

# **Bell's Travel Guides**

## **Klondike Highway Road Log**



**Mile by Mile Description of the Klondike Highway so you  
always know what lies ahead.**

**Skagway, Alaska to Dawson City, Yukon**



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This 715 km/445 mile Klondike Highway, which is mostly paved, connects Skagway Alaska and Dawson City Yukon, heart of the Klondike. Beginning at Skagway, the road climbs for 14 miles/22.5 km to the 3,292 foot/1003 m summit near the Alaska/Canada border. Between Skagway and the border the road roughly parallels the old White Pass Trail, an alternate to the Chilkoot Trail which ultimately proved more popular as it was the shorter of the two climbs. The only population center along the 114 miles/183 km of connecting routes between Skagway and Whitehorse is the small community of Carcross. At present, there are no services between Skagway and Carcross.

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

## **mile 0-Skagway Alaska .**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**mile 6.1/km 9.8** Parking.

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

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

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

**mile 10/km 16** Parking area at waterfall.

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

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

**mile 13/km 20.9** Parking.



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

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

**km 25** Parking with view. Summit Lake and White Pass and Yukon Route RR station.

**km 28.5** Parking. Information Signs.

**km 29** Summit Creek, parking.

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

**km 36.8** Fraser, rest area with information sign.

**km 38.5** Parking.

**km 41.5** Parking.

**km 43** Parking with view of Tormented Valley.

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

**km 46** Pull off.

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

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

**km 70** Parking with view of Tutshi Lake.

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

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

**km 84.5** Pooley Creek.

**km 85** Parking.

**km 86.7** Venus Mine. Ore storage bin and foundation of old mill.

**km 95** Parking with historical sign and view of Bove Island in Tagish Lake.



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**km 98.3** Parking.

**km 104** Nares Lake.

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

**km 105.6 Carcross**, pop. 430. Services include: Airstrip, Caribou Hotel, gas, store, police, post office.

**km 106.2 Carcross Yukon government campground**, 12 camp sites, water, tables. Fee area.

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

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

**km 109 Caribou Crossing Trading Post and Wildlife Gallery** offers several activities under one roof: wildlife museum with the world's largest polar bear and life-size woolly mammoth, drop-in scenic dog cart rides with Iditarod teams, and cozy café with sandwiches, soups, and local coffees. Affordable admission rates (\$7.75) gets you admission to the museum, a visit with their adorable husky puppies, and also a stroll through the petting farm. Open 9 to 5 daily. 867-821-4055

**km 115.5** Spirit Lake Lodge, visitor facilities.

**km 116.9** Spirit Lake.

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

**km 120** Parking.

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

**km 136.7** Rat Lake.

**km 139.4 Robinson Roadhouse Historical Site**, Rest area with view of Robinson, once a stop on the White Pass and Yukon Route. The town was named for Stikine Bill Robinson, an early day adventurer.

**km 152.3 Kookatsoon Lake recreation day use area.**

**km 157.8** ( km 1404.4 Alaska Highway) **Junction with Alaska Highway South** This is not the end of Klondike Highway 2. It joins the Alaska Highway for the next 34 km/21 miles where the Klondike Highway continues on to Dawson City Yukon. Actual Alaska Highway mileage markers are in Brackets.

**km 161.4** (km 1408.2 A.H.) **Wolf Creek Public Campground**. Well water, toilets, tables, kitchen shelter, playground, hiking trails and fishing. Fee area.



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**km 169** (km 1414.7 A.H.) Pioneer RV Park. Full service RV Park. 867-668-5944 or 1-866-626-7383 for reservations. 5 minutes to downtown Whitehorse.

**km 170** (km 1416.2 A.H.) Side Road. One-half mile to Miles Canyon and suspension footbridge. Past the footbridge the road follows the shoreline of Schwatka Lake until, just past the hydro dam, it joins the main, south access route into Whitehorse.

**km 171** (km 1417.9 A.H.) **Philmar RV Service** km 1468 Alaska Highway. Complete RV repair. They have a large parts department and specialize in coach repairs, fabrication and welding on any size rig. 867-668-6129

**km 172.5** (km 1419 A.H.) Rest stop.

**km 172.9** (km 1419.4 A.H.) **Hi Country RV Park** 91374 Alaska Highway, Whitehorse. Great location, close to airport and downtown. 130 scenic treed sites, full hookups, 30 amp service, cable TV, Wi-fi, Laundromat, clean showers. Coin-op RV Wash and dump station. Tickets available for local attractions. Store and gift shop. 867-667-7445 or toll free 1-877-458-3806  
[www.hicountryrvyukon.com](http://www.hicountryrvyukon.com)

**km 172.9** (km 1419.4 A.H.) **Whitehorse** South Access via Robert Service Way

**km 176.5** (km 1423 A.H.) **Airport Chalet** 91634 Alaska Highway. Easy access hotel rooms, deluxe motel unit (including coffee maker and refrigerator), kitchenette or large family room. All rooms are spacious, clean and comfortable, 60 channel cable TV, Laundromat. Wi-fi in lobby. Open year-round. Pets welcome! ATM 867-668-2166, 1-866-668-2166  
[www.airportchalet.com](http://www.airportchalet.com)

**km 176.5** (km 1423 A.H.) Whitehorse Airport.

**km 179** (km 1425.5 A.H.) **Junction. Two Mile Hill leads to Whitehorse city center.**

**km 180.5** (km 1426.9 A.H.) **Kopper King** located on the Alaska Highway just north of Whitehorse. FasGas Plus gas & diesel products. Convenience store, Liquor off sales, Free dump station, and water with fill-up.

**km 189.5** Rest Stop.

**km 190.5 Junction of Klondike Highway 2 and Alaska Highway #1**, (Km 1437) It is 526 km/327 miles to Dawson City. If you are heading towards Fairbanks on the Alaska Highway continue straight ahead 960 km/597 miles (see index for the Alaska Highway description). If you go to Fairbanks via Dawson City it is 1160 km/721 miles. It is only 200 km/124 miles further to go via Dawson City so you should include this as one leg of your trip.

**km 195.5** Takhini River Bridge.

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



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**The Yukon Wildlife Preserve.** Located at Km 8 on the Takhini Hot Springs Road. See Yukon's famous wildlife up close in large natural habitats! Walk, ski, bike or join interpreted bus tours of the 12+ Yukon species. Unique wildlife viewing platforms have been created to allow guests to get above the fence lines creating unbeatable photography opportunities. Only 25 minutes outside of Whitehorse and open year around (reduced hours in winter). The Preserve won 'TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence' in 2013, 2014 & 2015. 867-456-7300. Complete your afternoon with a visit to Bean North Coffee Roasting Company and Takhini Hot Springs!

**km 208.7** Shallow Bay Road.

**km 212.1** Horse Creek.

**km 224** Deep Creek.

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

**km 228.3** Fox Creek. Fishing for grayling.

**km 239** Scenic view of Fox Lake, boat launch.

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

**km 262.2** Parking beside little Fox Lake.

**km 272** Rest Area.

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

**km 298** Parking, Conglomerates Point of Interest.

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

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

**km 352** Parking

**km 354** Rest Area with information signs.

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

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

**km 357.1** Yukon River Bridge.





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**km 359.1 Campbell Highway Junction** (Yukon Highway 4) which connects Watson Lake and Carmacks.

**km 360** Coal Mine hill parking.

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

**km 382** Tatchum Creek.

**km 382.4 Tatchun Creek Yukon Government Campground.** 12 campsites, kitchen shelter, fishing.

**km 395.2** Yukon Crossing Rest area. Information signs on the Beringia land mass.

**km 403.4** McGregor Creek.

**km 422.5** McCabe Creek, parking.

**km 429** Minto Resort Road.

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

**km 448.8** Rock Island Lake.

**km 463 Pelly Crossing** (pop. 290). Small First Nations settlement, post office, gas station, grocery store, RCMP detachment, Yukon government campground and dump station. The Selkirk Heritage Centre can be found near the grocery store.

**km 463.6** Pelly River Bridge. This bridge replaced the ferry crossing in 1958.

**km 465** Parking with litter barrels and information signs on the .

**km 466.7** Pelly Airstrip.

**km 480** Parking.

**km 506** Parking and fishing.

**km 507.8** Parking.

**km 521.4** Crooked Creek Rest Area. Grayling and Pike fishing.

**km 523.7 Ethel Lake Road.** Parking, narrow winding road leads 24 km/15 miles to Ethel Lake and Yukon government campground (not recommended for large RV's). 12 camp sites, boat launch, fishing.

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



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**km 545.4** Dry Creek.

**km 551** Stewart River view point. Rest area with picnic tables and information signs.

**km 558.6** Moose Creek Lodge.

**km 558.9** Moose Creek Bridge.

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

**km 580.4** McQuestern River Bridge.

**km 590.7** McQuestern Airport.

**km 594** Clear Creek.

**km 609** Clear Creek road

**km 617.7** Willow Creek.

**km 621** Rest area with information signs.

**km 627.6** Meadow Creek.

**km 628** Rest area.

**km 634.5** French Creek.

**km 639.7** Stoneboat swamp.

**km 655.2** Tintina Trench Look-Out. Rest area.

**km 664.4** Flat Creek Bridge.

**km 664.5** Parking with viewpoint. Informaiton signs on the Klondike River and Dempster highway..

**km 668.2** Historic sign about the Klondike River and the Dempster Highway.

**km 674.7 Dempster Highway #5 Junction** 742 km/461 miles to **Inuvik**, an Eskimo village high above the Arctic Circle.

**km 682.7** Rest area.

**km 684.1** Goring Creek.

**km 696.7** Klondike River Campground, water, picnic shelter, playground, hiking trails. Fee area.

**km 697.5** Dawson City Airport.





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**km 700.2** Hunker Creek Road.

**km 702.7** Bear Creek Road.

**km 703.7** Parking with Information signs on tailing pipes and Yukon Ditch.

**km 709** Callison Subdivision.

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

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

**km 712.2** Klondike River Bridge.

**km 713.4** Dome Road.

**km 715 Dawson City** Ferry Landing