

# **Bell's Travel Guides**

## **Glenn Highway & Tok Cut-off Road Log**



**Mile by Mile Description of the Glenn Highway & Tok Cut-off so you always know what lies ahead.**

**Tok, Alaska to Anchorage, Alaska**



**The Glenn Highway & Tok Cut-off** are part of Alaska Route 1 which connects The Alaska Highway and Anchorage. The 125 mile section from the Alaska Highway, at Tok, to the Richardson Highway is called the Tok Cut-off. The route joins the Richardson Highway for 14 miles before turning west on the Glenn Highway and continuing 189 miles to Anchorage. If you are going to Valdez, continue on the Richardson Highway, heading south. The total distance from Tok to Anchorage is 328 miles/528 km.

The highways grades are moderate, and the entire route is paved. It parallels the Mentasta and Wrangell mountain ranges and spans the fertile, crop-producing Matanuska Valley. The area is populated by bear, moose, caribou, & Dall sheep and there is good grayling, trout & salmon fishing in many of the streams and rivers.

Since many Northbound travelers will be turning onto the Tok Cut-off at Tok, the following highway description begins there. The mileage figures correspond to the markers in place along each section of the Highway. The figures in ( ) is the distance to Anchorage.

## Tok Cut-off

**mile 125 (328 miles from Anchorage)** Tok Alaska.

**mile 122.8 (A 326.5) Sourdough Campground** Full hook-ups, pull-thru's up to 90' for all types of RV's and tents, laundromat, showers, dump station, RV wash, museum, picnic tables, clean restrooms, natural wooded area, free Wi-Fi, souvenir and gift shop. Sourdough Pancake breakfast.

**mile 122.6** Tok airstrip.

**mile 109.5 (A 312.5) Eagle Trail State Recreation Site.** 35 camp sites, picnic shelters, water, toilets and trails. Public telephone. Grayling at mouth of Clearwater Creek (where it empties into Tok River). There are 2 good trails that lead from the campground. 1.5 mi to Tok Valley Overlook (fairly steep) and .9 mi walk along old Eagle Trail which borders the campground. mile 104.4/ Parking.

**mile 103.8** Bridge over Tok River, parking by river at east end of bridge.

**mile 103.4** Parking.

**mile 99.4** Rest area.

**mile 98** Bridge over Little Tok River, parking Good grayling fishing (in Little Tok River) use flies or small spinners

**mile 95.3** Large paved rest area.

**mile 91** Side road with bridge over Little Tok River, parking. Grayling.

**mile 90** Parking.

**mile 89** Parking.

**mile 87.6 (A 292.3)** Mineral Lakes, sloughs of Little Tok River.



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**mile 85.7** Parking.

**mile 83.2** Bartell Creek.

**mile 81** Road to Mentasta, 6 miles.

**mile 79.5 (A 282.5)** Mentasta Summit, 2,434 ft.

**mile 78 (A 281)** Mentasta Lodge, visitor facilities.

**mile 77.9** Parking by Slana Slough, salmon spawning area.

**mile 76.3** Bridge over Mable Creek.

**mile 75.8** Bridge over Slana Slough.

**mile 75.5** Bridge over Slana River. Rest area with large paved parking area beside the river, toilets, tables.

**mile 73.9** Parking with view of Mentasta Mountains.

**mile 69** Parking.

**mile 68** Carlson Creek.

**mile 65.5** Parking with view.

**mile 64.2 (A 266.6) Porcupine Creek State Recreation Site.** 12 camp sites, water, picnic area, tables, toilets, trails and fishing. Area is in foothills of the south slope of the Alaska Range. To the south lie the Copper River Valley and the Wrangell Mountains.

**mile 64.1** Porcupine Creek.

**mile 63** Viewpoint. Historic marker.

**mile 62.9** Duffy's Roadhouse. Emergency airstrip.

**mile 60.9 (A 264)** Ahtel Creek. Grayling. Several gold and silver-lead claims located upstream.

**mile 60 (A 262.5) Wrangell Mountains**, named for Baron Wrangell, Russian governor of Alaska from 1830 to 1835. Looking southward, the peak to the left is 16,237-ft. Mt. Sanford; to the right, 12,010-ft. Mt. Drum. Mt. Wrangell, an active volcano next to Mt. Drum, is occasionally wreathed in smoke.

**mile 59.5 Junction with Nabesna Road, Slana** is located at Mile 1. The road is 45 miles (first four miles are paved the rest is gravel). Before taking the Nabesna Road stop by the Slana Ranger Station at Mile .02 and inquire about the road conditions. You will need a 4-wheel drive to travel past Mile 28. For more information contact Wrangell-St. Elias National Park 907-822-5234.  
[www.nps.gov/wrst](http://www.nps.gov/wrst)

**mile 56.3** Parking with scenic view.



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**mile 55.3** Parking.

**mile 55.1** Parking with scenic view.

**mile 53 (A 256) Grizzly Lake campground**, restrooms and showers. Hiking trails, boat & paddleboat rental. Fishing.

**mile 43.8 (A 246.8)** Indian River. Salmon spawning stream. Picnic area, at west end of bridge-tables, firepits, and toilets.

**mile 38.6** Parking.

**mile 38** Highway narrows westbound, if eastbound there is construction much of the way to Tok.

**mile 35.8 (A 238)** Chistochina River Bridges, parking at west end of Chistochina River Bridge No. 1. Chistochina River Trailhead.

**mile 34.5 (A 237.6)** Sinona Creek Bridge.

**mile 32.9 (A 235.7)** Village of Chistochina. Airstrip.

**mile 32.8 (A 235)** Chistochina Lodge.

**mile 30.1** Small parking area, highway widens, westbound.

**mile 28.1 (A 231)** Parks. Historical Marker describes early transportation routes.

**mile 24 (A 227.5)** Rest Area. Picnic tables, toilets. Path leads to Copper River.

**mile 17.8 (A 221)** Tulsona Creek, parking. Fishing for grayling.

**mile 6.3** Parking.

**mile 2.7 (A 205.7)** Village of Gakona. Post Office.

**mile 2 (A 205)** Gakona Lodge.

**mile 1.8** Gakona River Bridge. Copper and Gakona Rivers merge near here.

**mile 1** Scenic view of Gakona and Copper Rivers. Picnic tables.

**mile 0 Gakona Junction.** The Tok Cut-off ends here at the Richardson Highway. It is 13.5 miles south to Glenn Highway Junction. It is 236 miles northwest to Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway and 128.5 miles south to Valdez. For full mile-by-mile description see the Richardson Highway Log .

***Mileages for the next 13.5 miles are on the Richardson Highway.***

**.mile 128.5 (Richardson Highway - RH) Gakona Junction.** Junction of Richardson Highway and Tok Cutoff.



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**mile 127 (RH)** Village of Gulkana.

**mile 126.8 (RH)** Gulkana River Bridge.

**mile 126 (RH)** Parking.

**mile 118.1 (RH)** Gulkana Airport.

**mile 117.5 (RH) Dry Creek State Campground.** 50 camp sites, picnic shelters, water, toilets, trails and fishing. Campground is good for all types of recreational vehicles with walk-in area for tents. Fee area. Watch for bears & mosquitos.

**mile 115 (RH) Glenn Highway Junction.** Here the Glenn Highway continues west 189 miles to Anchorage. Tok is 138 miles to the east on the Tok Cut-off. If you're headed south to Valdez, 115 miles, or north to Fairbanks, 249 miles see the Richardson Highway Log.

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

**Hub of Alaska.** At the junction of Glenn and Richardson Highways. Convenience store and gift shop. Full line of groceries, snacks, ice, coffee, fishing tackle and licenses. Alaskan made gifts. ATM Tesoro gas, diesel, propane & oil. 907-822-3555

## Glenn Highway

**The following mileages are Glenn Highway Mileages from The Glenn Highway Junction with the Richardson Highway to Anchorage.**

**mile 189 Junction of Glenn Highway and Richardson Highway.**

**mile 187 Glennallen.**

**mile 186** Moose Creek.

**mile 176.8** Parking; Historic info signs with views of Mount Drum, Mount Sanford and Mount Wrangell, a semi-active volcano.

**mile 174.8** Parking.

**mile 173** Tolsona Creek. Parking. Camping, RV Park and Lodge.

**mile 170.7** Tolsona Lake Resort.

**mile 169.1** Parking, Mae West Lake reached by 1/2 mile trail from highway.

**mile 166** Parking, Lost Cabin Trail, 2 mile trail to Lost Cabin Lake. Popular berry picking area-blueberries, lowbush cranberries, wild raspberries.

**mile 162.3** Parking.

**mile 162** Tex Smith Lake. Lake stocked with rainbow trout.



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**mile 160 Lake Louise Junction**, and side road to Lake Louise, an easy 16 mile road, Lake Louise is a wonder of glaciers, snowcapped mountain ranges and wildlife.

The fishing is good year round, but best after break-up in June. Lake is part of 50-mile-long lake system with excellent fishing for lake trout, Arctic grayling, whitefish, burbot. Road to lake traverses the caribou's winter range, a prime late-season hunting area. Several small lakes along the way (most within a mile of the road) offer good fishing-grayling, rainbow, silver salmon. During late August and early September, there is good berry picking here.

**Lake Louise State Recreation Area** has 50 camp sites, toilets, water, hiking trails and fishing. Handicap accessible.

**mile 156.2** Buffalo Lake.

**mile 156.1** Tazlina Airstrip.

**mile 155.8** Arizona Lake.

**mile 155.5** Parking.

**mile 155.2** Gergie Lake.

**mile 154** Mendeltna.

**mile 152.9** Mendeltna Creek bridge and rest area, toilets. Grayling and Dolly Varden.

**mile 150.5** Nelchina.

**mile 137.3** Little Nelchina River.

**mile 136** Parking.

**mile 135** Slide Mountain RV Park and Cabins.

**mile 133** Parking. John Lake trailhead.

**mile 129.3** Parking at Eureka Summit. 3,322 ft./1013 m; Historical sign on the Gold rush centennial. Highest point on Glenn Highway. Nelchina Glacier lies to southwest.

**mile 128** Eureka Lodge.

**mile 126.4** Nelchina River trailhead.

**mile 123.3** Belanger Pass trailhead.

**mile 122 Tahnetta Pass**, elevation 3,000 ft., large parking area. Liela Lake good summer grayling fishing reached by short hike.

**mile 121.4** Parking, trailhead.



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**mile 120.2** Scenic viewpoint of Chugach Mountains.

**mile 118.3** Rest area, toilets. Trailhead

**mile 118.2** Trail Creek.

**mile 117.1** Camp Creek and Trailhead.

**mile 115.6** Scenic View.

**mile 113.5 Sheep Mountain Lodge** established in 1946, has been serving travelers for almost 70 years. RV hook-ups, full bar, liquor store and Alaskan gifts. Relax in the hot tub or sauna after a day of traveling or hiking. 907-745-5121.

**mile 113** Sheep Mountain Airstrip.

**mile 112.8** Rest area. Good view of Sheep Mountain.

**mile 112.1** Gypsum Creek.

**mile 109.7 Grand View Café & RV Park.** The Matanuska Glacier, Dall Sheep viewing, an ancient volcano; spectacular sights surround this business. Noted for its cleanliness and friendliness, the café is open daily offering a full menu, brick oven pizza, beer, wine and espresso. RV sites with 50 amp electric, water and sewer. Walking trail with glacier view. 907-746-4480 (summer)

**mile 109.5 Tundra Rose Guest Cottages.** Quality log cottages in a rural setting; each with mountain and glacier views! Gas fireplaces, kitchenettes, TV, decks, Dall sheep and wildlife viewing. Casual dining and laundry within walking distance. Guests repeatedly say this is the cleanest, most scenic and best find during their travels. 907-745-5865

**mile 107.8** Parking with an excellent view of the Matanuska Glacier.

**mile 107** Caribou Creek and trail. Good rock hounding. Trail leads behind Sheep Mountain.

**mile 104.3** Parking.

**mile 102.2** Long Rifle Lodge.

**mile 102** Turn-off to Glacier Park Resort. Private campground.

**mile 101.7** View point.

**mile 101 Matanuska Glacier State Recreation Site.** 6 camp sites, water, toilets. Trails along bluff give excellent views of Matanuska Glacier. Activities include: hiking, Glacier trekking & river rafting.

**mile 99.7** Scenic view of Matanuska Glacier.

**mile 96.6** Hicks Creek, parking.

**mile 94.6** Victory Road.



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**mile 90.7** Puriton Creek and trailhead. Blueberry patches. Watch for bear and moose.

**mile 89** Puritan Creek.

**mile 87.5** Weiner Lake & picnic site. Fishing for rainbow and grayling.

**mile 85.3 Long Lake State Recreation Site**, parking, boat launch, Stocked with rainbow and Arctic char.

**mile 84.1** Parking.

**mile 78.3** Parking with view of King Mountain.

**mile 78** Chickaloon River and Canyon. Parking at both ends of bridge.

**mile 77** Parking beside the Matanuska River

**mile 76.8** Chickaloon.

**mile 76.7 King Mountain State Recreation Site** on the banks of the Matanuska River. 22 camp sites, water, toilets. Fee area.

**mile 74.5** Parking beside river.

**mile 66.6** King River Bridge, parking at both ends of bridge.

**mile 62.8** Parking.

**mile 62.4** Granite Creek Bridge. Fishing for Dolly Varden and trout.

**mile 61.6** Sutton Post Office.

**mile 61** Sutton, small highway community with amenities. The Jonesville Mine Road which turns off the Glenn Highway at the general store leads to former site of the Eska & Jonesville Coal Mines-good area for fossil hunting.

**mile 60.8** Eska Creek Bridge.

**mile 54.6** Moose Creek.

**mile 54.5** If you are heading towards Glennallen there are numerous small parking areas between mile 54 and mile 110.

**mile 50.1 Musk Ox Farm and Gift Shop.** Photograph this Ice Age survivor up-close with a guided tour of this unique working farm. You will find products made from Quviut, the wool of the Musk Ox.

Musk Oxen are raised for their precious coat of qiviut, the gossamer down that grows under their shaggy outer guard hairs. Qiviut is combed from the musk oxen and spun into yarn that is, pound for pound, eight times warmer than sheep's wool. This yarn is the basis of a cottage knitting industry that uniquely complements the subsistence lifestyle of the Eskimo people. 907-745-4151.

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**mile 49.9** Parking with view.

**mile 49.5** Junction. Willow Creek-Fish Hook loop road to Wasilla or Willow via scenic Hatcher Pass-inquire locally about road conditions. Road is open June through September not recommended for trailers or large motorhomes.

**mile 42.1** Arctic Avenue, east is exit for Palmer, it is also the Old Glenn Highway, alternate route to Anchorage.

**mile 42 Palmer Alaska.**

**mile 40.2** Main entrance to Alaska State Fairgrounds.

**mile 36.4 Kepler Bradley State Recreation Area** is a day use area only. Facilities include picnic sites, water, toilets, boat rentals, fishing docks, great fishing - both lakes are stocked..

**mile 36.3 Fox Run RV Campground.** Fox Run has spectacular views of the Chugach Range and Matanuska Lake. 907-745-6120, 877-745-6120.

**mile 35.5 Junction of the Parks Highway and Glenn Highway.** From here, the Parks Highway goes north to Denali National Park and Fairbanks and the Glenn Highway continues south to Anchorage and is divided highway from the junction to Anchorage.

**mile 31.6** Matanuska River.

**mile 30.6** Knik River Access. Reflection Lake.

**mile 29.9** In the next mile 3 bridges cross the Knik River.

**mile 29.1** Old Glenn Highway.

**mile 26.5** Overpass with exits on both sides of highway to Eklutna and Thunderbird Falls.

**Eklutna Campground** has 50 camp sites, picnic sites and shelters, toilets, water, and hiking trails. Eklutna Lake is the largest lake in Chugach State Park. Good fishing for Dolly Varden and rainbow. Campground is in mountain setting with cottonwood and spruce trees, fresh water streams, springs, and glacial river. Twin falls near parking area at road's end (13 miles). Short hike to Eklutna glacier at far end of canyon--this is a dangerous area. Do not climb on the glacier without proper equipment, knowledge, and guides. Side road (opposite Eklutna Recreation road) leads to old Eklutna Village with Russian Orthodox Church and Indian Cemetery.

**mile 25.2** Thunderbird Falls exit for northbound traffic only and access to Eklutna Road. Thunderbird Falls is about 1 mile from the highway.

**mile 24.5** Southbound exit for Mirror Lake Municipal Park.



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**mile 23.6** Mirror Lake Municipal Park. Northbound exit only. Picnics shelters, swimming, boating, fishing, toilets.

**mile 23** North Peters Creek exits both sides of highway.

**mile 21.6** South Peter's Creek exits both sides of highway.

**mile 21.3** Bridge over Peter's Creek.

**mile 20.7** North Birchwood Loop Road exits both sides of highway. East to Chugiak follow the Old Glenn Highway to Eagle River.

**mile 17.4** South Birchwood Loop Road.

**mile 15.3** Old Glenn Highway.

**mile 13.6** Exit for the twin communities of Chugiak-Eagle River.

**mile 13** Bridge over Eagle River.

**mile 12** Hiland Road exit to **Eagle River Campground**. Access via short side road. 57 camp sites, picnic sites and shelters, toilets, water and fishing. This camping area is usually crowded. There is a camping limit of 4 days and a camping fee. One-half of the campsites are available by reservation - 907-694-7982 or make reservations on-line at [www.lifetimeadventures.net](http://www.lifetimeadventures.net)

**mile 7.5** Southbound exit to Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson and Arctic Valley Road. Hiking in Chugach State Park with trailheads at mile 6.3 and mile 7 of Arctic Valley Road.

**mile 6.1** Northbound exit to Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson and Arctic Valley Road. Hiking in Chugach State Park with trailheads at mile 6.3 and mile 7 of Arctic Valley Road.

**mile 4.4** Muldoon Road. City bypass route to New Seward Highway and the Anchorage International Airport. Exit north for Alaska Native Heritage Center (see Anchorage Things to Do for details).

**mile 3** Boniface Parkway. Russian Jack Springs Park. Turn north for Elmendorf AFB.

**mile 1.9** Bragaw Street.

**mile 0 Anchorage.**