitats spanning 750 acres. Only 25 minutes north of downtown Whitehorse.
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MacBride Museum Fascinating stories of the pioneers who built Canada’s Yukon are on display in this excellent facility. Come face to face with a seven-foot grizzly in the Natural World Gallery and discover the truth behind the legend of Robert Service at the real Sam McGee’s cabin. Tours are available with their knowledgeable staff. 1124 Front Street. 867-667-2709

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**Burnt Toast Café** Rustic-chic bistro turning out an eclectic selection of homespun meals from morning until night. This is a favorite among locals as a lunch and dinner choice. 2112-2nd Ave, 867-393-2605

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**Klondike Rib and Salmon** is a popular eating establishment for locals and visitors alike. If you arrive late be prepared for a wait but it is definitely worthwhile. Soups, salads and comfort food served in an authentic Klondike atmosphere. 2116 2nd Avenue. 867-667-7554

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The City of Whitehorse has an extensive trail system with an estimated 150 km of existing trails. 

**Millennium Trail and Rotary Centennial Bridge Trailhead** is at the Visitor Reception Centre. Allow 1 hour to leisurely walk the 5 km loop or 4 or 5 hours if you hike to **Miles Canyon**. The views of the Canyon are dramatic and the 85 foot Robert Lowe suspension bridge are worth the easy hike on the well maintained pathways.

**The Fish Lake Trail** is close to town and follows a high alpine ridge with lots of trail options and plenty of opportunity for exploring. From the top of Two Mile Hill in Whitehorse, drive 2 km north on the Alaska Highway and turn left on Fish Lake Road. Follow the road to Fish Lake (about 15 km). You can park at the lake or continue driving for another 600 m to the trailhead. The trail is 7 km and takes about 2.5 hours to complete.

**Grey Mountain** is a day hike near Whitehorse that has terrific views of the surrounding area. This is the closest high alpine hike to Whitehorse. It is 2.5 km to the summit, which is a good place to turn around if you do not want to do the full 12 km. From the S.S. Klondike cross the bridge onto Lewes Blvd. and make a left onto Alsek Road. Take a left at Tutshi Road and follow it for about 10 km. Note that road conditions can be variable.

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309 Wood Street. 867-668-6422
This section of the Alaska Highway travels 154 km from Whitehorse to Haines Junction (Map pg 45). The Village of Haines Junction is the main service center for Kluane National Park & Reserve. Established in 1972 and covering 22,000 square kms, the park includes the highest mountain in Canada, Mount Logan (5,959 m/19,551 ft.). The mountain was named after Sir William Edmond Logan, a Canadian geologist. It is the second-highest peak in North America, after Denali (Mount McKinley).

Kluane National Park and Reserve lies within the traditional territories of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nation who were the first inhabitants of this incredibly beautiful region.

The first 50 km outside Whitehorse can be rough, however, the rest of the drive is fairly smooth due to highway reconstruction. At km 1547.5 is a rest area and historic Canyon Creek Bridge. This is an excellent photo-op of a replica bridge built in the original style used in the early 1900s. There is camping at Kusawa Lake Campground (km 1489.2) and Pine Lake Campground and Rec. Area (km 1572). Both have water, toilets, fishing, and picnic areas.
Haines Junction has approximately 800 year-round residents. It is situated at the junction of the Alaska and Haines Highway, which connects to Haines, Alaska. Haines Junction is the gateway to Kluane National Park and Reserve. Kluane National Park is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with its neighboring parks; the Tatshenshini-Alsek Park in BC, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. This is the largest internationally protected area in the world. The Kluane wilderness attracts both expert mountaineers and casual visitors looking for fishing, boating and hiking. There are also flightseeing tours that take visitors over the nearby Kluane Mountains.

A recommended side trip on your way north is to drive the Haines Highway 246 km to the coastal town of Haines, Alaska. The highway has been named a National Scenic Byway for its stunning vistas. Find more Haines Highway info on page 117.

“The Junction” as it is known was established as a construction camp in 1942 and has evolved into a tight knit community with a love for the outdoors.

Yukon Visitor Center and the Kluane National Park Visitor Centre are in the Da Ku Cultural Centre. Parks Canada has an information specialist available to answer questions about visiting the park.
Da Ku Cultural Centre “Our House” celebrates the vibrant language, culture and traditions of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations people and offers guided tours, campfire talks, traditional artwork, artifacts, and more.

Alcan Motor Inn with panoramic views of the majestic St. Elias Mountains. This 23 room motel in Haines Junction operates year-round and offers satellite TV, air conditioning, fridge, microwave and a coffee maker in each room. 867-634-2371

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Pine Lake a Yukon Government campground. Boat ramp and fishing on the lake. Picnic table and firepits at each site. Turn off at km 1572 of the Alaska Highway.

Mile 1016 Pub treats guests as part of the family with friendly and professional service. They have a fully stocked bar and offer some tasty “Pub Grub” which will have you coming back for more. Behind the Alcan Motor Inn. 867-634-2093

Auriol Trail is a popular day or overnight hike. The trail does not go above tree line but an extended hike to the alpine is recommended to experience the beauty. To reach the trailhead drive towards Haines, Alaska for about 7 km. There is a sign at the pull-out with a map of the trail. 15 km trail with an elevation gain of 367m (1204 ft.), which should take 4.5 hours.

Spruce Beetle Trail is a 2 km well maintained self-guided interpretive trail. The trailhead is 17 km (10.5 mi) north of Haines Junction on the Alaska Highway.
The Alaska highway borders Kluane National Park for several miles between Haines Junction and Beaver Creek (Map pg 60). It also skirts the shores of Kluane Lake which is renowned as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Although the highway has been rebuilt and straightened several times this remains one of the most challenging sections of road you will encounter on your trip. From Haines Junction to Destruction Bay the road is in good condition. From Destruction Bay to the U.S. Border road conditions vary between good and very poor. Take your time and be very aware of the frost heaves, which cause sudden dips in the road. There are several lodges and campgrounds along the highway and it is truly one of the most scenic places in the north so be sure to slow down and enjoy the journey.

Tachāl Dhāl Visitor Centre at km 1649 features exhibits and information on hiking in Kluane National Park. Dall Sheep can be spotted in the area in the spring and fall. Cottonwood RV Park at km 1658 has lakeside sites, pull-throughs, a tenting area and log cabin rentals. Modern restrooms, showers, Wi-fi, store and dump station. This is the only facility in the area that specializes in camping. The wooded sites at the edge of Kluane Lake are beautiful and people often stay for several days in this wilderness paradise. 867-841-4066

Destruction Bay is a small community located near the shores of Kluane Lake at km 1684.5. It was one of several camps built to supply the army during the construction of the Alaska Highway. Talbot Arm Motel has 32 motel units, a full service restaurant & lounge and FasGas fuel.

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**Kluane Museum of History** has an excellent wildlife exhibit with dioramas featuring over 70 animals. It also displays artifacts of the Southern Tutchone people. There is a gift shop with a large selection of First Nation and local handicrafts. Free Souvenir with paid admission. 867-841-5561 **Rocking Star Adventures** provides aerial tours of Kluane National Park. Professional pilots narrate your flight, with stories, history, and geographical information about the area. Open year-round. 867-841-4322

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Beaver Creek is the most westerly community in Canada and is the last stop before entering Alaska. It is 300 km northwest of Haines Junction and is actually further west than Vancouver, British Columbia.

Its population swells to 200 in the summer months although they do have a year-round population of about 100. The residents of Beaver Creek are friendly, welcoming and love the quiet wilderness that surrounds them.

Beaver Creek has a library, a bank (open two days per week), restaurants, three hotels, two service stations and a post office.

Canada Customs is just north of town and U.S. Customs is located 32 km north on the Alaska Highway. Both are open 24 hours. All traffic must stop for clearance at customs and have valid ID, such as a passport.

Beaver Creek has been inhabited for over 10,000 years. It is the home of the White River First Nation who are culturally affiliated with both the Upper Tanana people of Alaska and the Northern Tutchone people to the south and east. There is an abundance of copper in the area and this became valuable in making weapons, ornaments and as a trade commodity.
Today, members of the White River First Nation promote traditional dancing, singing and language programs within their communities. The nearby village of Snag, has the unfortunate claim to the coldest temperature ever recorded in North America at -81°F (-63°C).

**Yukon Visitor Reception Centre** is open 7 days a week from mid-May to late September. The friendly staff will be happy to help with your travel planning.

**Beaver Creek Motel** has comfortable rooms with Wi-fi and satellite TV. Gift shop, groceries, fuel and laundromat are all available. Across from the Visitor Centre. 867-862-7500

**1202 Motor Inn** offers queen size beds, family suites and budget rooms. Open year-round and offers a ‘lowest room rate guarantee.’ This is the perfect halfway point for travellers coming from the ferry in Haines, heading to Alaska. Convenience and liquor store and fresh baked goodies. Mile 1202 Alaska Highway. 867-862-7600

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**Border Town Garage and Museum** is an eclectic collection of items ranging from the gold rush days to the building of the Alaska Highway. Local resident Sid Vandermeer has been collecting and tinkering on his collection of Alaska Highway memorabilia and beautiful antique cars for over 40 years. This is a private collection so please call ahead to arrange a tour. 867-862-7340
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M 349 (RH)

M 347 (RH)

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Rika's Roadhouse

M 275 (RH)

M 1326

Tok

M 1326

Deadman Lake M 1249

Nabesna

Nobert R.

Lakeview M 1257

M 1264

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Visitor Center M 1229

M 1222

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Tok R.

Donna Lake M 1392

M 1370

Lisa Lake M 1381

M 1345

Moon Lake M 1332

M 1357

Dot Lake M 1361

M 1422

M 266 (RH)

Delta Junction

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M 1370

Paxson

Denali Hwy

M 1289

M 1273

M 1289

M 1244

M 1264

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Alaska Highway

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You're now entering Alaska's broad, interior plateau extending from the Wrangell and Alaska Mountain Ranges to the Brooks Range beyond the Yukon River (Map pg 65). The Alaska Highway descends gradually over the next 200 miles to Delta Junction. There are incredible views of the Alaska Range, rivers and valleys and some very interesting places to stop such as the Tetlin Wildlife Center at mile 1229. The Tetlin Wildlife Refuge is on the east central edge of Alaska in the Upper Tanana Valley and has served as a natural travel corridor for wildlife, Native people, and explorers for countless generations. The Visitor Center is open 8am to 4:30pm during the summer and is an excellent first stop in the State.

This section of the Alaska Highway passes through the town of Tok and ends at Delta Jct, the true end of the Alaska Highway.

At mile 1302 you will find the junction with the Taylor Highway, which accesses Eagle and Chicken, Alaska. The Taylor Highway is part of the Top of the World Highway, which stretches to Dawson City in the Yukon. If Dawson City is not in your plans, Chicken is still a highly recommended side trip.

There are several campgrounds found along this section of the highway. When camping keep a clean campsite and practice bear awareness as both black and grizzly bears make their homes in this area. Pamphlets concerning safety in bear country are available at the Tetlin Wildlife Visitor Center.

Travelers continuing past Delta Junction to Fairbanks will take the Richardson Highway for 98 miles. The highway passes Eielson Air Force Base and the town of North Pole before reaching Fairbanks, Alaska’s second largest city. (see pg 102 for the Richardson Highway)
Tok

Tok is often referred to as the “Gateway to Alaska,” due to it being the first major community you encounter, in Alaska, when heading north. The Alaska Highway also intersects here with the Tok Cut-off, which leads to the Richardson and Glenn Highways; the main access routes to Glennallen, Valdez and Anchorage.

This area was originally settled by Athabascan Indians and the name “Tok” is thought to be derived from an Athabascan word meaning “water.” The origin of the town name, however, remains somewhat controversial. Some thought it came from the old mining maps from the late 1800s (long before Tok existed), which called the area “Tok/Slana.” While others have said it was named after a construction worker’s dog. However the name was decided, the modern community of Tok began as an Alaska Road Commission Camp built for the construction and maintenance of the Alaska Highway.

Today the town has a population of approximately 1250. Its economy is based on tourism and for its size, Tok offers more hotel rooms and campsites than any other town in the state. Despite that distinction, it is still recommended you secure reservations at least a day in advance.

Tok is also known as the “Sled Dog Capital of Alaska,” which is apparent from the number of kennels in town. The race of Champions began in 1954 and takes place every March in Tok. It has become one of the most elite sprint dog races in North America.

Mainstreet Visitor Center has statewide information that will help you plan for your entire trip. Tourist attractions, RV parks, campgrounds and hotels as well as local information on places to stay and things to see and do in the Tok area. The Visitor Center is also home to a museum & gift shop. Mile 1314 Alaska Hwy. 907-883-5775
The Alaska Public Lands Information Center is on the Alaska Highway adjacent to the Visitor Center. There is a trip planning area, fish, bear and bird exhibits, along with a display of native arts and crafts. The counselors at APLIC are very well informed about the State and specifically about the remote regions to the east of Tok and into the Yukon. 907-883-5667

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Delta Junction marks the true end of the Alaska Highway and has a population of approximately 850. This area was a traditional hunting territory of the Athabaskan Indians for thousands of years. The town is spread out around the Alaska and Richardson Highways and from here, going north or south, you will be traveling on the Richardson Highway (See map pg 102). There is a large commemorative milepost at the Visitor Center to mark Mile 1422 of the Alaska Highway.

In 1903, during the Fairbanks Gold Rush, what was to become the Richardson Highway, was built from Valdez to Fairbanks via Delta Junction. This trail used a portion of the Valdez Eagle trail made famous by the Klondike Gold Rush. A road house was built at the junction of the Delta and the Tanana Rivers to supply the gold seekers and a telegraph station was built in 1904 to aid increased communication needs.

The Chisana Gold Rush of 1913 and Delta’s selection in 1920 as the home of the government’s buffalo importation program helped establish the town as a permanent settlement.
The Bison were moved from Montana to a 90,000-acre tract of land, which now contains a free-roaming herd of more than 500 Bison. This led the area to become known as Buffalo Center. In 1960 Delta Junction was incorporated as a city.

Pogo Mine is an underground gold mine 40 air miles from Delta Junction. The mine began production in April 2007 and employs over 300 people. It was scheduled to operate for 10 years, however production is now expected to continue past 2020. More than 3.8 million ounces have been mined since opening, making it the eighth largest gold mine in the U.S.

Delta Junction Visitor Info Center is at the junction of the Richardson and the Alaska Highway (HM 1422). Open daily 8am to 8pm, mid-May through mid-September. Certificates for completing the Alaska Highway are available. 907-895-5068 or 877-895-5068

Delta State Recreation Site 25 campsites, picnic shelter, water and toilets. This campground has a wilderness feel but is still near downtown. Mile 267 Richardson Highway.

Big Delta State Historical Park is a 11 acre park with 23 RV campsites and picnic area at mile 274.5 Richardson Hwy. The Park is home to historic Rika’s Roadhouse.

Rika’s Roadhouse, started in 1909 by John Hajdukovich, a Yugoslavian entrepreneur. It was a stop for hunters, prospectors and local Athabaskans. In 1918, a dependable, hard-working Swedish woman named Rika Wallen was hired to take over. Rika purchased the roadhouse and ran it until the 1950s. Learn more of this fascinating story by visiting the Roadhouse. There is a café and gift shop open during the summer. Mile 275 Richardson Hwy.

Sullivan Roadhouse Historical Museum gives a glimpse into an early Alaskan roadhouse. Built in 1905, it is the oldest roadhouse in Interior Alaska. It was relocated to Delta Junction during the summer of 1996 and restored as a walk-through museum that houses many original items and photographs. Free admission. Adjacent to the Visitor Center.

Farmer’s Market is held on Wednesday & Saturday from mid-May to September. It takes place at the end of the Alaska Highway and across the street from the Visitors Center. It is a great place to find fresh local produce and locally made gifts.

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Now, “discovery day” is commemorated each year with a fun, family friendly celebration in July called Golden Days. Locals dress in period costumes and there is even a roaming jail that may arrest you if you’re not wearing a Golden Days pin. There is still active mining in the area and glimpses of the past can be seen along the Steese Highway in the tailing piles leftover by the gold dredges.

Fairbanks is also the home of several world class attractions. The Riverboat Discovery is consistently rated one of the top boat tours in the State and Gold Dredge 8 is also a visitor favorite. The Antique Auto Museum at the Wedgewood Resort has an amazing collection of vintage automobiles, historical photos and period fashion. Finally, don’t miss The University of Alaska ‘Museum of the North’ as it is one of the best museums in the State.

The Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center is home to Explore Fairbanks, the organization that oversees the Visitor Center. The 9,000 square-feet of interpretive space features exhibits on the land, the seasons and the peoples of Fairbanks, Interior Alaska and the Arctic. The MTCVC is open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm in summer and 8am to 5pm in the winter. Free Wi-fi. Located in historic downtown Fairbanks at 101 Dunkel Street. 907-456-5774 or 800-327-5774

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**Pioneer Park** is a 44 acre theme park that commemorates early Alaskan history with a number of interesting attractions. Entrance to the Park is free, however, some attractions charge a fee. You’ll discover: Gold Rush Town, which has 35 restored buildings that have been moved here from the surrounding area. Most are now boutique gift shops. The SS Nenana, a Sternwheeler that carried passengers and cargo on the Chena River from 1933 to 1954. It is the second-largest wooden-hulled ship still in existence. Step onto the rail car used by President Warren G. Harding during his visit to Alaska in 1923. Visit the Pioneer Air Museum and see full
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Arctic RV has a huge selection of high quality RV parts and accessories. Certified technicians can service campers, trailers and toy haulers. They are a factory authorized service center for Duotherm, Suburban, Atwood, Norcold, Dometic, Hydroflame & Thetford. 3013 Peger Road. 907-451-8356

www.BellsAlaska.com

Take a Hike in Fairbanks

There are a myriad of hikes in the Fairbanks area that range from easy to expert. These are a few of our favorites.

Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary at the Wedgewood Resort features walking trails that wind through a 75 acre boreal forest and around Wander Lake, a model wetlands reclamation project. The trails are suitable for wheelchairs and strollers and have plenty of benches along the path to stop and watch for wildlife.

Angel Rocks is a 3.5 mile loop trail that leads to large granite outcropping. It is an easy day hike for most people, as the top of the rocks is less than two miles. Incredible views of the Alaska Range, Chena Dome, Far Mountain, and The Butte. This hike is also the starting point for the 8.3-mile (one-way) hike to Chena Hot Springs which is more challenging. The trailhead is a small picnic and parking area at mile 48.9 of the Chena Hot Springs Road.

Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge has year-round birding and wildlife viewing. It was originally a dairy farm founded in the early 1900s. A three-mile-long network of nature trails crosses the 2,000-acre refuge, passing through boreal forest, seasonal wetlands and open fields. Observation platforms and an elevated viewing tower are great places to stop and scan for wildlife. Self-guided tour booklets and interpretive signs offer viewing tips, natural history facts and describe features on the refuge. At the Farmhouse Visitor Center learn more about the refuge and its programs. 1300 College Road. 907-459-7307
This section of the Mapbook lists the highways that connect to the Alaska Highway. A short description of each route follows and includes the page number for that highway’s detailed description.

**Stewart Cassiar Highway**
Kitwanga to Alaska Highway (pg 85)

The Cassiar Highway 37 is a 724 km road that joins Kitwanga, BC to the Alaska Highway at km 1002. Time should be allowed for a side trip to the neighboring towns of Stewart, BC and Hyder, AK.

**Yellowhead Highway 16**
Prince George to Prince Rupert (pg 87)

The Yellowhead Highway has the lowest grade of any highway that crosses the Rocky Mountains and the Coast Range. It passes through a number of interesting interior BC communities. The entire 723 km route is paved and is a very beautiful drive.

**Haines Highway**
Haines Junction to Haines, AK (pg 118)

This 153 mile/246 km highway to Haines is one of the most scenic drives in the North. It is part of the “Golden Circle Route,” which connects Haines to Skagway, and Whitehorse. The highway follows the trail first used by the Tlingit First Nations to reach the Interior of the Yukon.

**Klondike Highway**
Skagway to Dawson City (pg 90)

This 715 km road connects Skagway, Alaska and Dawson City, Yukon. The Highway was built in several stages. First from Whitehorse to Carmacks in 1950, and then from Carmacks to Dawson City in 1955. The final piece of the road, known as the South Klondike Highway, from Carcross to Skagway wasn’t completed until 1978.

**Top of the World Hwy.**

Dawson City to Alaska Highway (pg 99)

Yukoners call it the 60 Mile, to Alaskans it is the Taylor Highway, but to everyone who has driven this road, it is known as the “Top of the World Highway.” Allow plenty of time for travel, as the road is winding and narrow in many places.

**Richardson Highway**
Valdez To Fairbanks (pg 102)

The Richardson was Alaska’s first highway. The 364 miles of this highway starts in Valdez (mile 0) and passes through several communities including Copper Center, Glennallen and Delta Junction terminating in Fairbanks. The Richardson Highway traverses spectacular scenery including the narrow Keystone Canyon and the summit of Thompson Pass.
The Stewart-Cassiar Highway (Hwy 37) runs 724 km from the junction with The Yellowhead Highway (Hwy 16), north to the Alaska Highway near the BC/Yukon border. Services on the highway are limited, however, there are several small communities and lodges with services. There are still a few gravel sections around the Stikine River bridge (km 437). The BC Provincial Parks on this highway make great overnight stops where you can enjoy the spectacular scenery and great fishing.

Stewart/Hyder

The neighboring communities of Stewart, BC and Hyder, Alaska are nestled at the head of Portland Canal, a 70 mile long ocean fjord that forms a natural boundary between Canada and Alaska. Surrounded by steeply sloped coastal mountains, the Stewart/Hyder area is one of immense natural beauty and should not be missed if you are driving the highway.

Dease Lake

For a small community Dease Lake has a surprising number of services. This is a great stopping point for fuel, food, and a break before continuing your journey on the Cassiar Highway. A Hudson Bay Company Trading Post was first established here in approximately 1839 but was soon abandoned. The town got its name from the Chief Factor of the Hudson Bay Company, Peter Dease. During the Cassiar Gold Rush in 1872 Dease Lake once again became a centre of activity.
This section of the Yellowhead Highway (Hwy 16) takes you from Prince George, in BC’s interior to Prince Rupert on the coast of BC. The Yellowhead Highway follows the route of the Hudson’s Bay Company fur traders in the early 1800s. You will find friendly towns, interesting attractions and incredible scenery along the highway. Prince Rupert is a port for both the Alaska Marine Highway and the British Columbia Ferry System.

Burns Lake, 226 km west of Prince George, is a friendly community in the heart of northern BC with a population of 1,800. It is the northern gateway to Tweedsmuir Park, the second largest provincial park in BC. The Lakes District includes the communities of Burns Lake, Granisle, Topley and Francois Lake. 

**Visitor Center** at 540 W Highway 16. 250-692-3773

Houston was first settled in the early 1900s and is home to the world’s largest fly rod, which is displayed at the Visitor Center. It is constructed of aluminum and anodized bronze to simulate graphite. It's 60 feet long and weighs around 800 lbs.

**Visitor Center** at 3289 Highway 16. Parking for large RVs. 250-845-7640

Smithers is surrounded by majestic mountain ranges. Located between Prince George and Prince Rupert, it offers modern accommodation, shopping, airport and recreational facilities including two golf courses.

**Visitor Centre** at 1411 Court St. Follow signs off Highway 16. Open year-round. 250-847-5072 or 800-542-6673

The Hazeltons are situated amidst a majestic landscape dominated by the 8,000 foot walls of the rugged Roche Deboule Range. This area is a must visit for anyone travelling between Prince George and Prince Rupert.

**Visitor Center** at the junction of Highway 16 and 62. 250-842-6071

Terrace is renowned for its quality recreational experiences and is known worldwide as a premier fishing destination.

**Visitor Centre** is at 4511 Keith Avenue. 250-635-2063 or 800-499-1637

Prince Rupert has one of the deepest, ice-free harbours in the world. The average annual precipitation of 300 cm, makes it one of the wettest cities in Canada. It has a population of 12,800.

**Visitor Centre** is in the heart of Prince Rupert’s tourist district, Cow Bay and is open year-round. 215 Cow Bay Road. 250-624-5637 or 800-667-1994

**A short description of the main towns on the Yellowhead Highway follows:**

**Prince George** is at the hub of two major transportation corridors (Highway 97 and Highway 16) and serves as the gateway to Northern British Columbia via the Hart Highway. As the largest city in Northern BC, with a population of approximately 78,000, it offers first class amenities with easy access to the great outdoors.

**Visitor Center** is located downtown in the Via Rail Building at 1300 First Ave. 250-562-3700 or 800-668-7646

**Vanderhoof** is 97 km west of Prince George, very near the geographic center of British Columbia.

**Visitor Center** is one block off Highway 16 at 2353 Burrard Avenue. 250 567-2124
The Klondike Highway

The Klondike Highway links Skagway, Alaska to Dawson City, Yukon. The Highway roughly parallels the route taken by the prospectors in the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush. It was a grueling journey from Skagway over the Chilkoot Pass or the White Pass to Carcross. From there, prospectors continued by boat or raft along the Yukon River, through Whitehorse to Dawson City.

The last section of the Highway, from Skagway to Carcross was completed in 1978 and became part of the Klondike Highway terminating in Dawson City. In 1986 it became important as a commercial trucking route, with the abandonment of the White Pass Railroad from Carcross to Whitehorse.

As the highway winds out of Skagway towards Whitehorse you will encounter beautiful lakes and rivers. The only community between Skagway and Whitehorse is Carcross, however, there are several small communities between Whitehorse and Dawson including, Stewart Crossing and Pelly Crossing.

A brief description of the towns on the Klondike Highway follows:

**Skagway** was the boomtown gateway to the Trail of ’98 and the Klondike gold fields. The population has dwindled from 20,000 feverish gold seekers to about 1,000 year-round citizens. (see page 125)

**Carcross** has a fascinating history that includes an interesting connection to the current President of the USA, Donald Trump. (see page 89)

**Braeburn Lodge** at km 280. Don’t miss this favorite stop on the way to Dawson City. It is home to world famous cinnamon buns, monster sandwiches, great fishing and souvenirs. 89 km from the Alaska Highway junction. Gas & Diesel available. 867-456-2867

**Carmacks** is at the junction of the Klondike Hwy and the Robert Campbell Highway, which leads to Faro and Watson Lake. In 1893 George Carmack, who would later discover gold in Dawson, found coal near Five Finger Rapids and went about developing a coal mine. Carmack built a cabin, which became a trading post and the community of Carmacks was born. It wasn't long before it became an important riverboat stop between Whitehorse and Dawson. The settlement continued to grow when the Overland Trail was routed through Carmacks in 1901. In 1955 a branch road was completed from Carmacks to Dawson. This ended Sternwheeler traffic and resulted in the demise of many small river communities, however, Carmacks was one of the few to survive.

**Dawson City** is the heart of the world-famous Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. As many as 60,000 annual visitors come to Dawson, some looking for gold, others to explore it's rich history. (see page 92)
First Nation peoples have lived here for thousands of years and still play an important role in the community. The Tagish people call this area Todezzane, "wind blowing all the time" and the Tlingit call it Naataase Heen, "water running through the narrows."

Carcross' modern history began 1899 as a stopping point for prospectors heading to the Klondike. J.H. Brownlee surveyed the town site for the White Pass & Yukon Railway in 1899. The railway was completed July 29, 1900 and ran until 1982. The community was called Caribou Crossing, because of the Caribou that crossed the narrows between Nares and Bennett Lake. In 1904 Bishop Bompas, a Church of England clergyman and missionary, requested the town be renamed Carcross and the government approved the change.

Carcross grew quickly from a tent town and soon a general store, hotels and restaurants were popping up. The Caribou Hotel, now designated as a Yukon Historic Site, opened in 1898 and is still in operation today.

A major fire destroyed the railway station and the downtown core of Carcross in 1909, but the buildings were quickly rebuilt.

Frederick Trump, grandfather of President Donald Trump, made a fortune operating a hotel and bordello in the Carcross area in 1898. He returned to Germany in 1901 and emigrated to the USA soon after.

Montana Services and RV Park is a full service park with convenience store and restaurant. Gas, diesel, propane and RV wash are available. 867-821-3708

Carcross Desert Although this is not a desert climate, the 260 hectares of sand dunes is known as the Worlds Smallest Desert. The dunes are what remains of a glacial lake bed and sand carried by wind from nearby Bennett Lake. During the summer the desert is used by locals and visitors for hiking, ATVing and sandboarding. Located 1 km north of Carcross.

Montana Mountain in Carcross is a recreational haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Over 40 km of hiking and biking trails are maintained by local youth of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. These biking trails are considered world-class and have become a major attraction for many visitors to Carcross.

Carcross Commons is in the middle of town and is home to local first nations totem poles, shops and art galleries.

Visitor Centre is located in the Carcross Commons Commercial Village. Open daily in the summer. 867-821-4431
Dawson City’s exciting gold rush history makes it one of the most interesting towns to visit in the Yukon or Alaska. The Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1800s only lasted a few short years, but it’s legacy lives on. More than a Century later, gold mining remains an economic mainstay in the region. The Dawson area has produced close to 14 million ounces of gold in the past 120 years.

It all began with Robert Henderson, a fur trapper and part-time prospector who, in 1894, found gold in Rabbit Creek (later renamed Bonanza) not far from where the Klondike River empties into the Yukon. When he had finished prospecting this clear, shallow stream, he was certain he was close to a major find.

Two years passed, however, before he could persuade his friend, George Carmack, to go into the area. Carmack and his native companions, Tagish (Dawson) Charlie and Skookum Jim, explored the area around the river the First Nations people called “Tr’ondek”—or Klondike to English tongues. The three lucky prospectors discovered gold on Bonanza Creek on August 16, 1896 and the Klondike Gold Rush was on!

A short time later, at the nearby mining camp of Fortymile, Carmack registered the claim. Within days, Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks had been staked from end to end. Carmack did not tell Henderson, who ended up missing out on the richest claims. Thirty thousand pick-and-shovel miners, prospectors, storekeepers, saloon keepers, bankers, gamblers, prostitutes and con men from every corner of the continent poured through snow-choked mountain passes and down the Yukon River to stake their claim to fortune on creeks with names like Eldorado, Bonanza, Last Chance and Too Much Gold.

Most seekers found no gold at all. But the prospect of sudden riches was not all that mattered. For many of those who made the incredible journey, the Klondike represented escape from a humdrum life and the adventure of a new frontier.

The town grew up in the shadow of a scar-faced mountain called Midnight Dome. Here on the flats of two riverbanks was a city of trampled mud streets, saloons, churches, gambling houses and theatrical shows. White Pass & Yukon steamers could usually be found berthed at riverside docks. These beautiful boats were part of a fleet of 250 paddlewheelers, which plied the Yukon River.
The Klondike Gold Rush had a major impact on the local First Nations, The Han. They inhabited the land around the Yukon, Stewart and Klondike River for several thousand years and were one of the few Yukon tribes to develop permanent villages in the Yukon. Today, they are concentrated in Dawson City where they operate the Dänojà Zho Cultural Center.

Visitor Information Centre in the log building at the corner of Front Street and King Street. Historic slide shows and films are shown daily and interesting artifacts are on display. Drop by and pick up a Dawson City map to plan your path through this historic city or join one of the many Parks Canada Walking Tours and be guided around town by a costumed guide reliving the Klondike era. Open daily 8am to 8pm, May to Sept. 867-993-5566

Bonanza Gold Motel is one mile from the city center. Deluxe accommodations, kitchenettes & standard rooms with queen or double beds. Air conditioners or fans, refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. Handicap rooms available. Wi-fi, Laundromat, pet friendly, and non-smoking. Car / RV wash. 867-993-6789 or 888-993-6789

Toll Free: 888-993-6789

www.bonanzagold.ca
5th Ave Bed and Breakfast Clean and comfortable rooms conveniently located in the middle of town. Wi-fi available. 702 5th Ave. 867-993-5941

The Bunkhouse Clean, friendly and affordable. Comfortable rooms with shared or private bathrooms and free Wi-fi. 883 2nd Avenue. 867-993-6164

Westmark Inn Dawson City provides spacious and comfortable accommodations in the heart of this lively gold rush town. Enjoy a home-cooked meal at Belinda’s dining room. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in a Klondike atmosphere. Open May–September. 867-993-5542 or 800-544-0970 Westmarkhotels.com

Bonanza Market Fresh meat & locally grown produce, dairy and a complete line of groceries. Euro/Canadian Deli with great selection. Locally owned and operated by Yukoners. 2nd Ave. & Princess St. 867-993-6567

The Raven’s Nook specializes in souvenirs, T-shirts, and sportswear. Men's and ladies fashion and a great selection of footwear make this Dawson City's mini-department store. A good place to find that perfect gift or maybe a new pair of shoes. 2nd & Queen St. 867-993-5530
The Drunken Goat Taverna Featuring authentic greek cuisine. Don’t miss one of the best greek restaurants in the Yukon. 950 2nd Ave. 867 993 5868

Billy Goat Pub Enjoy the same great food and beverages from the Drunken Goat Taverna in a bistro atmosphere. 867-993-6989

Bonanza Gold RV Park is located at the south entrance to Dawson City. A great RV park with 15, 30 and 50 amp full service sites as well as 15 & 30 amp electric only sites. Cable TV, Wi-fi, Laundromat, showers and RV/car wash. Km 711.8 Klondike Highway. 867-993-6789 or 888-993-6789

Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre The Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in present tours, interpretive programs and events, celebrating the traditional and contemporary life of the Han Hwëch’in (River people). Situated on the bank of the Yukon River, Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre is a gateway into Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in heritage. The knowledgeable staff brings the Hammerstone Gallery to life, sharing the story of life before the arrival of the gold seekers. Stories of living off the land, survival skills and the strength of their community today. 1131 Front Street. 867-993-7100 ex 500

Dawson City Museum has exhibits that guide the visitor through the Klondike years, the gold rush and the boom & bust of Dawson City. Movies, tours, a real courtroom, coffee shop and gift shop.


Firefighters Museum in the North End of town has displays of historic “fire wagons” and historical fire fighting artifacts from the colorful Dawson City past. 1336 Front St.

Klondike Spirit Cruises Cruise the Yukon River in nostalgic paddle wheeler style. 867-993-6584

The Palace Grand Theater Travel back to the gold rush, and enjoy a night out in the “prettiest little theatre north of San Francisco.” This Theatre first opened in 1899 and is now a Klondike National Historic Site. Located at King Street and 3rd Avenue.
The Midnight Dome Lookout
For over a 100 years Dawsonites have gathered here, during the summer, to watch the setting of the midnight sun. From the parking area there is a short hiking trail that leads to a viewing platform perched on the edge of a rocky bluff. There are two ways to access the Dome: from the Klondike Highway as it enters Dawson, turn east and follow the Dome road. From downtown, follow King Street to Mary McLeod Road to the Dome Road.

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The George Black Ferry is a free service for travellers wanting to access the Top of the World Highway. The ferry crosses the Yukon River 24 hours a day during the summer. The busiest travel time for the ferry is between 7am - 11am when there can be waits of 1- 2 hours. 867-993-5441

Dawson City Airport connects passengers to Whitehorse and other Yukon communities year-round with connections to the rest of Canada. During the summer it also has charter flights to and from Fairbanks, Alaska, making it an international airport.

Dawson City Dike Walkway A well-maintained walking trail follows the Yukon River from the south end of town to the ferry landing. Great views of the historic town, the river and the Keno riverboat from the walkway. There are picnic tables, benches, a gazebo and interesting stops along the way. The trail head is about 1 km south of downtown Dawson City but the trail can be accessed from any point on the waterfront.

Don’t miss the very unique Camera Obscura Shack near the gazebo in Waterfront Park. Built in 2004, the Camera Obscura is a simple yet amazing type of camera. It projects a moving, inverted image of its surroundings on its interior walls through a small lens in the side of its structure. In this case, you will see Dawson’s main street come to life as a large upside-down image.

The Crocus Bluff Trail is an easy and relatively short hike. There are interpretive signs on the trail that tell the history of the areas First Nation People. The observation platform at the end of the trail has great views of Dawson City and the Klondike River. Trailhead is accessed by following King street to Mary McLeod Road to a gravel parking lot.

Ridge Road Trail This 33 km trail will take serious hikers two or three days to complete, however there are short day hikes from either trailhead to interesting landmarks. Starting from Jackson Gulch (the Northwest trailhead) it is 3.7 km to the Yukon Ditch, which was built to divert water to the Dawson Area for the mines. Starting from the Upper Trailhead on Bonanza Creek Road it is a 2.4 km hike to Soda Station, which was a storage area for the Rail companies. Reach Jackson Gulch by turning off the Klondike Highway on Callison Way and follow the road to Leggo Lane then left on Molison Drive. The upper trailhead is accessed by turning on Bonanza Creek Road from the Klondike Highway.
The Top of the World Highway is two highways. Yukon Highway 9 in Canada and the Taylor Highway 5 in Alaska. It is 175 miles/281 km from Dawson City in the Yukon to the Alaska Highway (Tetlin Junction). The Top of the World Highway is open during the summer starting mid-May but closes once the snow flies, which is usually by mid-October. However, it has been known to close earlier.

When entering or leaving Dawson City on the Top of the World Highway, you will need to take the George Black Ferry. It crosses the Yukon River, for free, 24 hours a day in the summer. The first 106 km to the border is mostly on a chip-sealed surface with gravel sections. There are a number of scenic overlooks on this part of the highway.

The Canada/U.S. border is open from May to Sept. from 8am to 8pm Alaska time and 9am to 9pm Yukon time. Everyone crossing the border will need proper ID, such as a passport. The Poker Creek Border Crossing is North America’s most northern international border crossing.

Boundary Spur Road from the U.S./Canada Border to Jack Wade Jct. is recently paved. At the junction you join the Taylor Highway, which travels west to Chicken or north to Eagle. The 30 miles from Jack Wade Junction to Chicken is gravel and can be challenging. Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. At mile 66 of the Taylor Highway you will find the community of Chicken, home of the Pedro Gold Dredge and Tisha’s Schoolhouse. Chicken is a good place to stay over as there is lots to see and do in this historic community. The road between Chicken and Tetlin Junction has been reconstructed and is usually in good condition.

This highway is a scenic route with breathtaking views that should be enjoyed with plenty of stops along the way.

Yukon River Campground is on the west side of the Yukon River, across from Dawson City. 102 sites, with 20 pull-throughs. Riverside sites with great views of Dawson, picnic shelters, firewood and outhouses. Walker Fork Campground at mile 82 of the Taylor Highway has 18 RV sites, a tenting area, potable water, firepits and outhouses. Bring your mosquito repellent.
CHICKEN

Chicken, Alaska is one of the most interesting towns in the north primarily because of what has not been done versus what has been done. The visitor services infrastructure is good, however, it is still a raw frontier town, which is one of its charms.

Chicken is located at mile 66 of the Taylor Highway and is 78 miles from Tok.

The history of Chicken is rich and began with the discovery of gold, on Franklin Gulch, in 1886. Ten years later, in 1896, Bob Mathieson made a major discovery on Upper Chicken Creek, staked his claim and built a cabin. 700 miners were thought to be working the area between 1896 and 1898. A post office was established in 1903 to serve a population of around 400. In 1906, Harvey Van Hook built the two-story Chicken Creek Hotel.

The Historic Town of Chicken was a hub of activity for the southern portion of the Fortymile Mining District. Many of the original buildings still stand including “Tisha’s Schoolhouse” made famous by the book Tisha. The book chronicles Anne Purdy’s life as a teacher in the town of Chicken in 1927.

In 1939, the F.E. Company began acquiring claims and built a camp on Nora Bench. In 1953, they bought the town site and turned it into a camp for their dredging operation. The Pedro Dredge was moved from Fairbanks to Chicken in 1959 and it operated until 1967.

In 1998, after sitting idle for 31 years, the million pound dredge was moved in one piece to its present location in Chicken. Chicken Gold Camp offers tours of the Pedro Dredge.

The Chicken Gold Camp and Outpost
Chicken RV Park, rooms and cabins. The “Outpost” gift store has Alaska artisan made gifts, clothing, jewelry and more. The café serves homemade entrees, fresh-baked pastries, espresso drinks, smoothies, hand-dipped ice cream, wood-fired pizza and Alaska craft beers. The camp features gold panning, gold mining outings and historic tours. CGC is a National Historic Site including the Pedro Dredge and mining museum. 1/4 mile south on Airport Road in Chicken. 907-782-4427
The Richardson Highway is Alaska’s oldest highway. In 1898 a trail was pushed from Valdez to Eagle in the Interior of Alaska. Residents had requested money from Congress to improve the trail but by the time approval came through, the gold production in the Eagle area had declined. The funds were used instead to improve the Fairbanks portion because of the Felix Pedro gold find in Fairbanks. Major Wilds P. Richardson worked to upgrade the trail to a wagon road in 1910 after the Fairbanks Gold Rush. It was made suitable for vehicles in the 1920s and paved in 1957.

The Richardson connects Valdez and Fairbanks. The drive will take you through the spectacular and narrow Keystone Canyon and across the Thompson Pass where you will encounter Worthington Glacier, one of the few glaciers in the world that you can drive to. From Valdez to Delta Junction there are many opportunities to view the Alaska pipeline, which parallels the highway. Summits are high for Alaska, with Thompson Pass, near Valdez, being the highest at 2,805 ft.

Communities that you will encounter on the highway include: **Copper Center**, accessed via a loop road at mile 100 or mile 106, is one of the oldest white communities in Alaska’s Interior and served prospectors heading north during the gold rush days.

The Richardson Highway gives visitors access to **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park**, the largest National Park in the U.S. and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Turn east onto the Edgerton Highway at mile 83 of the Richardson. The road is good to Chitna but rough and challenging from Chitna to McCarthy. We recommend that you fly in with Wrangell Mountain Air. They offer daily scheduled air service and day tours to the Park from Chitna and Glennallen. Call 800-478-1160 to reserve.

**Glennallen** is the center of the Copper River Basin, and is one of Alaska’s best outdoor recreation areas. **Delta Junction** is at the junction of the Alaska and Richardson Highways and is the true end of the Alaska Highway. **North Pole** is a small Alaskan community, best known as the home of Santa Claus House Gift Shop. **Fairbanks** is Alaska’s second largest city and is rich in history and culture. The Army’s Fort Wainwright and nearby Eielson Air Force base are both an integral part of the community.
RICHARDSON HIGHWAY – VALDEZ TO PAXSON

Key:
- M 12: Old Valdez
- M 24: Blueberry Lake
- M 10: Copper Center Visitor Complex
- M 115: Gulkana Airport
- M 118: Dry Creek
- M 129: Gakona
- M 147: Sourdough Creek
- M 137: Gulkana River Trail
- M 156: Paxson Lake

Notable Places:
- The Hub of Alaska
- Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge
- King For A Day Campground
- Alyeska Pipeline Terminus
- Worthington Glacier
- Bridal Veil Falls

Route Descriptions:
- Connecting Routes
- Paxson M 186
- Paxson Lake M 175
- Haggard Creek M 160
- Gulkana M 127
- Gulkana Airport M 119
- Copper Center M 107
- Liberty Falls M 24
- Wrangell St. Elias National Park

Additional Information:
- Wrangell St. Elias National Park
- Chugach National Forest
- Glennallen
- To Anchorage
- To Delta Jct.
Valdez is a year-round playground and is a destination that needs to be on every visitor’s list of must do’s. It has a spectacular mix of tidewater glaciers, forests and mountains unequaled in the State and offers incredible recreational opportunities throughout the year. After you see the breathtaking mountain scenery and experience glacier and wildlife viewing in Prince William Sound, you will see that even Mother Nature has her favorites. Located on the north shore of a deepwater fjord in Prince William Sound, Valdez is only 120 air miles east of Anchorage but is a 305 mile drive via the Richardson and Glenn Highways. It is also the southern terminus of the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

The area was named in 1790 by Senor Fidalgo for the celebrated Spanish naval officer Antonio Valdez y Basan. In 1898 it became a debarkation point for prospectors seeking a route to Dawson City and the Klondike gold fields. Gold was soon discovered in the area and the city was incorporated in 1901.

The March 1964 Good Friday earthquake in Prince William Sound was the second most powerful earthquake ever recorded (9.2 magnitude), which resulted in a tsunami that destroyed the original city, killing 30 people in Valdez. The City was rebuilt in a more protected location about 4 miles from the original site.

Construction of the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline terminal and other cargo transportation facilities brought rapid growth in the 1970s.

Valdez is a traveler’s dream with excellent campgrounds, hotels and restaurants. It has several incredible tours that make it difficult to choose a favorite. However, any tour that gets you up close to the nearby glaciers in Prince William Sound is bound to be a highlight of your Alaska vacation.

Valdez Convention & Visitor Bureau is an excellent place to begin your stay in Valdez. 309 Fairbanks Drive. Open year-round. 907-835-2984

Downtown B&B Inn Cozy, clean rooms, private bathrooms, Wi-fi, and great continental breakfasts during the summer. Perfect for visitors interested in a home base while fishing, sightseeing or taking a glacier tour to Prince William Sound. 113 Galena Drive. 1-800-478-2791 or 907-835-2791
Totem Hotel & Suites  Experience Valdez in comfort and style. An eco-friendly, 65-room hotel combining modern design and amenities. Business class suites with full kitchens and 10 cabins. One block from the boat harbor, next to the Valdez welcome arch. 144 East Egan Drive. 1-888-808-4431

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Solomon Gulch Salmon Hatchery has been in operation since 1982. The hatchery is run by the Valdez Fisheries Development Association which was organized for the purpose of raising more salmon for local fishermen after natural salmon runs were adversely affected by very cold winters in the early 1970s. The current hatchery program aims for an annual return of 10 million pink salmon and 100,000 coho salmon. This has been a strong economic driver for the local economy by maintaining a supply of millions of wild Alaska salmon. Located outside of Valdez on Dayville Road, the Hatchery is open daily during the summer for unguided walking tours. This is also an outstanding place for wildlife viewing as the spawning salmon attract birds, sea lions, bears and more. If bears are spotted stay in your vehicle and use common sense. Never approach bears for any reason and always be aware of your surroundings. 1567 Dayville Road. 907-835-1329

Allison Point on Dayville Road is probably the most popular fishing spot in all of Valdez. Near the Solomon Gulch Salmon Hatchery, anglers can fish from the shore of Allison Point and are sure to catch pink salmon during the July - August return of millions of salmon. If you’re going to be fishing in Valdez this summer, make sure you have a Valdez Fish Derby ticket, so aren’t left out of the prizes with your record setting catch!

The Dock Point Trail is a loop trail near the small boat harbor. Great views of the nearby grass and wildflower meadow from the boardwalk. The overlooks give unobstructed views across Valdez Bay. Parking is available on Kobuk Drive, across from the boat launch ramp.

Mineral Creek Valley is a scenic drive/hike. Follow the gravel road at the end of Mineral Creek Drive for 5.5 miles to reach the parking area and trailhead. Halfway up the road splits. The right fork leads a short distance to the creek where a small tram was used to service the McIntosh Roadhouse (cira 1912). The left fork continues up the valley to a gate and parking area. From here the trail leads 0.8 miles to a Stamp Mill built in 1913 and used in conjunction with the Mountain King Mine.

John Hunter Memorial Trail (Formerly Solomon Gulch Trail) climbs through a beautiful forested area and then joins with the Pipeline Service Road before it continues up Solomon Gulch. In 1915 an aerial tram ran 5.2 miles up the Gulch from the beach, to the Midas Mine. At the end of the trail you’ll see a Dam, which provides power to the Valdez area. The trail is well marked and has information signs. To reach the trailhead, take Dayville Road to the first parking area at Allison Point. The trailhead is at the west end of the parking lot. The 3.8 miles will take 2 1/2 hours.
The Chugach, Wrangell, and St. Elias mountain ranges converge here in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which includes 9 of the 16 highest peaks in the United States. This is the largest National Park in the U.S. and is the size of six Yellowstones. The high country is covered with snow year-round resulting in extensive ice fields and glaciers. The Bagley Ice Field is the largest sub polar ice field in North America. Wrangell-St. Elias and the adjoining Kluane National Park in Canada form a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Wrangell-St. Elias can be reached via two roads. The Edgerton Highway from mile 82.5 of the Richardson Highway is 33 miles long and ends at Chitna. From Chitna to Kennecott & McCarthy it is 60 miles on a rough gravel road. The Nebesna
Road is at mile 60 of the Tok Cut-off and travels 43 miles to Nabesna, providing access to the northern portion of the park.

You may notice two spellings of Kennicott. Kennicott, with an “i” is the spelling of the glacier, river and valley, named after naturalist Robert Kennicott. However, when the town and mine were named, a clerical error was made, and they were forever spelled Kennecott, with an “e”.

**Copper Center Visitor Complex** is at mile 107 of the Richardson Highway. It includes a bookstore, exhibit hall, theatre, scenic overlook and hiking trails. Open mid-May through September. 907-822-7250

**Kennecott Visitor Center** in Kennecott, 5 miles north of McCarthy. Backcountry trip planning info and the best place to learn about the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. 907-205-7106

**Kennicott Glacier Lodge** features 43 comfortable guest rooms, a full service restaurant, breathtaking Alaska scenery, and access to lots of outdoor activities. Walk on the Root Glacier, learn about the historic town, or go flightseeing, alpine hiking and river rafting. This family owned Lodge is located in America’s largest National Park and at the National Historic Landmark Kennecott Copper Mine. Take the opportunity to stay and explore the rugged and beautiful Kennicott and McCarthy area while enjoying a comfortable and relaxing place to call home. 907-258-2350 or 800-582-5128

**Camping**

There are two campgrounds near the end of the McCarthy Road for tents and RV’s. No hookups, but water and outhouses are available. **Copper River Campground**, operated by the State of Alaska and **Glacier View Campground** is privately run.

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Copper Center is found at the confluence of the Copper and Klutina Rivers. It is one of the oldest white communities in Alaska’s Interior. Andrew Holman, was the leader of a group of Scandinavians who founded Copper Center. In 1898, Holman established a townsite and temporary tent hotel for prospectors traveling to the Klondike Gold Rush over the Valdez Eagle Trail.

King For A Day Campground is situated on the shores of the Klutina River, home to some of the world’s best salmon fishing. Full hookups, dry & tent camping and two cabins are available. Showers, laundry, firewood. Mile 100.5 Richardson Highway. 907-822-3092

Jene Rene Studio Gallery proudly displays the works of artist Jean Rene, who was captivated by the beauty of the land and the people when she arrived in Alaska in 1973. Through oils and watercolor, she explores the Alaskan world she has become so much a part of. Located next to the Post Office.

George Ashby Memorial Museum offers the visitor a look at the varied past of the Copper River Valley. Exhibits include items from the Kennecott Copper Mine and Native cultural history.

Old Town Copper Center Inn & Restaurant has offered friendly service and fine dining for more than 68 years. Rooms have a flat screen TV, microwave, mini fridge and Wi-fi. The rustic restaurant serves delicious homemade meals.
Glennallen is known for its outstanding scenery, great fishing and of course, its friendly people. It is located in the Copper River Basin, at the junction of the Glenn and Richardson Highways. Glennallen is the gateway to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, the largest National Park in the United States. There are regular flight-seeing tours leaving Glennallen which will take you over the rugged and glaciated terrain and leave you in awe of the vastness of the park. Alternatively, you can drive the 126 miles into McCarthy or take a private transport that leaves daily during the summer. Keep in mind the 60 mile
trip from Chitna to McCarthy is on a very rough road and will take at least 2 hours.

In 1898 the Glennallen area saw an influx of gold seekers headed for the Klondike Gold Fields via an “All-American” route. Despite this being the longer route, it was chosen by some in an effort to avoid the White Pass and Chilkoot Trails. They hoped to bypass the tariffs being charged by the Canadians who controlled those passes. The ploy failed as the gold seekers eventually had to enter Canada to reach Dawson City in the Yukon.

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline travels through the Copper River area paralleling the Richardson Highway and is visible from various points along the highway.

As the major population center of the Copper River Basin, Glennallen is a great basecamp for exploring the area. The 290 mile Copper River, the tenth longest river in the United States, winds through the region. It is best known for Copper River Salmon which is served in some of the finest restaurants in North America.

Greater Copper Valley Visitor Center is at the junction of the Glenn and Richardson Highways. 907-822-5555

Caribou Hotel has two bedroom suites with kitchens available, whirlpool baths, Sealy mattresses and is Handicap accessible. Standard rooms have DIRECTV, 40” flat screen TV, microwave and mini-fridge. The restaurant at Caribou Hotel serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and has regular daily specials. The Caribou Gift Shop in front of the hotel has a wide range of Alaskan made gifts, from clothing to jewelry. Mile 187 Glenn Highway. 907-822-3302

Caribou Hotel RV Park has 12 full hook-up sites available. Mile 187. 907-822-3302
Copper Valley IGA is a full service grocery store with a butcher shop, Deli and Espresso Café. They have an excellent produce aisle and fresh sandwiches can be ordered at the Deli. 907-822-3334

Hub of Alaska at the junction of Glenn and Richardson Highways has Tesoro gas and diesel. The Hub store carries groceries, gifts, fishing tackle & licenses and have an ATM. 907-822-3555
Southeast Alaska is made up of several large islands, thousands of smaller ones, and a thin strip of rugged mainland bordering Canada. This is also where you will find the world famous “Inside Passage” served by the Alaska Marine Highway. It is lush, green and wet! Annual rainfall can reach as much as 155 inches.

It has seen thousands of years of human habitation and was the focal point for the Russian influx in the 1700s. In 1741, Danish navigator Vitus Bering, while working for the Russian Empire, discovered the Alaskan coast. Not until 1779 did the rest of Europe realize the value of this area. Captain James Cook, who is regarded as one of the most ambitious explorers of all time, took Alaska furs as far as China around 1780 and was astounded at the profitability of the venture. The Russians consolidated their hold on Alaska in the late 1700s and at one point claimed the area from just north of San Francisco all the way to the Aleutian Islands.

The mild climate of the area seldom experiences temperatures below 10 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter and summer temperatures range between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Southeast Alaska is only 600 air miles from Seattle and is served daily by Alaska Airlines and the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry. The Inter-Island Ferry provides service between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island.

The Alaska Marine Highway provides year-round ferry transportation throughout Southeast Alaska. The ferries provide residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience the scenery, wildlife, and warm hospitality of a variety of ports between Bellingham, Washington and Southwest Alaska. All routes within the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) are, collectively, a National Scenic Byway.

Food may be purchased on board and most vessels offer cabin accommodations. Stopovers are permitted at any port of call. For fares and information, please call 800-642-0066.
The Haines Highway is one of the most spectacular drives in the North. In 2009 it was awarded the distinction of National Scenic Byway and when you drive it you will understand why. The Highway is 246 km/153 miles and is an excellent road. It essentially follows the trail used by the Chilkat / Tlinglit First Nations who traded with the Athabascan First Nations in the interior of the Yukon. It was originally called the "Grease Trail" as the main commodity was oil from the candle fish found in the ocean near Haines. In the late 1800s the trail was improved by Jack Dalton, an explorer and trader, who recognized the importance of the route and established several Trading Posts. The trail was developed before the Klondike Gold Rush and the ever entrepreneurial Dalton charged a fee to hopeful miners on their way to the Klondike.

Million Dollar Falls Campground at km 159 has 34 sites, tenting area, picnic tables, and cooking shelters. A boardwalk leads to a lookout above the 60 metre /196-feet high Million Dollar Falls on the Takhanne River. This is the endpoint for the Chinook salmon spawning run in July. There is plenty of hiking to explore around the campground area.

Dezadeash Lake Campground at km 195.7. A loop road leads to this very picturesque campground. 20 sites, picnic area, kitchen shelter and outhouses. Dezadeash Lake (pronounced DEZ-dee-ash) is relatively shallow making it one of the Yukon’s warmer lakes; ideal for those looking to take a dip.
Early in November 1879, a canoe slipped into the mouth of the Chilkat Inlet carrying S. Hall Young, a Presbyterian missionary, and his naturalist friend, John Muir. Young told the Chilkat people of his intention to build a new Christian town between two waterways; the Chilkat River and the Lynn Canal. Two years later, the first permanent missionaries came to Haines and the resulting town was named after Mrs. F.E.H. Haines, who was secretary of the Presbyterian National Women’s Missionary Board. She never visited the town that bears her name, although she was a supporter of the mission to Haines. By 1881 the mission was fully established.

In the early 1900s, the government built a permanent Army post here known as Fort William H. Seward, named after the man who negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The Fort was to be a showcase reflecting the Army's strength in Alaska. It covered over 4000 acres and the foundations of the buildings were cut from local granite by Italian stone masons. The officers houses had the latest in conveniences with indoor flush toilets and bathtubs.

Haines is situated at the upper end of North America’s longest and deepest fjord. It is 14 miles south of Skagway and 80 miles north of Juneau.

The Chilkat Valley is home to abundant wildlife and Haines has one of the highest concentrations of Bald Eagles in North America. 260 species of birds also pass through the Chilkat Valley each year. The Chilkoot River offers an amazing opportunity to view brown, black and the very rare spirit bears.

Fort William H Seward was once the crown jewel of the Army in Alaska.
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**Fort Seward Lodge** gives guests a comfortable friendly experience with a rich historic feel. From camping spots in front of the lodge to standard rooms and a luxury suite, there’s something for everyone. 208-446-2849

**Haines Visitor Information Center** is the best place to start exploring this artful, adventure filled town. Tlingit culture, adventure, wildlife viewing and an award winning distillery can be found in Haines. 122 - 2nd Avenue. 907-766-6418

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Fort William H. Seward was built in 1902 as a result of the international border negotiations with Canada. It was renamed Chilkoot Barracks due to confusion at the Post Office with the town of Seward, also named after the same man. When the Fort became a National Historic Site in 1972, the name was changed back to Fort William H. Seward. Most of the original buildings still stand and it now houses restaurants, a Bed and Breakfast and the Chilkat Center for the Arts. While you’re in Fort Seward, visit the historic bakery building which now houses...
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The American Bald Eagle Foundation
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Explore the rich history, culture and art of the Chilkat Valley with a visit to the Haines Sheldon Museum! In the main gallery, learn how the Tlingit stronghold of Jilkáat Aani transformed into a booming multi-ethnic community. The museum houses over 4,000 artifacts including Chilkat blankets, dugout canoes, the Eldred Rock Lighthouse lens, gold mining equipment, a rotating art gallery and an interactive children’s area. Centrally located at 11 Main Street. Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm. 907-766-2366.

Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve
on the Chilkat River. Bald Eagles are attracted to the area by the availability of spawned-out salmon and open waters in late fall and winter. Mile 18 to 24, on the Haines Highway. Alaska Indian Arts Center offers a daily cultural history lecture with a brief history of Fort William H. Seward, Alaska Indian Arts and the development of totem pole carving in the area. 13 Fort Seward Drive.
Hikers will find two free handouts available at the Visitor Center; a trail guide entitled *Haines is for Hikers* and a great checklist for birds of the Chilkat Valley. **Battery Point Trail** is a short and fairly easy hike. It leads to a very pleasant beach, a great spot for a picnic. The first part of the trail is paved, and it is very popular, so don’t expect to be on your own. The trailhead is at the end of Beach Road past Portage Cove Docks. **Mt. Riley Trail** is a 6 mile trail with great views of the surrounding mountains, glaciers and inlets. It has a 1700 foot elevation gain and is a moderately difficult hike. It can be accessed from the Battery Point trail or at mile 3 of the Mud Bay Road. You can also access it from Lily Lake which is found at the end of FAA road behind Fort William H. Seward. **Mt. Ripinsky Trail** is a well known trail in the Haines Area. It is a challenging trail for more serious hikers. If you plan to hike the 7 mile saddle to the Haines Highway, it is recommended you do it as an overnight trip. You can camp in the alpine area between the summit and the south peak. It has spectacular views but the trail is steep and it can be muddy even during the summer. Access the trailhead by taking 2nd Avenue to Young Road. Follow Young Road, keeping left at the fork, through a residential area and follow the signs to the parking lot and trailhead.

**Transportation**

**Alaska Marine Highway** has regular service to Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell and Sitka. The ferry terminal is 4 miles from downtown at 2112 Lutak Road. 907-766-2111 **Haines-Skagway Fast Ferry** offers daily service to Skagway and return. Only 45 minutes between ports. This is a passenger only ferry service, not for vehicles. Located at the Port Chilkoot Dock. 907-766-2100
Skagway, Alaska is the northernmost point in Alaska’s Inside Passage, at the end of Lynn Canal. In its heyday, Skagway was the boomtown gateway to the Trail of ’98 and the Klondike gold fields. The population has dwindled from 20,000 feverish gold seekers to about 1,000 year-round citizens.

Streets once choked with gold-crazed stampeders clamoring to get to the Klondike and strike it rich, are now just as busy with thousands of visitors arriving by cruise ship every day!

On a busy day, Skagway reverberates with many of the same feelings that must have been present during the gold rush. Skagway is home of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad, the “Scenic Railway of the World,” one of Alaska’s most popular visitor attractions. This is more than a train, it is a ride through history. Skagway is also the home of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, which honors the stampeders of the Klondike by protecting the historic buildings and trails of the gold rush era.

The South Klondike Highway is open year-round and connects Skagway with the Yukon and the Alaska Highway.

Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau is located in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, one of Skagway’s most interesting buildings. The facade of the building uses almost 9000 pieces of driftwood collected from the beaches in Skagway Bay. Pick up a city walking tour map or local trail map for nearby hiking. The Skagway CVB website is an excellent resource for planning your stay in this historic little city. Visit 245 Broadway or Skagway.com. 907-983-2854 or 888-762-1898

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Dyea Campground has 24 sites for RV’s and tents. Toilets and firepits. 9 miles from Skagway. The Chilkoot trailhead is only 0.5 miles from the campground. 907-983-9200

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Skagway has plenty of trails ideal for day hikes or longer multi-day trips. **The Chilkoot Trail** is the probably the most famous trail in Alaska. It is the 53 km/33 mile trail used by gold seekers headed for the Klondike Gold Rush. It is maintained by both the U.S. and Canadian Park Services. You need to have a permit to hike the Chilkoot as the number of hikers each year is limited. It is an amazing journey into the past and one of the most popular trails in the North. The trailhead is at Dyea a few miles from Skagway. It typically takes 3 to 5 days to complete. **Lower Dewey Lakes** is easily accessible from downtown Skagway. It takes about 45 minutes to reach the lake and there are great views overlooking Skagway. The trail has some steep sections, with a total elevation gain of around 500 ft. After reaching the lake it is possible to continue on to Icy Lake and Upper Reid Falls. Access the trailhead on 2nd Ave across from the White Pass & Yukon Railroad Depot.

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**Skagway Sculpture and Flower Garden** Step away from the crowds to discover this hidden gem of a garden with 28 beautiful bronze sculptures made by noted artists from across the United States. You can also explore the “Klondike Gold Rush Trail” via 57 historical photographs with written narrative. Family owned & operated since 2005. Open daily on the edge of the Historic District, 7th & Spring St. 907-983-3311

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