Even Mother Nature has favorites
The growth and settlement of Valdez can be attributed to fur trading, salmon canning, and gold and copper mining. During the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-98, prospectors came to Valdez believing the Copper River and Valdez Glacier to be the entry to the Interior gold fields. From 1910 to 1916, copper and gold mining flourished in the area. In the early 1970’s, Valdez became the staging area for work on the lower portion of the trans-Alaska Pipeline. Today, Valdez hosts the Alyeska Marine Pipeline Terminal, which is the southernmost end of the 800-mile oil pipeline.

Valdez and the surrounding area is abundant in marine and land wildlife. The seawaters near Valdez abound with sea otters, Dall porpoise, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, humpback and orca whales. Coastal mountain cliffs are home to mountain goats, and the surrounding landscape boasts black and brown bears in addition to many other smaller animal species. Valdez takes flight with area bird viewing opportunities. Bald eagles are abundant and scores of ducks and shorebirds can be identified through most of summer and fall. Please be sure to observe wildlife and their dens, rookeries, and nests with respect.

Unparalleled natural scenery is matched only by the abundant activities offered throughout the year. Valdez is home to five glaciers that can be accessed by cruising, flying, walking, driving, glacier trekking, and even ice repelling. See the beautiful Columbia, Meares, Worthington, Shoup, or Valdez glaciers. You can raft nearby rivers floating through magnificent canyons and underneath towering waterfalls. Kayaking is another way to explore the region up close and personal. Hike or lake the historic Gold Rush trails. Watch the past unfurl as you visit the local museums displaying Alaska Native artifacts and local history.

Valdez’s Prince William Sound is a premier fishing destination, offering all species of salmon and some of the most accessible big halibut in Alaska. Valdez is home to the oldest fish derbies in Alaska, awarding thousands of dollars in prize money each year. You can fish from shore or take a charter from the Valdez small boat harbor.

If you like winter sports, Valdez is where you want to be. The surrounding Chugach Mountains receive over 600 inches of fresh powder each year. Helicopter, snowcat skiing and snowboarding is the best in the world, ranging from intermediate to extreme. Backcountry, telemark and cross-country skiing are very popular here as well. Snowmobiling near Valdez is a world-class experience with endless peaks, valleys and glaciers to explore. Cold temperatures freeze waterfalls around Valdez, providing unparalleled ice climbing opportunities.

There are several ways to get to Valdez; drive the Richardson (Alaska’s first highway) past the Wrangell-St. Elias and Chugach mountains, fly to Valdez on a state regional airline with regularly scheduled service, cruise to Valdez from Whittier or Cordova on the Alaska Marine Highway, or schedule a private charter service.
Valdez has remarkably rich history that has shaped the community that exists today as well as played an important role in the development of the state of Alaska.

1919 The Keystone Canyon Trail became the Richardson Highway, Alaska’s first highway and served as the only valdez inland route to Fairbanks. Valdez became the coastal port for the majority of traffic going into and out of the interior.

1923-1929 Fort Liscum closed and was abandoned in 1929 by the British family, who renamed it Dayville. The Days prospected the land, ran a cannery, a sawmill, a school and a store at the old military site.

1930s Valdez was a major port for military freight during World War II.

1964 On March 27, 1964 at 5:36 pm, a 9.2 earthquake lasting over four minutes struck 10 miles west of Valdez. The quake triggered an undershore landslide creating tremendous waves that washed away the Valdez waterfront, drowning 30 people on the dock and three men on the steamer “Chena.”

1966 The town of Valdez condemned when it was discovered it was built on unstable ground. The town was relocated to present site. Fifty-two buildings were moved 4-6 miles west.

1973 Congress approved the plans for the trans-Alaska oil pipeline with its southern terminus in Valdez. The town’s population soared.

1978-1979 Captain Cook sailed into the Sound in 1778, sailing to Wrangell Sound after his patron, the Earl of Sandwich. The editors of Cook’s maps renamed the sound after Prince William IV.

1989-1990 The terminus of the 800-mile trans-Alaska oil pipeline with its southern unloading facility was opened in Valdez.

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Valdez’s humble beginnings laid the foundation for transportation within the state. It has been integral to transportation and development within the state and serves as the gateway to Prince William Sound and the Interior. Everything, from the layout of our streets and the look of our buildings, reminds us of events from our past. The destruction of our community after the 1964 Earthquake created the opportunity to create the town from scratch. The 1960-70s architecture reflects the era of which the town was built anew. Fire and snow removal storage had a big impact on the layout of the town, which is no surprise considering over 300 inches or more falls on the city annually. You may notice the lack of trees lining our street or the large empty plots of land sprinkled throughout the city. This was done purposely so large quantities of snow can be plowed out of the town’s streets and parking lots and into these empty spaces.

The terminus of the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline rests on the south side of the Port of Valdez and can be viewed from any shoreline in the city. Many residents remember the construction of the oil terminal and people today can watch tankers coming and going as they transport oil to the West Coast. The oil spill of 1989 caused an influx of people to Valdez to help with the cleanup efforts. During this time new buildings were erected. The building that housed the command center is now one of our seven hotels. All of these aspects are reminders of how much our community has overcome.
Shopping

If you are looking for that special memento to help you remember your Alaska experience, or if you want to take home the perfect gift for a loved one, then one of our many gift shops will likely have what you are looking for.

From locally crafted products, fresh fish markets, groceries and uniquely Alaskan gifts, there’s something to satisfy all your shopping desires. All purchases are tax-free, so there are even more reasons to shop till you drop.

For more detailed information on where to shop in Valdez, visit our website at www.valdezalaska.org or visit us in person at the Valdez Visitors Center.

Exploring Valdez on your own

The vast natural beauty surrounding this town is breathtaking and unique, so don’t let a little rain or inclement weather keep you from getting out and experiencing all that Valdez has to offer.

Explore Keystone Canyon’s 20-plus breathtaking waterfalls. While you’re there, take a hike along the Goat Trail, located on the west end of the Bridal Veil parking area. Then head up to Thompson Pass and stop at Worthington Glacier and experience alpine Alaska. Valdez has taxi service available for transportation and short Valdez tours.

Valdez is home to three of Alaska’s greatest museums. The Valdez Museum and Remembering Old Valdez Exhibit walk you through the incredible history and culture of Valdez; from the gold rush to present day. The Maxine and Jesse Whitney Museum, located on the Prince William Sound Community College campus, holds a rare collection of Alaska Native artifacts, clothing and animal mounts.

Interpretive signs showcasing historical facts and information are located in several areas throughout Valdez. Along the way, visit Kelsey Dock, located next to the ferry terminal, for an amazing view of the Alyeska Marine Terminal across the bay; the end of the pipeline’s 800-mile journey from Prudhoe Bay.

Explore the majestic beauty of the Prince William Sound, home to a variety of sea birds, whales, porpoise, sea lions, sea otters, glaciers, towering Chugach Mountains, and so much more. Excursion vessels, rental boats, charters and kayaks depart daily from the small boat harbor in downtown Valdez. Or, charter a helicopter to see the sights. From the mountains to the sea and everywhere in between, Valdez is rich in natural beauty.
Nature and Wildlife

It has an abundance of most everything, from birding to bear watching and many others in between. One of the most popular wildlife viewing in Valdez is bear watching. From May, when you can see the bears grazing high up the mountainside when they first awaken, until late October, the bear watching is great. They are most often seen on Dayville Road after the salmon begin their runs in late July. Check with the visitor’s center for information about where the latest viewings have been.

Also seen in abundance in the summers in Valdez are eagles, and many kinds of ducks. Valdez is a bird watchers paradise. Eagles are prominent year round as are the mallards, harlequin ducks, kittiwakes, terns and ptarmigan, just to name a few. There are also many species of birds that stop at the Valdez duck flats on their way north and again as they return south. The opportunities to observe nesting birds is tremendous.

At different times the ford that makes Port Valdez has many kinds of wildlife. Most commonly seen are the seals, sea lions and sea otters. In June, when the hatchery releases the fry, Dall porpoise and humpback whales are spotted in the area feeding. Both black and brown bears can be seen feeding along the sides of the bay at low tide as well as the eagles and several kinds of gulls when the salmon runs begin.

In winter, bird viewing is the dominant wildlife watching activity. Eagles will line the rivers looking for fish and the roads looking for mice and rabbits. Also seen in the winter is an occasional moose. While moose do not heavily populate the area, they are becoming more frequent and have been seen along the Lowe River, in the Robe Lake area and, rarely, even on the Valdez duck flats. Also more easily seen in the winter, are the mountain goats which are pushed down the mountain in their search for food. Their long shaggy coats have a yellow tinge to them against the white snow of the mountainside and they do not seem to fear people while they are at the lower elevation. Bring your camera to Valdez and experience some wonderful wildlife viewing.

Lodging

If you are looking for a place to lay your tired head after a long day of adventures, Valdez has a variety of accommodations to fit your needs. Choose from one of our many B&B’s, hotels, fully-equipped RV parks or campgrounds. Most accommodations are centrally located near restaurants, shops and our small boat harbor.

Whether you are here for one night or the whole summer, you are certain to find a comfortable place to stay year round.

For more information on accommodations, restaurants, businesses and local events, please visit our website at www.valdezalaska.org or come into the Valdez Visitors Bureau. We would be happy to help you.
I magine being near the face of calving glacier as you watch huge chunks of ice fall off into the ocean below, piercing the air with thunderous sounds.

Or, imagine the thrill of hiking to a majestic ice-blue glacier and standing before its colossal size. In Valdez, you don’t have to imagine such things—you can do them. Valdez is home to many accessible glaciers. There is nothing quite as breathtaking as experiencing glaciers in person, so get out and see for yourself.

**COLUMBIA GLACIER** is the second largest tidewater glacier in America and the largest in Prince William Sound. This glacier is accessible by wildlife cruises or kayak day trips. Navigate through chunks of beautiful glacial ice or take a helicopter ride to see Columbia’s glacial wonders.

**MEARES GLACIER** is unique. While most glaciers throughout the world are in rapid retreat, Meares Glacier is one of the only advancing tidewater glaciers in North America. It is located at the head of the Unakwik Inlet in the Prince William Sound. Hop aboard a day boat cruise and venture to within a quarter-mile of the face of Meares Glacier. See an abundance of whales and other wildlife along the way. Witness the beauty of this rare glacier as it calves, cracks and thunders before your eyes.

**SHOUP GLACIER** is tucked away in Shoup Bay and can be accessed by boat, kayak, helicopter or on foot. Kayak companies offer day trips that allow you to explore the icebergs, marine wildlife and more. More experienced hikers can take the 8.5-mile hike to Shoup Bay for fabulous views and an amazing kittiwake rookery.

**VALDEZ GLACIER** is located on the outskirts of the town of Valdez and is full of amazing history. It was known as the All American Route by gold seekers who traveled over the glacier and into the interior of Alaska during the Gold Rush of 1898. During the summer, Valdez Glacier can be accessed by kayak with one of our experienced local adventure companies. At certain times during the winter, you can hike or ride a snowmobile to the face of the glacier.

**WORTHINGTON GLACIER** is one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska. Located in world-renowned Thompson Pass, just off the Richardson Highway, this glacier is a must-see if you’re driving into Valdez. Simply watch for the Worthington Glacier State Recreation Site at Milepost 29, park and walk up to the glacier for an up-close-and-personal experience. Or, purchase a half or full-day hike and ice climbing tour for a unique and fun-filled activity.
Brown bears and black bears flourish in Valdez due to the abundant fish and plentiful berries for bears to eat. Every year countless people come here to witness the bears up close and personal. Although uncommon, bears will attack humans and their pets when they are feeling threatened. Conversely, it is increasingly common that bears are shot and killed unnecessarily because of avoidable human behavior. Valdez welcomes everyone to visit and experience all its natural wonders, including bears, but it is imperative to learn proper bear etiquette in order to protect yourself and our precious and increasingly rare bear population. Below are some things you should know about bears and what you can do to protect yourself and the bears.

First and Foremost:
It is illegal to feed bears or to harass them in any way. You can be ticketed and fined for feeding bears, but it is imperative to learn ways where they can find food. Use caution or groups of people where possible. Multiple people are less likely to attract wildlife.

Bears frequently use roads and trails to get from place to place. Don’t set up camp too close to these areas. When camping, always pick up trash and food remnants. Clean camps are less likely to attract wildlife. Bears hang out near thick underbrush, berry bushes, rivers, streams and waterways where they can find food. Use caution and watch for signs of bears when you are in these areas.

Bears have a keen sense of smell. Don’t linger or camp near areas where fish carcasses or other organisms may be decomposing. Such places are perfect stomping grounds for bears. Keep all human and pet food in sealed containers. If you are camping, store food away from campsites or hang food in trees in airtight bear-proof containers when possible.

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Tours & Attractions

There are a plethora of year-round activities to do in Valdez, one of the prettiest places in Alaska.

Valdez is home to many glaciers that can be accessed by boat cruises, vehicles, walking, helicopter, snowmobiles, snowshoeing, and kayaks, depending on the time of year. See the beautiful Columbia, Meares, Worthington, Shoup, or Valdez glaciers.

During spring and summer time, day-long or extended tours of Prince William Sound will take you to some of the best vantage points for viewing mountains, glaciers, and wildlife. Orcas and humpback whales, sea otter, sea lions, birds, porpoise and many other animals make their home in the Prince William Sound. Excursion vessels depart from the Small Boat Harbor for sightseeing wildlife viewing. Kayaking is another way to explore the Sound up close and personal. Fly-outs and drop-offs are possible to remote locations in the Sound and Chugach Mountains, via helicopter or small planes. Tours accommodate all ages and skill levels.

Wintertime brings tons of snow and creates a perfect playground for winter sports, such as skiing, snowboarding, heli-sports, snowshoeing, ice repelling, snowmobiling and more. Valdez is a fantastic place to explore mother nature and all she has to offer.

Fish Hatchery

Solomon Gulch Hatchery presents a unique opportunity to observe salmon as they return to spawn.

The Hatchery is located across the port on Dayville Road en route to Allison Point. It was established to ensure sufficient numbers of salmon return and reproduce each year. Completed in February 1983, the facility is licensed to incubate and rear to release size 230 million pink, and two million coho. With a concerted effort from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the City of Valdez, the Solomon Gulch Hatchery annually imprints and releases 105,000 king smolts from the Fish and Game Port Richardson Hatchery.

Coho (silver) and pinks fight the odds against predators and the elements to swim up a series of ladders where they spawn. The Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA) goals are to produce an annual return of 10 million Pink salmon, 100,000 Coho and 10,000 king salmon. The best time to view salmon at the hatchery is July through September. Bears, eagles, sea gulls and sea otters can be found feeding on the fish. Fishing is prohibited within 300 feet of the premises. Please respect all wildlife, especially maintaining a safe distance from any bears in the area. Bears are wild animals and can be dangerous.

Take the self-guided walking tour along the fish ladder and view how the hatchery spawns the fish. The self-guided walkway is open daily, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., from May to October. During mid-July and early September visitors can watch as the commercial fishing boats haul in their nets from the shores of port Valdez.

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If you want to fish for a bigger catch, the waters surrounding Valdez offer salmon shark fishing at its finest. These 300-pound-plus sharks will test even the best angler’s abilities and endurance. During winter, ice fishing in upcountry lakes and ponds is popular. In the warm season, flyfish for trout, grayling and Dolly Varden.

Valdez is home to the oldest fish derbies in Alaska, awarding thousands of dollars in prize money each year. Young and old, all skill levels, the thrill of reeling in a record-breaking fish will keep you coming back for more.

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Most restaurants are centrally located within a few blocks from each other, making it easy to find a variety of delicious food to choose from. After you eat, take a lovely walk along the nearby harbor boardwalk where you're likely to see otters, birds and other beautiful sights.

For more information on dining in Valdez, please visit our website, www.valdezalaska.org, or stop in at the Valdez Visitors Bureau.
Valdez Facts

LOCATION
Northeast section of Prince William Sound, surrounded by the Chugach Mountains, the tallest coastal mountains in North America, rising from sea level to an elevation of 7,000 feet. Also the most heavily glaciated mountains in the Northwest.

MAJOR HISTORIC EVENTS
• 1898: Gold Rush Stampede
• 1964: 5 minute, 9.2 measured earthquake
• 1970s: Construction of trans-Alaska oil pipeline and Marine Terminal
• 1989: The Exxon Valdez oil spill and clean-up
• 1990: Valdez hosts the first-ever World Extreme Skiing Championships

ACCESS
• Land: Historic Richardson Highway
• Air: Valdez is serviced year-round, multiple times daily, by 2 regional airlines.
• Water: Day cruise boats, and the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system
• Industry: Oil, commercial fishing, seafood processing, shipping, city & state government, tourism, and postsecondary education

ABOUT VALDEZ
• Town covers approx 274 square miles
• Population approx. 4,100
• Town is serviced year-round, multiple times daily, by 2 regional airlines.
• Summer average: 53.5° (2004)
• Winter average: 27.9, High: 60.8, Low: 46.1
• Record sun: 33 days above 70° (2004)
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Go deep inside Alaska, where the unparalleled meets the unexpected. Be inspired by the light of the aurora borealis. Boost your energy under the midnight sun. Feel the warmth of Fairbanks, Denali, Interior and Arctic Alaska. It’s the unexpected Alaska. Call 1-800-327-5774 for your free Visitors Guide.

Transportation

GETTING TO VALDEZ can be as memorable as your stay here.

BY AIR: A short 45-minute flight from Anchorage. Daily air service takes you through the coastal Chugach Mountains. Fly through the towering peaks and across vast glacial ice fields. Private charters are also available.

BY LAND: Drive along the nation’s largest national park, Wrangell-St. Elias, with its towering peaks and abundant wildlife, with spectacular views of glaciers along the way as well as Worthington Glacier, one of Alaska’s most accessible glaciers. Huge, cascading waterfalls greet you as you enter Keystone Canyon, the gateway to Valdez.

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Day 1 Anchorage
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Day 4-5 Mat-Su Valley
Day 6-7 Valdez
Day 8 Drive/Ferry to Anchorage or drive to Fairbanks

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A great way to explore this beautiful area is to drive from Anchorage to Valdez, spend at least two nights, travel the Alaska Marine Highway to Whittier via ferry, then finish off your trip by driving just 60 miles back to Anchorage. If time allows you to extend your adventure, visit Cordova via ferry on the Alaska Marine Highway on your way to Whittier.

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Hike one of the many trails Valdez has to offer, take a bike ride or enjoy historical museums. Valdez is a premier fishing destination, offering all species of salmon and some of the most accessible halibut fishing in Alaska. If you are looking to catch fish, Valdez is the place to be.

The fun continues throughout the winter since Valdez is known for its epic snowfall. People from around the world come to take part in a variety of winter activities like snowboarding, skiing, ice climbing, hiking, snowshoeing, heli-skiing, snowmobiling and more.

Whittier is only 60 miles from Anchorage. The town, population 300, is unique and has a rich history. The Native Chugach people originally used Whittier as a gateway to the Prince William Sound and the Turnagain Arm. Eventually all manner of people came to Whittier and recognized it as an easy route to and from the Prince William Sound, Russian and American explorers, gold miners and eventually the U.S. Army, who formally established the town of Whittier during World War II. Today the Alaska state ferry system, barges, fishing vessels, recreation and touring boats continue to use this small town’s port as a gateway to and from the Prince William Sound. The area is rich with wildlife and beautiful scenery and draws approximately 700,000 visitors yearly.

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Winter Operations

VALDEZ IS ONE OF THE SNOW CAPITALS IN THE WORLD.

WITH A LONG-STANDING REPUTATION for great snow, more than 300 inches is measured annually in the city and 600 to 900 inches in nearby Thompson Pass! As one might expect with this much snow, Valdez celebrates winter with downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, dogsledding and ice climbing.

Valdez and the surrounding Chugach Mountains define backcountry skiing and boarding. Access the backcountry on foot, by helicopter or snowcat for some of the most amazing big mountain skiing and snowboarding in the world. Local Valdez guides and outfitters help create the dream winter vacation with single- or multi-day packages.

Our beautiful waterfalls and glaciers are pathways to adventure for ice climbers and hikers. Whatever challenge you are looking for, whether top-roping or multi-pitch lead climbing, there are dozens of routes around Valdez that will suit your needs.

Valdez offers the ultimate backcountry snowmobiling experience with miles of untracked powder, and riding from beginner to expert, there is something for everyone.
Snowmobiling and Snowmachining

Snowmachines (what most Alaskans call their winter ride of choice) can take you places during winter that only helicopters and airplanes can get to any other time of year. Places that many people have no idea even exist. From the town of Valdez a rider can access endless terrain within minutes of leaving town. Directly from town, the Valdez Parks & Recreation Department maintain an extensive winter trail system for multi-use purposes. Other nearby backcountry riding opportunities include the intermittently groomed trail access to Hogs Back glacier, and riding the pipeline access road to Solomon Lake. Thompson Pass, with its mountainsides, meadows, and wide-open playgrounds, is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Valdez. This recreation area is above treeline, wide open, and ungroomed. Its proximity to the Richardson Highway and its varied terrain makes this area a popular destination for riders of all abilities.

EVENTS

Valdez is home to two of the best snowmobile competitions in the state: The 150-mile Mayors Cup Cross-Country Race, and the Mountain Man Hillclimb. Held in Thompson Pass, the Mountain Man Hillclimb is a qualifying event for the Snowmobile Hill Climb World Championships held annually in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Mayors Cup is a 150-mile cross-country snowmachine race set on a 25 mile loop around Hogsback and the Valdez Glacier Flats. Both of these events feature expert riders and great riding in beautiful spectator friendly settings.

SEARCH & RESCUE

The Valdez Snowmachine Club has established a backcountry search and rescue team with the cooperation and support of the City of Valdez and the Alaska State Troopers. This group consists of experienced riders and others willing to help in our community. The group is available to respond to all types of backcountry rescue situations and overdue riders. Experience in the categories of backcountry riding, first aid and rescue skills are common among these volunteers.

Ice Climbing, Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

There are numerous cross-country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities in Valdez. The Valdez Parks & Recreation Department grooms and maintains miles of ski trails of varying difficulties. These trails are great for both classic and skate skiing, and many are closed to motorized use. Don’t have your own equipment? No problem. The Prince William Sound Community College Wellness Center and S.W.A.N., offer free checkout of snowshoes and cross-country ski equipment. Ice climbers view our beautiful waterfalls and glaciers as pathways to adventure. Whatever challenge you are looking for, whether top-roping or multi-pitch leading, there are dozens of routes around Valdez that will fit your needs.
**Valdez Service Directory**

**HOTELS**

**Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn**
Phone: 907-835-3454
Toll Free: 1-800-222-3440
Email: info@valdezharborinn.com
Website: www.valdezharborinn.com
Mailing address: PO Box 468, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical address: 100 North Harbor Drive, Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible

**Robe Lake Lodge**
Phone: 907-835-2359
Email: info@robelakelodge.com
Website: www.robelakelodge.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 1150, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: Mike & Richardson Hwy, Lake House Rd
Season: Year round
Beautiful Lodge with Alaskan decor, overlooking Robe Lake & surrounding Chugach Mountains. Individual rooms or entire lodge available; nightly, weekly, or monthly rates. Continental breakfast, high speed WiFi, Satellite TV, hot tub & sauna.

**Tolin Inn**
Phone: 907-835-4443
Email: info@tolininn.com
Website: www.tolininn.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 656 Valdez, Alaska 99686
Physical Address: 144 E. Edgar Dr., Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible

**River Rock Hotel**
Phone: 907-835-9150
Email: info@riverrochk.com
Website: www.riverrockhotel.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 1469, Valdez, AK
Physical Address: 328 Edgar Dr.
Season: Year round
Located downtown, friendly staff, cozy, clean, no smoking, full breakfast.

**Laurel Lodge**
Phone: 907-835-4443
Email: reservations@laurellodge.com
Website: www.laurellodge.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 251, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 333 W. Haggard, Valdez, AK
Season: Year round
Located in town, 5 spacious non-smoking rooms with two beds in each room and shared baths. Serving continental breakfast daily. No smoking, no pets.

**Wild Rose by the Sea B&B**
Phone: 907-835-9167
Email: bythewildroseinn@gmail.com
Website: www.wildroseinn.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 3794, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 629 Fiddlehead Ln, Valdez
Season: Summer
For an unforgettable Alaskan experience; Bathhouse/Recreation facility for Bivies & Campers, RV hook-ups, Wi-Fi & Cable. Cabins avail. by reservation. Find us at Mile Marker 2 on the Richardson Highway.

**CABINS**

**Bear Creek Cabins & RV Park**
Phone: 907-835-2132
Email: bigbears@bearcreckabin.com
Website: www.bearcreckabin.com
Address: 318 Richardson Hwy, Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Summer

**CABIN:**
- **Bear Creek Cabin #1**
  - Address: 318 Richardson Hwy, Valdez, AK 99686
  - Amenities: Full kitchen, 2 queen beds, 2 twin beds, 2 bathrooms, satellite TV, WiFi, book collection

**BED & BREAKFAST**

**A Place on Corio**
Phone: 907-835-2996, cell 907-831-1077
Email: aplacexhobird@yaho.com
Website: www.aplaceoncorio.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 5008, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 1226 Corio Place
Season: Year round
Three cozy themed bedrooms with spa robes & slippers. Located minutes from downtown, with easy access to trails for biking & hiking. Wireless internet & freezer available.

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**Bear Paw Camper Park**
Phone: 907-835-2550
Email: bearpaw@valdez.net
Website: www.bearpawpark.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 10, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 101 N. Harbor Dr. Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Summer
Choose from 3 parks w/ full hookups, cable TV, Wi-Fi, laundry, showers, Main Park across from Small Boat Harbor & Adult Park w/ view. We can book your glacier cruise w/ Stan Stephens Cruises.

**Eagles Rest RV Park & Cabins**
Phone: 907-835-2373
Toll Free: 1-800-553-7275
Email: eaglesrest@valdez.net
Website: eaglesrest.com
Physical Address: PO Box 610, Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible

**Full Service RV Park in downtown Valdez, close to shops, museums, harbor & grocery stores. Ticket agent for glacier cruises, Kayaking, rafting, & fishing in Valdez.**

**Valdez Glacier Campground / MWR US Army AK**
Phone: 907-835-2451
Email: glaciarcamp@gmail.com
Website: www.glnmwr.com/valdez.html
Mailing Address: PO Box 1310 Fort Greely, AK 99737
Physical Address: 1300 Airport Road, Valdez
Season: Summer
85 Standard Campsites, 21 RV Parks (20/30/50AMP, RV Dump station, hot showers & 4 latrines. Sites include picnic tables & fire rings. 3 Large areas w/ water of waterfowl provide room for group camping & family events.

**wilderness lodges in town**

**Crown B&B / Retreat**
Phone: 907-835-2132
Email: csr@valdez.com
Website: http://ravensnestvaldez.com/crownbedandbreakfast/home
Address: 300 Beach Rd Rd, OffHixfret
Season: Summer

**Panoramic view of Prince William Sound/Vales Bay, Spa, gym, hydrotherapy, massage, wi-fi & breakfast. Walking distance from waterfront & shopping.**

**B&B & Rv Park**
Phone: 907-835-2373
Toll Free: 1-800-835-2373
Email: info@toteminn.com
Website: eaglesrest.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 31309 Fort Greely, AK 99737
Physical Address: 1300 Airport Road, Valdez
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible

**Bear Creek Lodge & RV Park**
Phone: 907-835-2132
Email: bigbears@bearcreckabin.com
Website: www.bearcreckabin.com
Address: 318 Richardson Hwy, Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Summer

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**Bearpaw RV Park**
Phone: 907-835-4425
Toll Free: 1-888-835-4425
Website: www.bearpawrvpark.com
Email: alaskabearpaw@gmail.com
Website: www.bearpawrvpark.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 31309 Fort Greely, AK 99737
Physical Address: 1300 Airport Road, Valdez
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible

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**Mountain Sky Hotel & Suites**
Phone: 907-835-3445
Email: reservations@mountainskyhotel.com
Address: 300, Meals Ave. Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible

**Cabin & Lodge**
Phone: 907-835-9167
Email: bythewildroseinn@gmail.com
Website: www.wildroseinn.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 3794, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 629 Fiddlehead Ln, Valdez
Season: Summer

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**The Bear Paw**
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Email: eaglesrest@valdez.net
Website: eaglesrest.com
Physical Address: 250 N. Harbor Dr. Valdez, AK 99686
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Toll Free: 1-800-222-3440
Season: Year round

**New restaurant inside; 32* Lounge & Grill.**

**Suites, family suites & extended stay rooms. Indoor pool. Spa, Cable, fridge, microwave, ironing board, coffee maker & hairdryer. No smoking/no pets. Complimentary WiFi & breakfast.**

**ADA Accessible Overlooking the Valdez boat harbor; 88 clean, comfortable rooms w/ amenities like pillow top beds, 12" flat screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, microwave, mini-fridge, DVD players & free continental breakfast.**
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FU Kang Chinese Restaurant
Phone: 907-831-5255
Physical Address: 207 Koobak
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible
Mandarina, Szechuan, Thai and Chinese cuisine.
Food to go: Featuring fresh Sushi and local seafood.
Chinese style.

Mai Thai
Season: Year-round
Website: www.mai-thai-valdez.com
Email: info@mai-thai-valdez.com
Phone: 907-835-5606
Famous waterfront restaurant & bar specializing in
seasonal, seafood & famous.

Midas Bakery
Website: www.midasbakery.com
Email: info@midasbakery.com
Phone: 907-831-0999
Physical Address: 234 Galena Street, Valdez
Season: Year round
Locally owned & operated bakery & cafè; daily soups, breads, etc. free Wi-Fi

Mike’s Palace
Phone: 907-831-2365
Website: www.mikespalace.com
Email: info@mikespalace.com
Phone: 907-835-2365
Season: Year round
Great food! Open at 5 a.m. for heartwarming
favorites. We have Spirits, wine & Alaska beers on
draft. Desk service.

Magpie’s Bakery
Address: 207 Kobuk
Website: www.magpiesbakery.com
Email: info@magpiesbakery.com
Phone: 907-835-1036
Season: Year round
Known for its Alaskan charm, hospitality and
great food! We open at 5 a.m. for heartwarming
breakfast. Lunches include various burger special-
ties, salad bar & more. Dinner features fine steaks,
unforgettable seafood, gourmet burgers and family
favorites. We honor Wine, Alaska beer on
tap.

Old Town Burgers
Phone: 907-831-4208
Email: info@oldtownvaldez.com
Website: www.oldtownvaldez.com
Season: Year round

Greek, Italian, Mexican, American, seafood & famous
seafood.

TCH on the Hook
Phone: 907-786-0702
Email: info@tchonthhook.com
Website: www.tchonthhook.com
Address: 999 East Tudor, Anchorage, AK 99501
Season: Year round
Contact our team of Alaska Travel experts for person-
alized, local advice & custom trip planning.

INFORMATION

ANCHOR POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Phone: 907-235-2600
Email: info@anchorpointchamber.org
Website: www.anchorpointchamber.org
Season: Year round

WATERFRONT DINING in a fun atmosphere: Gourmet
Pizza, Sandwiches, Salads, Local Seafood & Appetizers.
Full bar with spirits & 13 micro beers. Indoor &
outdoor seating.

FUNCHURISTIC
Phone: 907-835-1036
Website: www.midasbakery.com
Email: info@midasbakery.com
Phone: 907-831-0999
Physical Address: 234 Galena Street, Valdez
Season: Year round
Locally owned & operated bakery & cafè; daily soups, breads, etc. free Wi-Fi

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Copper Valley Telecom
Phone: 907-835-2331
Toll free: 1-800-478-6412
Website: www.cvc.org
Mailing Address: PO Box 337 Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 329 Fairbanks Dr.
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible
Providing reliable telecommunications service to our members/owners for over 50 years. We are the people you know.

Copper Valley Wireless
Phone: 907-835-2231
Toll free: 1-800-478-6412
Website: www.cvc.org
Mailing Address: PO Box 337 Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 329 Fairbanks Dr.
Season: Year round
ADA accessible
Providing the best in wireless phone/data coverage. We know our service area.

Captain Jose Tesoro
Phone: 907-835-2377
Toll free: 1-800-553-7275
Email: rmsgj@alaska.net
Website: www.eagleterrytv.com
Address: 19E E Pioneer Dr.
Season: Year Round
24 Hour gas station with convenience store, car wash, laundry, & extended care facility.

Prince William Sound Community College
Phone: 907-834-1600
Toll free: 1-888-478-8800
Fax: 907-834-1091
Website: www.pwscc.edu
Mailing Address: PO Box 1501 Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 911 Meigs Ave, Valdez, AK 99686
In-loc patient, emergency, health, lab, radiology, & extended care facility.

Valdez Convention & Civic Center/ Civic Center Cinema
Phone: 907-835-4440
Email: phunt@pwscc.edu
Website: www.civicvaldez.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 1849 Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 314 Catalonia Dr. Valdez
Season: Year round
ADA Accessible
Movie Theatre - Current movies, digital with 3D.
Season round Conventions, banquets, performances.

Valdez Job Center
Phone: 907-835-4910
Email: valdez.jobcenter@alaska.gov
Website: www.valdezjobcenter.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 590, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 213 Meigs Ave. - State Court Building
Season: Year round
ADA accessible
Providing job seekers & employers with services to meet their employment needs.

Valdez Office Supply
Phone: 907-835-4667
Fax: 907-835-4662
Email: valdezofficesupply@valdezak.net
Website: www.valdezoffice.com
Mailing Address: 319 Hazelt, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 319 Hazelt, Valdez, AK 99686
Copy, Fax & kinesiote services, school & office supply, print items, Rite in the Rain products, cards, Alaskan Communications cell phones & lots more

Valdez Veterinary Clinic Inc
Phone: 907-538-5200
Fax: 907-538-5200
Email: contact@valdezveterinary.org
Website: www.valdezveterinary.org
Mailing Address: PO Box 150, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: 303 Lowe Street Valdez, AK 99686
Season: Year round
Full service veterinary practice for dogs & cats.

OUT OF TOWN LISTINGS
Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau is happy to promote our Out-Of-Town Business members. As you travel to and from Valdez, connect to a variety of businesses and services listed below to serve your needs.

OUT OF TOWN HOTELS
Fountainhead Hotels
Phone: 907-416-3852
Toll free: 1-800-528-4916
Email: hotels@atlanticbks.com
Website: www.fountainheadhotels.com
Mailing Address: 1501 Queens Way Fairbanks 99701
Physical Address: Fairbanks
Season: Year round
700+ guest rooms, 9 service, comfy, affordable.

Gilparker’s Hotel Chitina
Phone: 907-832-2234
Email: info@gilparkerchitina.com
Website: www.hotelschitina.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 2056, Valdez, AK 99686
Physical Address: Mile 33 of Edgerton Hwy
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible
Built in 1975, newly updated rooms have private baths & queen bed, full service restaurant & Salon, Gateway to Wrangell St. Elias National Park.

OUT OF TOWN CABS & DINING
Sheep Mountain Lodge
Phone: 907-741-5121
Email: 877-645-5121
Email: info@sheepmountain.com
Website: www.sheepmountain.com
Physical Address: Milepost 113.5 Glenn Highway, Sutton, AK 99674
Season: Year round
Private bath & shower, cabins with Kitchens available year round.

OUT OF TOWN BED & BREAKFAST
Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge
Phone: 907-822-4000
Toll free: 1-800-426-0500
Email: copperriver@princesslodge.com
Website: www.principalslodges.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 422 Copper Center AK 99573
Physical Address: Mile 102 Richardson Hwy, Wrangell Crag Rd
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible
85 room lodge at the gateway to S. America’s largest national park; Wrangell - St. Elias. Amazing mountain views, exceptional service & fine dining.

Premier Alaska Tours
Phone: 907-741-5121
Email: 877-645-5121
Email: info@sheepmountain.com
Website: www.principalslodges.com
Physical Address: 1900 Premier Ct. Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Season: Year round
Authentic and escorted Alaska land tours in group or guaranteed departure formats.

OUT OF TOWN WILDERNESS LODGES
Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge
Phone: 907-822-4000
Email: copperriver@princesslodge.com
Website: www.principallodges.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 422 Copper Center AK 99573
Physical Address: Mile 102 Richardson Hwy, Wrangell Crag Rd
Season: Summer
ADA Accessible
85 room lodge at the gateway to S. America’s largest national park; Wrangell - St. Elias. Amazing mountain views, exceptional service & fine dining.

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Email: 877-645-5121
Email: info@sheepmountain.com
Website: www.sheepmountain.com
Physical Address: Milepost 113.5 Glenn Highway, Sutton, AK 99674
Season: Year round
Private bath & shower, cabins with Kitchens available year round.

Out of town Winter Operations
Alaska Snow Safaris
Phone: 907-745-2905
Email: 907-478-2350
Email: info@snowmobile-alaska.com
Website: www.snowmobile-alaska.com
Physical Address: 17436 Marcus Baker Dr., Palmer, AK 99645
Season: Winter
Backcountry snowmobile tours for beginner to advanced riders. We provide custom multi-day trips.

Lake Louise Lodge
Phone: 907-822-3311
Toll free: 1-887-878-3111
Email: lb@alaska.net
Website: www.lakelouisevaldez.com
Mailing Address: HGT Box 1716 Girdwood, AK
Physical Address: Mile 1 1/2 Lake Louise Road Road 99580
Season: Year round
7 Room lodge w/private, full baths & full service restaurant & bar overlooking Lake Louise. Smoke free. Fishing license, propane, gas available.

OUT OF TOWN ATTRACTIONS
Copper Moose B&B
Phone: 907-832-4244
Email: coppermousedb@comcast.net
Website: www.coppermousedb.com
Mailing Address: HK Box 62272 Copper Center AK 99573
Physical Address: Milepost 87 1St Edgerton Hwy
Season: Year round
4 Rooms, 3 Baths. Rooms on floor ground floor with private entrance. Rooms include internet, phone, TV, Wi-Fi, breakfast & dessert.

Wellwood Center Bed & Breakfast
Phone: 907-832-5188
Email: contact@wellwoodcenter.com
Website: www.wellwoodcenter.com
Mailing Address: PO Box 227 Copper Center, AK 99573
Physical Address: Mile 57 1St Edgerton Highway (Alaska Route 10), Kenai Lake, AK
Season: Year round
3 guest rooms, 110 Acre nature preserve with trails; Full kitchen, full bath, private living room, homelike comfort. Private entrance, Free WiFi.

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If it is comfort you want, it is at your fingertips with the largest standard rooms in the area, indoor pool and spa, cardio center, 24hr business services, and easy access to adventure travel, heli-skiing, fishing, hiking, and the stunning wildlife of the sound. Dining at 32° Lounge & Grill will satisfy your hunger and quench your thirst with cold Alaskan brews and food that pleases all types of pallets.