

Relocation Guide

HAINES

ALASKA

WELCOME TO HAINES, ALASKA!

A picturesque town nestled between North America's deepest fjord and the stunning Chilkat Range. Whether you're visiting for a summer adventure or considering relocation, Haines offers a diverse array of natural, outdoor, and sports activities, along with cultural, entertainment, and dining options. Here are some key highlights of this charming Alaskan community:

Geographic Location: Situated in Southeast Alaska, Haines is located 85 air miles north of the state's capital city, Juneau. It's approximately 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage and Fairbanks. Moreover, the town is connected to the interior of Alaska and the continental United States via the Alaska Canada (Alcan) Highway, making it one of only three communities in Southeast Alaska with road access to the lower 48 states.

Community Vibe: Haines is renowned for its down-to-earth, friendly atmosphere. The town regularly hosts various events filled with music and laughter, while its local restaurants tantalize with enticing cuisine. The rich diversity of the community is showcased in its local museums and galleries.

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Climate: Enjoying a relatively mild climate for Alaska, Haines experiences summers with temperatures typically ranging from 50 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, while winters range from 10 to 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Annual precipitation averages around 52 inches, with an annual snowfall reaching 133 inches.

Population: The population of Haines stands at approximately 2,400 residents.

Employment: Haines features a seasonal economy, with numerous jobs tied to tourism, fishing, and construction. The local government provides employment opportunities for a significant portion of the population through the borough and school system.



The information provided is based on the services and data available as of Spring 2023, and has been collected by the Haines Borough Tourism Department.

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT ALASKA

- **Origin of Name:** Derived from the Aleut word "Aleyska" meaning "great land".
- **State Nickname:** "The Last Frontier".
- **State Motto:** "North to the Future".
- **State Sport:** Dog Mushing.
- **State Bird:** Willow Ptarmigan.
- **State Flower:** Alpine Forget-me-not.
- **State Insect:** Four-spot Skimmer Dragonfly.
- **State Tree:** Sitka Spruce.
- **State Gemstone:** Jade.
- **State Capital:** Juneau (Population = 31,973, 2021, US Census).
- **Largest Cities:**
 - Anchorage (Population = 288,121, 2021, US Census).
 - Fairbanks (Population = 95,593, 2021, US Census).



BY AIR

ALASKA SEAPLANES

907-766-3800 or 907-789-3331
www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com

Haines is served by a commuter airlines that provides multiple daily flights. Flight time between Haines and Juneau is approximately 30 minutes. Flights are weather-dependent and may be delayed or cancelled if visibility is poor.

BY SEA

ALASKA FJORDLINES

1-800-320-0146
www.alaskafjordlines.com

A 65', 48 passenger, high speed catamaran. Travel time between Juneau & Haines is approximately 2.5 hours. Operates Summers only.

ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

1-800-642-0066
www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs

The State run ferry has regular runs between Juneau and Haines and weekly runs between Bellingham, Washington and Haines with many stops in between. The ferry can transport vehicles. Staterooms and food service are available on most ferries. Tent camping is allowed on the solarium. Travel time between Juneau & Haines is approximately 4.5 hours for most ferries. Operates year-round.

HAINES SKAGWAY FAST FERRY

1-888-766-2103
www.hainesskagwayfastferry.com

Operating passenger only water-taxi ferries between Haines & Skagway, May – September.

CAPTAIN YOUR VESSEL TO HAINES

Haines Harbormaster: 907-766-6450
www.hainesalaska.gov/ports

The harbor is dredged out to a -15 in all areas that larger vessels would tie. Harbor is able to accommodate any vessel from a 10'skiff to a 100' vessel. Transient side-tie space is used in the harbor for larger vessels but everyone is encouraged to call ahead to check space availability. 30 amp power is accessible throughout the harbor will 50 amp in designated locations. Potable water is available during the summer months. Fuel dock carries diesel and gasoline.

Harbor staff can be contacted for all the listed services on VHF Ch 12 & 16 during operating hours, Cell phone at any time 907-314-0173.



GETTING HERE

BY LAND

Haines stands as one of only three communities in Southeast Alaska with road access to the contiguous United States. Situated 85 air miles north of Juneau, the state capital, and approximately 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage and Fairbanks, it boasts a strategic location. Connected to the interior of Alaska and the continental United States by the Alaska Canada (Alcan) Highway, travelers will cross the US/Canadian border on this route.

To cross the border, you must have one of the following documents:

- Passport or US Passport card
- Trusted Traveler card (NEXUS, FAST, SENTRI, or Global Entry)
- Enhanced Driver's License

For US citizens ages 15 and under arriving by land, presenting an original birth certificate or a copy (issued by the Vital Records Department in the state of birth) is acceptable. If only one parent is traveling with the child, carrying a consent letter from the absent parent is recommended. The letter should include the full name, address, and phone number of the parent or legal guardian, and some travelers choose to have it notarized.

Additionally, dogs, cats, and other animals must have a current rabies certificate, while birds require a special permit. There are also restrictions on foods and other items allowed across the border.

For the most up-to-date information, you can contact Customs directly or visit their website:

- US Customs, Haines: 907-767-5511 (Open 7am-11pm AK time) www.cbp.gov
- Canada Customs: 907-767-5540 (Open 8am-12am Yukon time) www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

For information on current road conditions, you can check:

- Alaska 511: <http://511.alaska.gov/alaska511/mappingcomponent/index>
- Canada 511: <http://www.511yukon.ca/en/>

GETTING AROUND

CAR RENTALS

AVIS RENT-A-CAR @ HOTEL HALSINGLAND

13 Fort Seward Drive
907-766-2000 | www.hotelhalsingland.com

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE CAR RENTALS

108 Second Avenue
907-766-3111 | www.capchoice.com

LYNN VIEW LODGE CAR RENTALS

1299 Lutak Road
907-766-3713 | www.lynnviewlodge.com

BIKES

One of the most efficient ways to get around in Haines is by bicycle, which can be rented or purchased locally.

KAT AND KOOT INC

4 Main Street
907-766-200 | www.ebikehaines.com

MIKE'S BIKES & BOARDS

0 Miles Haines Highway
907-766-3232

SOCKEYE CYCLE CO.

24 Portage Drive
907-766-2869 | www.sockeyecycle.com

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND TAXATION

The consolidation of the City of Haines and the Haines Borough in 2002 marked a pivotal moment in the local government structure of the region. This initiative established the Home Rule Haines Borough, integrating the previously separate entities into a unified municipal government. The primary objectives of this consolidation were to streamline governance, bolster planning and zoning capabilities, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents in the Haines community.

HAINES BOROUGH

103 Third Avenue South
PO Box 1209 Haines, AK 99827
907-766-6400 | www.haines.alaska.gov

LOCAL TAXES

- Sales Tax: 5.5%
- Property Tax: 7.00 - 10.91 mils
- Lodging Tax: 4%



HOUSING

Securing housing in Haines, particularly during the tourism season from April to October, can pose a significant challenge due to the town's seasonal economy. Rental prices typically range from \$900 to \$1,400 per month. Persistence, early planning, and networking are crucial when seeking housing, especially during peak tourism months. Utilizing online resources, social media, and actively pursuing available options can increase your chances of finding suitable accommodation.

Resources for finding housing include:

- **Haines Facebook Groups**
- **Community Notice Boards**
- **U.S. Post Office**
- **KHNS Listener Personal:** www.khns.org/listener-submissions
- **Haines Alaska Community Website:** www.hainesak.com/classified

Property, including lots and developed land, is consistently available in the market. Townsite lots typically range from \$30,000 to \$60,000, while view lots may cost between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Acreage outside of the townsite area varies in price depending on location, view, topography, and utilities.

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES

COLDWELL BANKER RACE REALTY

1003 Haines Highway
www.coldwellbanker.com/city/ak/haines/agents

HAINES REAL ESTATE

115 Second Avenue
www.hainesrealestate.com
Email: realestateinhaines@gmail.com

BANKING

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALASKA

123 Main Street
www.fnbalaska.com
907-766-6100 | ATM available

TONGASS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

138 Second Avenue
www.tongassfcu.com
907-766-3210 or 1-800-860-3928 | ATM available

COST OF LIVING

- **Average Lunch:** \$10.00 - \$15.00 (excluding tip & tax)
- **Cable TV:** Haines Cable TV offers packages starting from \$59 per month and up. Visit www.hainescable.com or call 907-766-2337.
- **Electricity:** Provided by Alaska Power & Telephone. Rates are \$0.2611 per KWH plus a \$25.30 flat rate monthly customer charge. Contact them at 907-766-6500 or visit www.aptalaska.com.
- **Broadband Internet:** Prices start at \$69.95 per month.
- **Groceries:** Plan for an average of \$300.00 per month per adult.
- **Haircut:** Costs range from \$25 to \$40.
- **Medical Clinic Office Call:** SEARHC charges between \$110.00 and \$130.00. Visit www.searhc.org/community/haines/ for more information.
- **Telephone:** Alaska Power & Telephone offers a base residential rate of \$32.00 per month. Visit www.aptalaska.com for details.
- **Trash Collection:** Community Waste Solutions charges a base rate of \$51.00 per month. For residential service (including 2 cans), visit www.communitywastesolutions.com or call 907-766-2736.
- **Water/Sewer:** Provided by Haines Borough at a rate of \$99.50 per month for residential properties. Visit www.hainesalaska.gov for more details.

UTILITIES

- **Alaska Power/Telephone & WIFI:** Visit www.aptalaska.com or call 907-766-6500 for services.
- **Starlink:** Initial setup fees amount to \$600, with a monthly fee of \$120. Explore options at www.starlink.com.
- **Heating Fuel:** Contact Delta Western at 907-766-3190 for heating fuel needs.
- **Haines Propane Inc:** Reach out to Haines Propane Inc at 907-766-3191.
- **Water & Sewer (Haines Borough):** For inquiries, call (907) 766-6400.

PUBLIC PHONES

Haines no longer maintains public phones. However, courtesy phones are available during regular business hours at the library and visitor center if you purchase a phone card.

RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- **Haines Friends of Recycling:** Located at 2.5 mile Small Tracts Road. Visit their website hainesrecycle.org for more information.
- **Garbage Collection:** For residential garbage pick-up and other services, contact (907) 766-2736 or visit communitywastesolutions.com.

LOCAL NECESSITIES

Goods typically arrive in Haines around Tuesday via the weekly Alaska Marine Lines barge from Seattle. As a result, the widest selection of grocery items is typically available late afternoon on Tuesday or Wednesday. Note, due to the additional shipping costs, food prices in Haines may exceed those in other regions you're accustomed to. This is a common occurrence in remote areas where transportation expenses influence overall product pricing.

GROCERIES

HAINES QUICK SHOP

Zero Haines Highway | 907-766-2330

HOWSERS IGA SUPERMARKET

209 Main Street | 907-766-2441

MOUNTAIN MARKET & CAFE

151 Third Avenue South | 907-766-3340

OLERUD'S MARKET CENTER

420 Main Street | 907-766-2441

DINING

Haines boasts a diverse array of top-notch dining establishments. You'll find many restaurants showcasing their menus in storefront windows and announcing specials on their Facebook pages. Additionally, most eateries are happy to accommodate takeout orders.

33 MILE ROAD HOUSE

33 Mile Haines Hwy | 907-767-5510

Burgers & Homemade Pie

ALPENGLLOW

214 Main Street | 907-766-3312

Wood Fired Pizza, gourmet salad & homemade soups

BAMBOO ROOM RESTAURANT

11 Second Avenue | 907-766-2800

All-American Diner serving famous halibut fish & chips

CAMINO

41 Haines Hwy | 907-314-2091

Local ingredients from farm and sea

CHILKAT RESTAURANT & BAKERY

25 Fifth Avenue | 907-766-3653

American and Thai cuisine

FOGCUTTER BAR

122 Main Street | 907-766-2555

Pub fare and snacks

JULIAN'S TODOS TACOS

314 Main Street | 907-314-0238

Homemade authentic Mexican tacos & more

LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT

7 Front Street | 907-766-2442

American restaurant, locally caught seafood

MOUNTAIN MARKET & CAFE

151 Third Avenue | 907-766-3340

Specialty Coffee, baked goods, breakfast & lunch

OLD FIELD KITCHEN

Parade Grounds, Fort Seward | 907-766-3410

Asian Fusion Brunch & Dinner

PETERSON'S PRETZELS

32 Haines Hwy | 907-321-4304

Freshly baked savory and sweet pretzels, bites & more

THE RUSTY COMPASS COFFEEHOUSE

116 Main Street | 907-766-2770

Specialty Coffee, baked goods, breakfast & lunch



**operating year round*

PUBS & SPIRITS

Haines offers a variety of libation options, with handcrafted offerings from the local brewery, distillery, and meadery, each featuring a tasting room. Local shops provide ingredients for home affairs, while pubs offer authentic Alaskan beverages and atmosphere.

TASTING ROOMS

HAINES BREWING COMPANY

327 Main Street | 907-766-9823

PORT CHILKOOT DISTILLERY

34 Blacksmith Street | 907-917-2102

THREE NORTHMEN

102 Main Street | 907-766-3535

RETAIL

ALASKA LIQUOR STORE

208 Main Street | 907-766-3131

HAINES QUICK SHOP

Zero Haines Hwy | 907-766-2330

MOUNTAIN SPIRITS

151 Third Avenue | 907-766-3340

FOGCUTTER BAR

122 Main Street | 907-766-2555

FORT SEWARD SALON

38 Mud Bay Road | 208-446-2849
(text only)

HARBOR BAR

7 Front Street | 907-766-2442

PIONEER BAR

11 Second Avenue | 907-766-3443

LOCALLY GROWN

Explore the bounty of locally grown treasures in Haines' fertile valley. From vibrant vegetables to fragrant flower gardens, our community nurtures a diverse range of produce, seeds, and fresh seafood, offering a taste of our region's rich agricultural heritage.

BLYTHE'S GARDEN

871 Comstock Road | 907-314-0771
Nursery; flowers, herbs, veggies and more

FOUR WINDS FARM

Haines Hwy | 907-314-0712
Certified Naturally Grown, diversified vegetable farm

FOUNDROOT

Dalton City, SEAK Fairgrounds | 907-314-2014
Cultivating community from seed to table.

GOMI'S GARDEN

341 Mud Bay Road | 907-303-0943
Nursery & landscaping, Plant sales @ Fairgrounds

GUNICK'S BAKERY

gunicksbakery@gmail.com | 907-982-9356
Cottage Bakery selling at farmers market & events

HAINES COMMUNITY GARDEN

296 Fair Drive | 907-766-2476
Plots available in the spring

HAINES FARMERS MARKET

296 Fair Drive | 907-766-2476
Saturdays June-September

HAINES PACKING COMPANY

324 Main Street | 907-766-3523
Locally caught seafood

SUNNYSIDE FARMS

Cathedral Drive | 907-766-3538
small organic family farm

SUNSHINE ORGANIC FARM

Piedad Road | 907-314-0962
small organic family farm

SHOPPING

ALASKA BACKCOUNTRY OUTFITTER

111 2nd Avenue | 907-766-2876
Adventure gear, clothing & gifts.

ALASKA ROD'S

126 Main Street | 907-766-2352
Alaskan handmade products & gifts

ALASKA SPORT SHOP

420 Main Street | 907-314-2014
Outdoor gear and supplies

CAROLINE'S CLOSET

204 Main Street | 907-766-3223
Clothing, gifts and accessories

LA LOFT

332 Main Street | 907-766-3122
Women's clothing consignment

HAINES HOME BLDG - TRUE VALUE

1003 Haines Hwy | 907-766-2595
Hardware & household items

LUTAK LUMBER

15 Beach Road | 907-766-2700
Lumber, hardware & household items

MILES FURNITURE

502 Main Street | 907-766-2855
Household items, furniture & gifts

OLERUD'S MARKET CENTER

420 Main Street | 907-766-2441
Grocery, clothing & gifts

OUTFITTERS SPORTING GOODS

Zero Haines Hwy | 907-766-3221
Sporting goods.

SALVATION ARMY

430 Union Street | 907-766-2470
Family thrift store

SHYINE DEGINS

995 Haines Hwy | 907-314-0890
women's and children's clothing

TALIA'S TRESURES

229 Main Street | Consignment shop
taliastreasure@aptalaska.net

SERVICES

MOOSE HORN LAUNDRY

891 Spruce Grove Road | 907-314-0984
Public showers and coin operated laundry

DUCK IN CAR & RV WASH

842 Main Street | 907-766-2050
Coin operated self-service wash

EDUCATION

HAINES HEAD START

ruralcap.org | 907-766-2155

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.(RACAP) manages over 20 Head Start/Early Head Start Centers serving low-income children.

CHILKAT VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Chilkatvalleypreschool.org | 907-766-3213

Chilkat Valley Preschool is an Alaska State Certified early childhood education facility dedicated to the fullest development of the whole child.

HAINES BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.hbsd.net | 907-766-6700

There is an elementary, middle school and high school. Average class size is 20 to 25 students.

In addition to the classroom teachers, there are certified staff members in special education, physical education, vocal and instrumental music, art, vocational education and computers. Haines High School students consistently score above the national average on standardized tests. A high percentage of graduates pursue some form of higher education and approximately 1% or less drop out of school. The High School building includes the main classroom building, vocational shops, gymnasium and swimming pool. Outdoor facilities include a track and field. The school facilities are also used for many community activities, adult education classes, sports and recreation.

KLUKWAN SCHOOL

Chanthamsd.org | 907-767-5551

Nestled in the remote rural village of Klukwan, this public school caters to K-12 students. It boasts multi-grade classrooms and prioritizes lessons that emphasize the Tlingit language and culture.

ELDER SERVICES

HAINES SENIOR CENTER

907-766-2383 | 33 Mission St.

Lunches for 60 and over 3 days a week, Care-a-van door to door ADA lift accessible transportation, home delivered meals and other activities available at center.

ST. LUCY'S ASSISTED LIVING CAMPUS

219 Union St. | 907-766-3616

www.hainesassistedliving.org/home

VETERANS VILLAGE

www.hainesassistedliving.org/soboleff-mcrae-veterans-village

HAINES SENIOR VILLAGE

153 S. 1st Ave | 907-766-3199

HAINES ASSISTED LIVING (HAL)

hainesassistedliving.org | 907-766-3616



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

911 - EMT - Haines Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD):

www.hainesalaska.gov/fire

Providing emergency responses to fire, medical, hazardous materials & wilderness search & rescue incidents. Consisting of full time employees and volunteers.

PROVIDERS

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC):

www.searhc.org | 907-766-6300

Located on 1st and Willard St. SEARHC, a private non-profit corporation, offers both primary care and emergency services with a full medical staff. Also a pharmacy, behavioral health and dentistry. **Visiting Providers:** include: Occupational therapy, Optometry, Mobile Mammography.

BODY IQ PHYSICAL THERAPY

Facebook / No doctor's referral required.

CHILKAT VALLEY ACUPUNCTURE

Oriental Medicine Acupuncture & Care 907-766-3335

Klondike Chiropractic: [facebook.com / Chiropractic](https://facebook.com/Chiropractic), massage and acupuncture care 907-766-3555

HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Cornerstone Home Care: Soboleff-McRae Veteran's building #123

Hospice Care: Soboleff-McRae Veteran's building #139

There are pharmacies in Juneau who will ship to Haines if your physician calls in your prescription. The clinic can provide you with an information sheet on how to arrange for prescriptions to be shipped to you in Haines.

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Simple first aid items, non-prescription medications & herbal supplements are available at our local grocery stores.

MEDICAL FINANCIAL AIDS & SERVICES

As we all know, getting to and receiving medical care can be expensive. Fortunately, Haines has some resources to assist you in reducing your medical costs.

SEARHC SLIDING SCALE

www.dahlclinic.org/sliding-fee-scale

The DMC serves all patients regardless of ability to pay. Information and application forms are available on their website.

MEDIVAC INSURANCE

If you require immediate medical assistance beyond what is offered locally, you will be transported via air medical transport to Juneau, Anchorage or Seattle. The location depends on the medical condition and availability of services. With the exception of heart issues or head traumas, Bartlett Hospital in Juneau can handle most medical conditions.

Emergency air medical transportation is expensive, fortunately, the emergency medical air lift companies which service Haines offer annual memberships which greatly reduce the costs. Unfortunately, you cannot guarantee which one will be available at the time you may need assistance, so it is wise to purchase memberships to both if you want be certain you are covered.

Guardian Flight 866-929-0450 or Airlift Northwest 800-426-2430

PREGNANCY

Being pregnant in Haines presents some unique challenges. If you have insurance, it's essential to double-check your plan to determine what will and won't be covered for travel, out-of-area, and out-of-state providers. If you don't have insurance, the State of Alaska offers assistance for families who meet income guidelines. Information on **DenaliCare** and **Denali KidCare** can be accessed through the Division of Health Care Services for the State of Alaska website at www.dhss.alaska.gov, where applications are available.

All prenatal checkups, testing, and even ultrasounds can be done locally. However, since there isn't a hospital in Haines, you'll need to go elsewhere for labor and delivery. Caregivers recommend leaving Haines to be closer to the facility you have chosen for your delivery three weeks before your due date. They also suggest staying in town for at least a week after the baby is born in case of complications. During this time, you have the option of staying in a hotel/motel, vacation rental, or with friends or family. Some insurance policies will cover travel and lodging in this situation, while others may not. Planning ahead is crucial, as this can be one of the costliest parts of your delivery.

For families wanting to deliver in Alaska, the most common options are Juneau Family Health and Birth Center (www.juneaubirthcenter.org, 907-586-1203) and Bartlett Regional Hospital (www.bartletthospital.org, 907-796-8900). Bartlett is the closest hospital with labor and delivery services, though it does not have a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). If you are having a high-risk pregnancy or prefer the security of a NICU, you will need to seek care elsewhere.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

There are 11 churches in the community of Haines. Ten are denominational and one is nondenominational:

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Near Fort Seward, on Mud Bay Road at its intersection with Small Tracts Road. Box 622, 766-2379

HAINES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: Downtown at the corner of 1st Avenue & Mission Street. Box 1245, 766-2313

HAINES CHRISTIAN CENTER

Assembly of God, downtown at the corner of 2nd Avenue North & Union Street. Box 730, 766-2126

HAINES CORNERSTONE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

Meets downstairs in the Chilkat Center for the Arts in Historic Fort Seward Box 588, 766-3141 or 766-2327

HAINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Downtown on the property of the original Haines Mission, at 228 First Avenue South. Box 264, 766-2377

KLUKWAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

At Klukwan, 22 Mile, Haines Highway. Box 442, 767-5544

PORT CHILKOOT BIBLE CHURCH

Non-denominational, in historic Fort Seward at the corner of Fort Seward Drive & Portage Street. Box 156, 766-2629

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Downtown at the corner of 3rd Ave. N. & Dalton Street Box 326, 766-2241

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Meets in the lobby of the Chilkat Center for the Arts in historic Fort Seward Box 1236, 766-3041

THE SALVATION ARMY

Downtown at the corner of 5th Ave. N. & Union Street. Box 550, 766-2470

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

31.5 mile, Haines Hwy. HC 60 Box 3151 767-5635

HAINES MAGISTRATE

Office located on 219 Main St. The Magistrate is not permitted to give legal advice.

OTHER LEGAL RESOURCES IN ALASKA

Alaska Court System website: www.alaska.gov/

Alaska Law Help: www.alaskalawhelp.org/

Alaska Legal Services Corporation: www.alsc-law.org/

NOTARY SERVICE LOCATIONS

Some Notaries charge fees, others provide it as a service for their existing customers.

Post Office: 0 Haines Highway

Borough Administration Office: 3rd Ave., next to the library

Haines Cable TV/Radio Shack: Main St., & Allen Rd.

First National Bank of Alaska: Main St., & 2nd Ave.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Haines Borough: www.hainesalaska.gov/

- Voter Registration
- Business Licenses
- Building Permits

HAINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.hainesalaska.gov/police

- Police Officer Ride-Along Form
- Burn Permits
- Business Information Form
- Vacation Watch Request Form
- Complaint Against the Police Department
- Public Records Request Form
- Trespass Form

STATE OF ALASKA DMV

www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv

- Driver license, permits, ID's, etc.
- Titles, registrations, license plates, etc.

PASSPORTS

BOROUGH OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

www.hainesalaska.gov/

RADIO SHACK

Main St. & Allen Rd

passport photo service available.

LICENSING & LEGALITIES

Borough Code on Animals: www.hainesalaska.gov/

Haines Animal Rescue Kennel: www.harkalaska.org/



SPORTS & RECREATION

Haines has 6 public parks, including the 6,045 acres at Chilkat State Park and the 48,000 acres at Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve starts at 9 mile Haines Highway. Enjoy our hiking trails and cross country ski trails of varying difficulties. Sport fishing, snowmobiling, swimming pool, ball fields, outdoor track and many more activities for you and your family.

Haines Sportsman Association Rifle Range: 3.5 Mile Mud Bay Rd. Membership based with annual use permits at the Alaska Sport Shop.

Biking: One of the most efficient ways to get around Haines is by bicycle. There are bike racks available within in the area. Locking your bike is recommended as bikes do sometimes take off without their owners. Bikes are available for rent and purchase at Sockeye Cycle on 5th Avenue and Mike's Bikes & Boards on 0 Mile Haines Highway.

Horseshoe Pit, Outdoor Volleyball & Disc Golf: Located on the Fairgrounds

Fishing: Chilkat and Chilkoot River and surrounding waterways.

Indoor Swimming Pool: Next to the school and Track

Three Ball Diamonds: Two at 1 mile Haines Hwy., and one at the Fairgrounds

Outdoor track & Soccer Field: Next to the school

Skate Park: 1 Mile Haines Highway

Hiking Trail Maps: If you like to hike, Haines has some great options. Check out the hiking options on visithaines.com website or pick up a free copy at the Haines Visitor Center on 2nd and Willard St.

Haines Borough School: www.hbsd.net/ Open Gym during the school year.

Thor's Fitness Center: www.thorsfitnesshaines.com Open 24 hours a day, membership based for families and individuals. Wide variety of cardio machines, instructors for individual or group classes, climbing wall, spinning bikes, weights, yoga equipment, shower/sauna facility and etc.

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

Explore our museums showcasing unique aspects of Alaska's rich history and culture. Be sure to visit them all! Stay updated on last-minute entertainment by checking visithaines.com/events, local social media pages, and community notice boards for upcoming events.

Chilkat Center for the Arts: www.chilkatcenter.org/

Fort William H. Seward & Sculpture Garden: www.visithaines.com/things-to-do/museums-and-history/

Haines Borough Public Library: www.haineslibrary.org/

American Bald Eagle Foundation: www.baldeagles.org/

Haines Sheldon Museum: www.sheldonmuseum.org/

Hammer Museum: www.hammermuseum.org/

Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center: www.jilkaatkwaanheritagecenter.org/

EVENTS

EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF OUR CELEBRATIONS

From heart-racing snowmachine races in Chilkat Pass to lively Winterfest festivities in the Takshanuk Mountains, our annual events promise excitement. Join parades, local festivals, and cherished traditions. Reel in the biggest Coho during the derby or experience the thrill of the salmon run. Enjoy community plays featuring talented actors and musicians. Don't miss out on our flagship events—the Brew Fest, International Bike Relay, and Southeast State Fair—where locals and visitors alike come together for unforgettable experiences. Check out visithaines.com/events for more details.

FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS

Haines' artistic spirit shines through our monthly First Friday events, highlighting local artists and fostering community support for the town's artistic talents. Residents and visitors alike are invited to immerse themselves in our vibrant art and culture scene.

WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET

Running from June through September, our weekly farmer's market under the extended daylight hours is the ideal place for locals and tourists to savor fresh produce and local products. This market not only supports local agriculture but also offers a delightful taste of Haines' homegrown goodness.

ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY	Polar Bear Plunge - New Years Day
FEBRUARY	ALCAN 200 - The Longest Snow Machine Road Race in North America
FEBRUARY	Winterfest
MARCH	Dick Hotch Memorial Basketball Tournament
APRIL	Spring Fling
MAY	Great Alaska Craft Beer & Homebrew Festival - showcasing brews from all over Alaska and the Yukon
JUNE	Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay - 150 mile relay Haines jct, YK to Haines, AK
JUNE	Haines Community Fishermen Barbecue - celebrating sustainable fisheries and our local gillnetters
JULY	Independence Day festivities
JULY	Southeast Alaska State Fair
AUGUST	Backcountry Games - Inspired by the Scottish Highland Games, but with an Alaskan Backcountry Spin!
SEPTEMBER	Silver Salmon Derby - Mid September through late October
NOVEMBER	Alaska Bald Eagle Festival - Celebrating the Valley of the Eagles
DECEMBER	Holiday Celebrations

MOVING CHECKLIST

- Ensure your car is tuned up before embarking on your move.
- Secure housing arrangements in Haines prior to departure.
- Notify the post office and submit a change of address form.
- Refill prescriptions and gather necessary medical records.
- Collect school records if required.
- Notify financial institutions, credit card companies, and insurance providers.
- Inform utility companies and cancel delivery subscriptions as needed.
- Prepare cash or ensure credit card availability for travel expenses.
- Check that your driver's license and passports are up to date for travel.
- If moving from a rental, notify the landlord to arrange for the return of your apartment deposit.
- Pack an essential night bag including a change of clothes, flashlight, toiletries, and non-perishable snacks.

MOVING YOUR PET TO HAINES

- Ensure your pet's rabies vaccination certificate is current and valid, as both USA and Canadian Customs require it for border crossing. You can find more information at www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/bycountry/pettravel-canada.
- Remember that pet carriers and current health certificates are mandatory for transporting pets by air and on the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry.
- Familiarize yourself with Alaska Airlines' pet policy at www.pettravel.com/airline_pet_rules/alaskaairlines.cfm.
- Review the AMHS Animal Policy at www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs/policies.shtml for additional guidance on traveling with your pet.

VETERINARIAN SERVICES

- Prioritize regular medical care for your pet by planning ahead in Haines. Ensure your pet wears an ID collar securely attached with your contact information.
- Obtain a health certificate for air travel if needed.
- Ensure all vaccinations, including the rabies shot and certificate, are up to date as required for entering Canada and the USA.
- Prepare necessities for pet travel, including water, a bowl, and enough dog food.
- Note that Haines does not have a resident veterinarian. The nearest veterinary services are located in Juneau or Whitehorse. Visiting veterinarians come to Haines several times a year. Haines Animal Rescue Kennel (HARK) also offers some assistance to residents.
- If your animal requires regular medication, it is advisable to pack several months' supply if you are moving to Haines.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

- **United States Postal Office (USPO):** Located at 0 Mile Haines Highway, USPS is the fastest and most economical option for shipping to and from Haines. Mail is delivered along the highway, while other areas require pickup from the Post Office. Consider obtaining a Post Office Box or using your employer's PO Box for shipments.
- **Alaska Marine Lines:** Visit www.lynden.com/aml for information on their weekly barge service between Seattle and Haines, ideal for heavy or bulky items.
- **UPS:** Drop off UPS shipments at Alaska Seaplanes in the airport terminal. Ensure you have a preprinted label, as they are not provided.
- **FEDEX:** Shipments are flown to Sitka or Anchorage before being transferred to the US Postal System for delivery to Haines.
- **Deliver2Alaska,** a package forwarding service with reasonable shipping charges for Alaskan residents. Visit www.deliver2alaska.com for details.

HAINES NOTIFICATION SERVICES

In a bustling town like Haines, staying informed is crucial. Utilize the following resources to keep up to date:

Nixle: Visit www.hainesalaska.gov/police/stay-connected-nixle to sign up online. Nixle serves as a public safety communication forum, through which the police department issues road closure notices, weather advisories, flood warnings, and more.

Borough Notices: Access updates and announcements from the borough at www.hainesalaska.gov.

Social Media Sites:

Stay connected with local events and information through various Facebook™ groups.

- Haines Buy, Sell and Trade
- Haines Buy-Sell-Trade
- Haines Borough Government
- Haines Chatters

Stay informed about broader regional news through newspapers like:

Chilkat Valley News: Haines's local newspaper, published weekly at www.chilkatvalleynews.com.

Regional Newspapers:

- Alaska Dispatch News
- Capital City Weekly
- Juneau Empire
- What's Up Yukon
- Yukon News
- Whitehorse Star

Radio: Stay tuned in to local happenings with these radio stations:

- **KHNS Haines Skagway & Klukwan:** National Public Radio broadcasts on 102.3 and 91.9 FM.
- **KINY Juneau:** Tune in to 94.9 FM or 800 AM for regional updates.

Television: Access cable TV and public satellite channels for televised news and programs.

Internet: Connect online with Alaska Power & Telephone for internet services.

Public Notice Boards Locations: Keep an eye out for updates at these public locations:

- Haines Borough Administration Office
- Grocery Stores
- Haines Borough Public Library
- US Post Office



VOLUNTEER!

Engaging with Haines's non-profit organizations or volunteering for events is an excellent opportunity to connect with locals, acquire new skills, and contribute to our vibrant community! With numerous non-profit organizations actively seeking volunteers, there's something for everyone. Here are a few examples:

ALASKA ART CONFLUNCE

alaskaartsconfluence.org | (907)-766-3715

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION

baldeagles.org | 907-766-3094

CHILKAT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

chilkatvalleyhistoricalsociety.org | 907-766-2083

ELRED ROCK LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

eldredrocklighthouse.org

HAINES ANIMAL RESCUE KENNEL

harkalaska.org | 907-766-3334

HAINES DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM

www.hainesdolphins.org

HAINES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

hainesedc.org | 907-766-3130

HAINES FRIENDS OF RECYCLING

hainesrecycle.org | 907-314-2209

HAINES HOT SHOTS

haineshotshots@gmail.com | 907-766-3902

HAINES HUTS AND TRAILS

haineshuts.org | admin@haineshuts.org

HAINES LITTLE LEAGUE

haineslittleleague@gmail.com

HAINES SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

haines.sportsman@gmail.com

HAINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

hainesfire.org | 907-766-6441

HAMMER MUSEUM

hammermuseum.org | 907-766-2374

HOSPICE OF HAINES

hospiceofhaines.org | 907-766-3929

SOUTHEAST ALASKA STATE FAIR

seakfair.org | 907-766-2476

SHELDON MUSEUM

sheldonmuseum.org | 907-766-2366

TAKSHANUK WATERSHED COUNCIL

takshanuk.org | 907-766-3542



EXPLORING THE PAST

The town of Haines holds a history as intriguing as the landscapes that surround it. Named in honor of Francina Haines from the Presbyterian Home Missions Board, the town's roots trace back to 1879 when S. Hall Young, accompanied by his friend John Muir, became the first missionary to the area. Their mission: to find a suitable location for a mission and a school.

The first recorded encounter between white settlers and the indigenous Tlingit people dates back to 1741 when a Russian ship anchored near Haines, marking the onset of the fur trade in the region. In 1892, Jack Dalton established a toll road along the Tlingit trade route, serving gold-seekers and other travelers heading north into Canada. Sections of this historic route now form the Haines Highway.

In 1902, ongoing border disputes between the U.S. and Canada led to the establishment of an army post in Alaska. The enduring white buildings of Fort William H. Seward, though decommissioned in 1947, remain as distinctive landmarks of Haines. These structures, once part of a military complex, have been transformed into privately owned homes, accommodations, restaurants, galleries, and shops, a living testament to Haines' unique journey through time.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Chilkat Valley's very first inhabitants were the Tlingit Indians, who bestowed the name "Dei-Shu" or "End of the Trail" upon what we now know as Haines. The Chilkat Indians, with their mother village located 22 miles north in Klukwan, have deep roots in the region. Klukwan, the oldest of the Chilkat villages, stands as a testament to its rich history.

Haines, once traversed by the Dalton Trail used by gold-seekers and now connected to Canada through the Haines Highway, was a vital part of the Tlingit trade route into the interior. This trail earned the moniker "grease trail" due to the prized commodity it carried – oil extracted from the eulachon fish.

Thanks to the area's abundant resources, the Tlingits could devote more time to honing their skills and less on mere survival. As the first settlers in the Chilkat Valley, their traditions continue to thrive, preserving a vital part of Haines' cultural identity.

BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPE

Haines boasts a spectacular natural canvas sculpted by ancient glaciers. Surrounded by mountains and water, the town is embraced by the imposing Takinsha Mountains and Chilkat Range to the south, the Takshanuk Mountains to the north, and the Coast Mountains to the east across the Lynn Canal.

Traveling northwest from Haines, you'll follow the Chilkat River through a vast valley carved by glaciers. To the east lies the Lynn Canal, one of the longest and deepest fjords globally, measuring 60 miles long and over 2,000 feet deep, once a glacier's domain.

Traces of Haines' glacial history linger in Rainbow and Davidson Glaciers in the Chilkat Range. Although no direct road links to these wonders, Mud Bay Road through Chilkat State Park offers breathtaking views.

Every day, locals and visitors alike marvel at Haines' beauty, with Picture Point off Lutak Road being a cherished spot. As you explore, immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring scenery that defines Haines, a testament to the town's natural splendor.

DISCOVER HAINES WILDLIFE WONDERS

Haines is renowned for its thriving wildlife population, which can be spotted throughout the valley, even in the heart of downtown. To make the most of your wildlife encounters, guided tours are the way to go. These experienced operators not only know the prime locations but can also access remote areas seldom trodden by the mainstream. Explore our Tours & Activities to tailor your outdoor adventure.

WILDLIFE VIEWING RESOURCES

For a curated list of the best wildlife viewing spots in Haines, along with safety tips, visit our Visitors Center for a viewing guide. You can also explore the Alaska Wildlife Conservation page for wildlife viewing opportunities statewide and a handy Wildlife Checklist.

BEARS IN THE WILD

Nothing beats the thrill of witnessing bears in their natural habitat. Haines is home to both black and brown bears, with certain areas in the Chilkat Valley becoming renowned for exceptional bear viewing. The Chilkoot River, flowing from Chilkoot Lake into Lutak Inlet, offers one of the most accessible bear viewing experiences in Southeast Alaska from mid-June to October. To ensure a safe and harmonious experience for all, stop by the visitor center for a Wildlife Viewing Guide and Bear Safety Checklist. Explore the Alaska Fish and Game Wildlife Viewing site for additional insights.

BIRDING PARADISE

The Chilkat Valley hosts over 260 bird species throughout the year. While you can embark on your birding adventure, many guided tours offer expert knowledge about the local avian residents. You can access an online Birds of the Chilkat Valley Checklist or pick up a copy at the Haines Visitors Center. For more birding information in Haines and across Alaska, explore the state program Wings Over Alaska.

GATHERING OF EAGLES

Haines is known as "The Valley of the Eagles." Approximately 400 eagles reside year-round, but their numbers swell to over 3,500 from October through December. During these months, a late run of chum salmon in the Chilkat River offers a sumptuous feast for these majestic raptors. The annual Alaska Bald Eagle Festival in November showcases this natural phenomenon, featuring guided eagle viewing, educational tours, programs, and photo workshops for all ages. The American Bald Eagle Foundation is an excellent resource to learn more about our national icon and the diverse wildlife inhabiting the valley.

MAJESTIC MOOSE

Moose are another highlight of Haines' wildlife viewing experience, and they can be spotted throughout the valley, even in downtown areas. These massive members of the deer family, with full-grown bulls standing 7 feet at the shoulder, often roam with twin calves, and on rare occasions, triplets have been sighted in the wild. It's vital to remember that moose are wild animals, and they can be more dangerous than bears when threatened, especially if protecting their young. For guidelines on staying safe around moose, consult the Alaska Fish and Game Wildlife Conservation web page for wildlife viewing.

EXPLORE HAINES HIGHLIGHTS

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the conservation and understanding of our natural symbol, the American Bald Eagle Foundation delves into the scientific and cultural aspects of eagles. Through research and education, the foundation plays a vital role in restoring and preserving the eagle's habitat and its coexisting wildlife. Get up close with these magnificent raptors and meet some of their residents, offering a truly wild experience.

HAINES SHELDON MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

Located on the original Mission grounds in the downtown area, the Haines Sheldon Museum is committed to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history, art, and culture of the Chilkat Valley. Named after Steve Sheldon, whose collection became the foundation of the museum, it showcases a wealth of historical displays spanning from the past to the present.

HAMMER MUSEUM

Founded by local resident Dave Pahl, the Hammer Museum is a unique institution that houses the world's largest collection of hammers. Pahl's journey as a blacksmith and his passion for hand tools led to the creation of this fascinating museum, offering visitors a captivating walk through the history of this essential tool.

JILKAAT KWAAN CULTURAL CENTER

Located in the traditional native village of Klukwan, the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Center provides insights into the rich cultural history and subsistence way of life of the Chilkat people. This center offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture, tour exhibits, and witness the preservation of clan artifacts.

SCULPTURE GARDEN

A creative collaboration between local artists and the Alaska Arts Confluence. It transforms the stone ruins of one of the Fort Seward Chilkoot barracks buildings into an outdoor sculpture garden. As you explore this unique space, you'll encounter installations that showcase the local art community, and you'll learn about the history of Fort Seward, which was established for military purposes in 1901. The remnants of the fort add a historical layer to this artistic endeavor.

