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## DISCOVER VALDEZ

*Take in the beauty of the mountains, glaciers, tree-covered land, the bay, and the ocean.*

Welcome to the ancestral lands of the Suacit. In March 2021, the Valdez Native Tribe's Board of Directors voted to officially recognize Suacit as the Native place name for Valdez. The name is an Alutiiq/Sugpiat word understood to mean, "people of the place that rises into view."

The Sugpiat people, who have lived upon and used this land for millennia, still enjoy the bounty it provides today, maintaining their connection with the land and sea. Rivers provide water to drink;

the land gives wood, berries, and animals; and the ocean offers fish and urchins.

Enjoy Valdez while you are visiting; hike the hills and mountains, fish the rivers and the sea, think about the people still here and those who came before you; strive to leave the beauty intact for future generations to experience. I hope your visit here will leave forever footprints in your memories.

I acknowledge the lifestyle, customs, work, and land of the Suacit.

*Sharon Anderson*

SHARON ANDERSON | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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TRAVEL RESOURCES

For assistance with planning your trip to Valdez, contact the **Valdez Visitors Center** at 907-835-2984 or info@valdezalaska.org. Visitors Center staff are generally able to take phone calls or answer emails during normal business hours.

Don't forget to stop in and visit us while you're here. The Visitors Center is located in the middle of town at 309 Fairbanks Drive. Local and state maps and information are available, along with a welcoming staff ready to assist you in finding your way around. Our lounge offers Wi-Fi and a place to kick up your feet. The Valdez Visitor's Center also sells a variety of gifts and souvenirs, including t-shirts, drinkware, toys, pocket guides, keychains, postcards, and more! Come check out our new gift shop!



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

VALDEZ ICE CLIMBING FESTIVAL

February 18-20

The stunning waterfalls of Keystone Canyon serve as a fabulous climbing venue for this event. World class instructors teach clinics for all ages and levels, including specialty classes for youth, women only, and physical adaptation.

MARCH

MAYOR'S CUP SNOWMACHINE RACE

March 19-20

The Mayor's Cup is a 150-mile cross-country snowmachine race set on a 25-mile loop around Hogsback Glacier and the Valdez Glacier Flats. The race has been a tradition in Valdez since 1998; each year, the current mayor of Valdez waves the green flag to start the race.

APRIL

VALDEZ FAT BIKE BASH

April 1-3

This event has something for everyone. Individual races are cross-country and extreme downhill. First, second, and third place trophies are awarded for women's and men's categories. Team races include the triathlon (bike, kayak, and run) and the biathlon (ski and bike).

MOUNTAIN MAN HILL CLIMB

April 15-17

This event takes place every April in Thompson Pass, 30 miles north of Valdez on the Richardson Highway. Snowmachiners attempt to cruise their machines up a 1,700-foot slope to successfully reach the top and claim a winning time. This is a spectator-oriented event with high-stakes action.

MAY

VALDEZ FLY-IN & AIR SHOW

May 20-22

This premier bush plane competition in the Western United States features the world-famous STOL competition, beach landing, balloon bust, flour bombing, aerobatics show, and pilot round tables. There is a wide array of events for the whole family to watch.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

May 28-29

The City of Valdez honors military members during Memorial Day weekend. This event includes and open to the public halibut fish fry, live music, and kids games. On Sunday, wildlife and sightseeing cruises are offered free to pre-registered military families.

JUNE

LAST FRONTIER THEATRE CONFERENCE

June 11-18

Hundreds of national and international playwrights, actors, and readers flock to Valdez for this conference. The play lab is the highlight of the week, along with the evening performances.

JULY

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

July 4

Come join the locals for a family fun day of events and food, including a parade through town.

KIDS PINK SALMON DERBY DAY

July 23

Introduce your kids to salmon fishing with the Kids Pink Salmon Derby Day, a one-day event that takes place during the Valdez Fish Derbies. The pinks are plentiful and easy to catch, and the kids can win great prizes!

AUGUST

GOLD RUSH DAYS FESTIVAL

August 3-7

Experience the annual five-day celebration of the Gold Rush era of Valdez. Join in the festivities, like the famous Wine Walk, and don't miss the can-can girls, a parade, the local market, food, live music, and more!

WOMEN'S SILVER SALMON DERBY

August 13

This event draws more than 5,000 women anglers to Valdez. Join the Silver Salmon Sisterhood, and win great prizes.

OCTOBER

BUSINESS TRICK-OR-TREAT

October

Have your kids participate in safe and friendly Halloween trick-or-treating through the businesses in downtown Valdez!

YEAR ROUND

Discover more events, festivals, and celebrations happening in Valdez year-round at [ValdezAlaska.org/Events](http://ValdezAlaska.org/Events).



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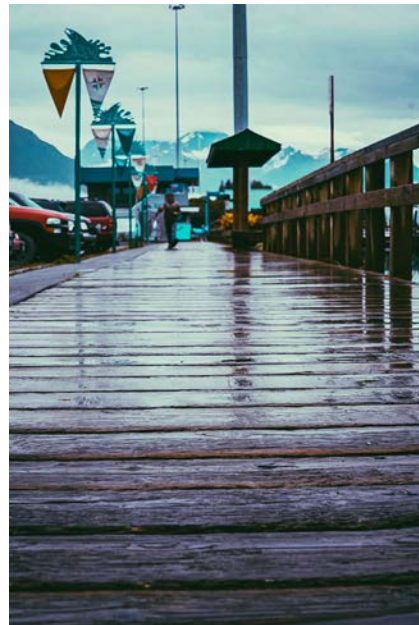
## PHOTO CONTEST

**Discover Valdez is asking for your best shot!** We're looking for photos of fishing, hiking, glaciers, wildlife, activities, and events around town, beautiful landscapes, and all that Valdez has to offer. The best part? Six winners will be chosen to receive cash prizes and be featured in next year's Valdez Visitors Guide!

**PRIZES** One grand prize winner will be featured prominently in the 2023 Valdez Visitors Guide and receive \$500. Five additional winners will be featured inside the guide and receive \$50 each.



TODD GRAVEN



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EVERY MILE ADVENTURES

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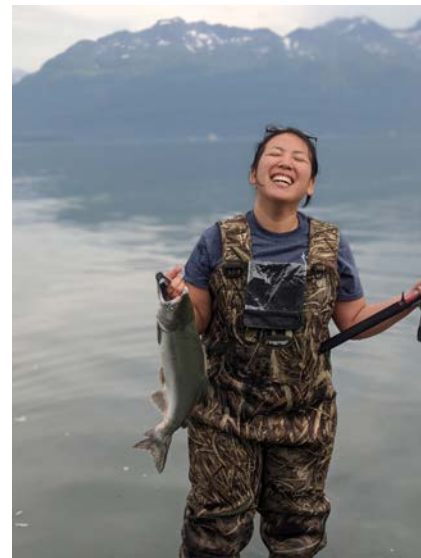


MARK DEVEREAUX

### HOW TO ENTER

Send your best snapshots of Valdez to [info@valdezalaska.org](mailto:info@valdezalaska.org). Contest entries are accepted from May 1 to August 15. Follow us on social media to stay up to date.

300 DPI or higher is required. For more information check out [ValdezAlaska.org/Photo-Contest](http://ValdezAlaska.org/Photo-Contest)

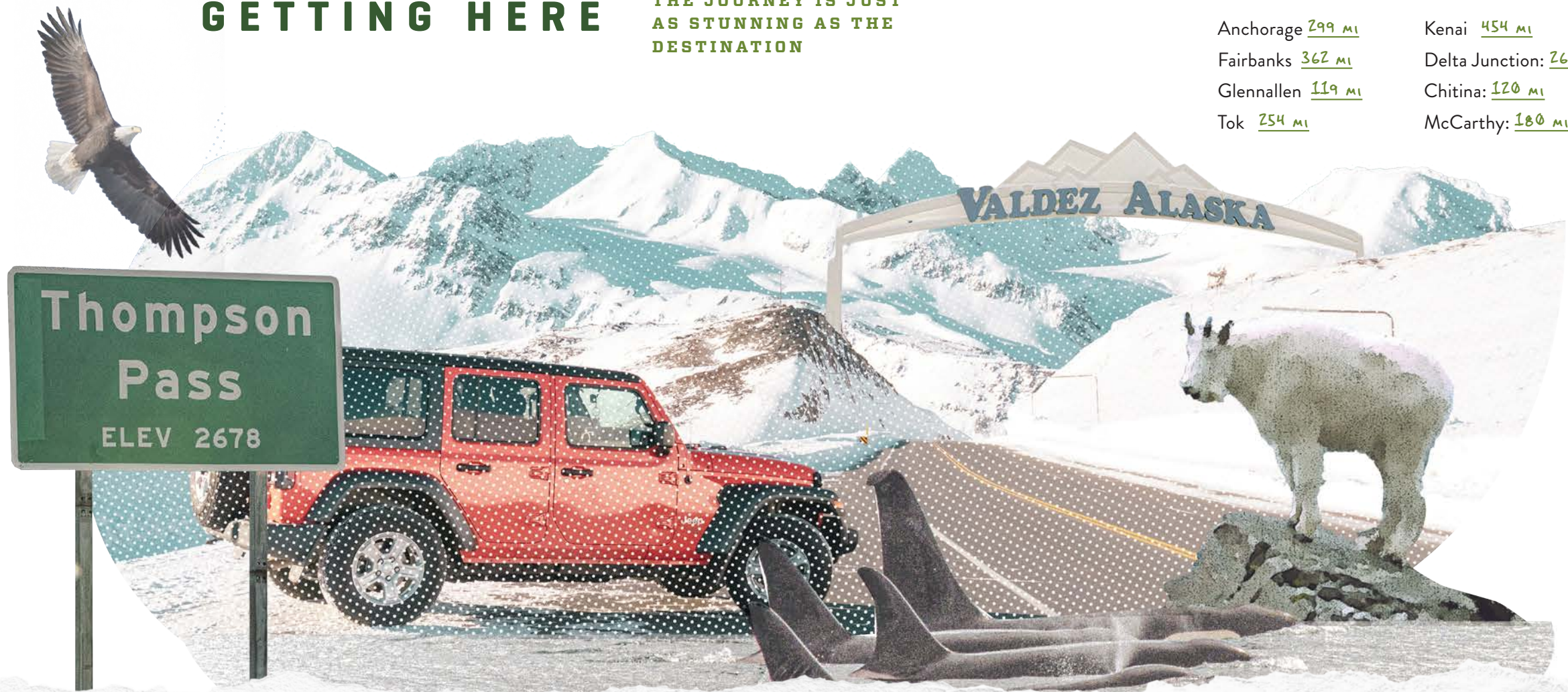


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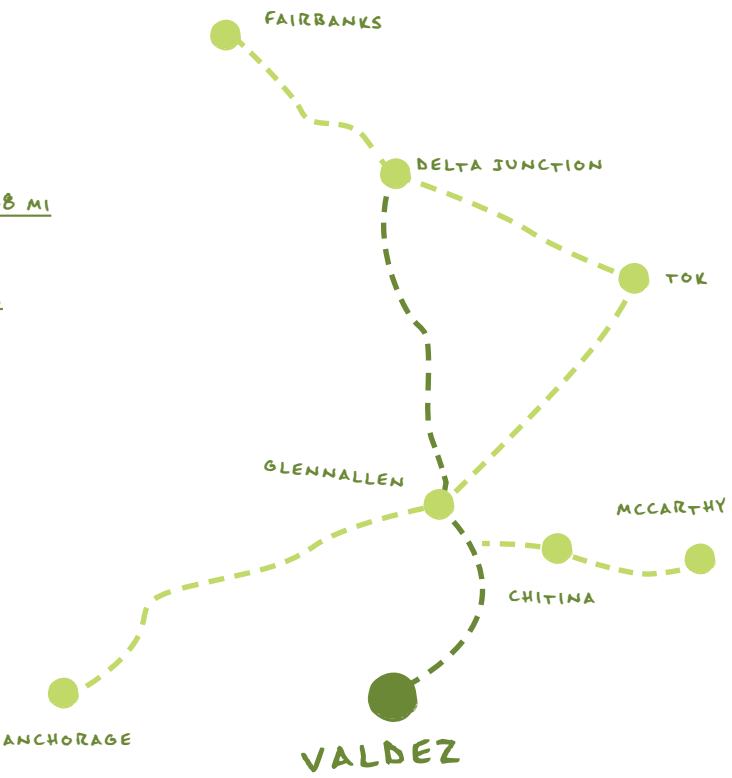
GETTING HERE

THE JOURNEY IS JUST AS STUNNING AS THE DESTINATION



DRIVING DISTANCE TO VALDEZ

Anchorage <u>299 MI</u>	Kenai <u>454 MI</u>
Fairbanks <u>362 MI</u>	Delta Junction: <u>268 MI</u>
Glennallen <u>119 MI</u>	Chitina: <u>120 MI</u>
Tok <u>254 MI</u>	McCarthy: <u>180 MI</u>



Travel + Leisure named the Richardson Highway one of  
**AMERICA'S MOST SCENIC ROADS**

BY LAND

The drive to Valdez from Fairbanks, Tok, or Anchorage provides breathtaking views of glaciers, waterfalls, towering mountains, and incredible scenery. The picturesque Glenn Highway and Richardson Highway converge along the nation's largest national park—Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—holding nine of the 16 tallest peaks in the United States. Visitors can stretch their legs and fuel up in the community of Glennallen (Mile 115 of the Richardson Highway), which provides gas, food, and lodging needs, or stop at Copper Center (located on a loop off Mile 100) near the confluence of the Klutina River and the Copper

River, for gas and groceries. Nearby, the National Park Service operates the Copper Center Visitors' Center Complex (Mile 106.8), and the Ahtna Cultural Heritage Center is located next door. Heading south, look for the Edgerton Highway (Mile 82.5) for a detour adventure. The Edgerton offers 33 miles of paved highway to the historic community of Chitina. Another 60 miles of rough-road lead to the copper mining towns of Kennicott and McCarthy, though shuttle service is available from Chitina.

As you approach Valdez, you'll drive through Thompson Pass, where sky-high mountains surround the road on either side. Watch for the sign to Worthington Glacier (Mile 29), one of Alaska's most accessible and must-see glaciers, and be ready to take in the majesty of the awe-inspiring Keystone Canyon (Miles 14 – 17), where cascading waterfalls greet you from towering canyon walls just before entering Valdez.

BY SEA

Alaska's Prince William Sound is ringed by the coastal mountains of the Chugach Range and situated in the midst of the Chugach National

Forest. Its 2,700 miles of coastline are home to the towns and villages of Chenega Bay, Cordova, Tatitlek, Whittier, and Valdez. Ferry services to Valdez to/from Whittier and Cordova are provided by the Alaska Marine Highway, but local operators offer water taxis to other communities, bays, and islands in Prince William Sound.

BY AIR

In just a short 45-minute flight from Anchorage, visitors can reach Valdez daily via local air services or private charters. Flights soar through the towering peaks of the Chugach Mountains and across vast glacial ice fields.



## THE LAY OF THE LAND

### THOMPSON PASS

Winter or summer, snow or sunshine, Thompson Pass is a playground for outdoor enthusiasts and sightseers at any time of the year. As drivers cruise down the highway surrounded by a horizon of mountain peaks, flowing streams, gushing waterfalls, and endless natural beauty, they'll feel like they're leaving the rest of the world behind. Hot spots in Thompson Pass include Blueberry Lake, Worthington Glacier, and the Thompson Pass Pack Trail.



THOMPSON PASS

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### THE WATERFRONT

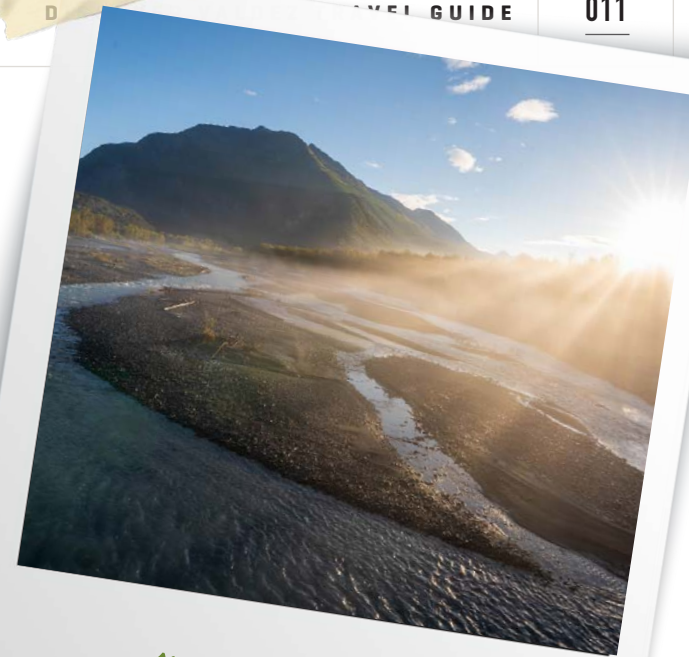
The best views, dining, and live entertainment are found along the waterfront in downtown Valdez. Stroll along the boardwalk on North Harbor Drive or head over to South Hazelet Avenue towards Kelsey Dock for food, drinks, and local culture.

### DAYVILLE ROAD

Dayville Road, located "Across the Bay" from downtown, offers some of Valdez's biggest attractions, including the best wildlife viewing and fishing spots. Look for the Dayville Road turnoff along the Richardson Highway, about seven miles out of town.

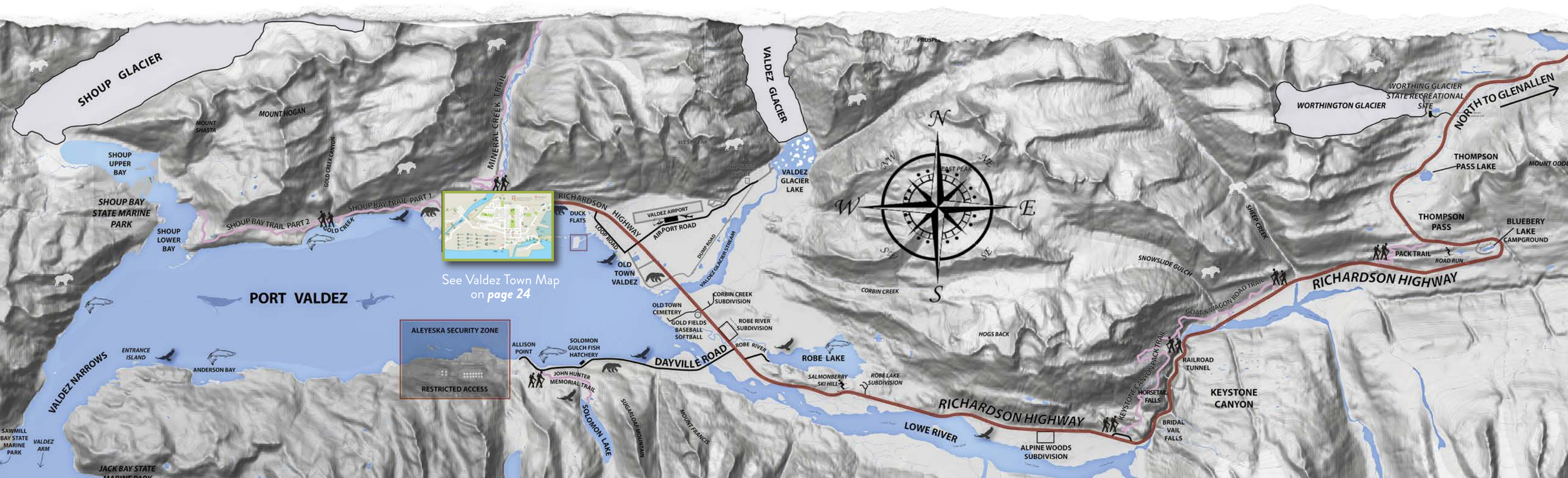
### MINERAL CREEK AREA

Head just west of downtown Valdez on Egan Drive to discover secluded trails and scenic sightseeing opportunities along Mineral Creek. The trail's route goes along residential neighborhoods, but parking is available at each trailhead. A small playground is located at the Shoup Bay Trailhead.



MINERAL CREEK

Jody Overstreet





## A R O U N D   T O W N

### A TRUE ALASKAN SMALL TOWN

*Valdez, nestled on a strip of land* about a mile long between the Chugach Mountains and Prince William Sound, is a true Alaskan small town. The downtown and harbor areas are walkable, with many businesses and attractions only a few blocks from local accommodations.



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## GLACIERS



WORTHINGTON GLACIER

**COLUMBIA GLACIER** is the second-largest tidewater glacier in North America and the largest in Prince William Sound.

**MEARES GLACIER** is unique because, while the majority of glaciers throughout the world are retreating, Meares Glacier is one of the only advancing tidewater glaciers in North America.

**STUNNING GLACIERS ARE ACCESSIBLE IN VALDEZ — MAKE NEW MEMORIES WITH ANCIENT GLACIER ICE**

**SHOUP GLACIER** is tucked away, 8 miles west of Valdez, in Shoup Bay and is accessible by foot, boat, kayak, and helicopter.

**VALDEZ GLACIER** is located east of downtown at the end of Airport Road and is full of amazing history. Known as the All American Route, gold seekers traveled over the glacier into the interior of Alaska during the Gold Rush of 1898.

**WORTHINGTON GLACIER** is one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska. Located in Thompson Pass, at Mile 29 of the Richardson Highway, this glacier is a must-see if you are driving in or out of Valdez. Watch for the turnout to the glacier, park your vehicle, and then walk up to the glacier for an up-close experience. There is a small \$5 parking fee.

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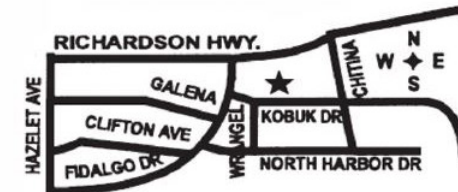


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# WATERFALLS

## VALDEZ: THE WATERFALL CAPITAL OF ALASKA

With more than 27 feet of average snowfall during the winter, Valdez, Alaska, becomes the land of waterfalls when the snow melts in the spring and summertime. Pouring over rugged rocks and surrounded by lush greenery, countless waterfalls cascade down dozens of mountainsides in Valdez.

The drive to this coastal town includes a captivating stretch through Keystone Canyon, a place of spectacular waterfalls, magnificent geology, and fascinating history. Located at Miles 14 through 17 on the Richardson Highway, Keystone Canyon is home to Horsetail Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Rudleston Falls. These cool waters flow over towering canyon walls and greet travelers from above.

Adventure seekers can also experience the waterfalls by rafting or kayaking the Lowe River, which runs directly in front of Bridal Veil Falls,

or hiking through the five-mile (round-trip) Keystone Canyon Pack Trail, which puts hikers above the Horsetail Falls for a breathtaking bird’s-eye view.

During the winter, Valdez’s waterfalls freeze into towers of ice. These frozen waterfalls make for excellent sightseeing and photography opportunities and also attract winter sports enthusiasts, who use the frozen falls for ice climbing. Keystone Canyon is also home to Valdez’s annual Ice Climbing Festival held each February.

Other waterfalls around Valdez can be seen along the area’s many hiking trails. Look for the waterfalls flowing through Solomon Gulch on the John Hunter Memorial Trail, the Gold Creek waterfall along Shoup Bay Trail, or the Horsetail Creek Falls by the washout on Mineral Creek Trail.



Amanda Godin



Jody Overstreet

# CROOKED CREEK



**Crooked Creek is a natural spawning stream** teeming with pink salmon in July and chum salmon in August. The stream is situated along the Valdez Duck Flats with a fenced overlook platform allowing visitors to view the salmon spawning process up close. Along Crooked Creek is a U.S. Forest Service informational cabin, where friendly and knowledgeable staff educate visitors on the surrounding habitat and wildlife. Lectures and interactive displays are available from May to September, and free parking is available.

# DUCK FLATS



**The tidal wetlands known as the Duck Flats are a mile from** Valdez. Visitors can spot bald eagles, harlequin ducks, arctic terns, red-necked grebes, and great blue herons along its waters.

Visitors can explore the Duck Flats from a paved path that runs along the Richardson Highway or from Dock Point Trail, accessed from Kobuk Drive or South Harbor Rd. Kayakers can also navigate the flats, an excellent option for beginners. Kayak tours of the Duck Flats are available with local kayak tour operators.

**Did you know?**  
ONLY 1% OF THE ESTUARIES IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND ARE SALT MARSHES SUCH AS THE DUCK FLATS. THE VALDEZ DUCK FLATS ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST SALT MARSHES IN THE SOUND, ENCOMPASSING APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ACRES.

—City of Valdez Parks & Recreation



# FISHING IN VALDEZ

## A PREMIER ALASKAN FISHING DESTINATION

From reeling in giant halibut to fighting an Alaska silver salmon, anglers visiting Valdez are sure to be pleased with the variety of fishing trips available to them. Excursions for the novice and seasoned anglers depart from the town’s small boat harbor, and relaxing opportunities for freshwater fishing are also available.

As a premier fishing destination, Prince William Sound is open year-round, and our waters are home to all species of salmon, rockfish, lingcod, and some of the most accessible halibut in Alaska.

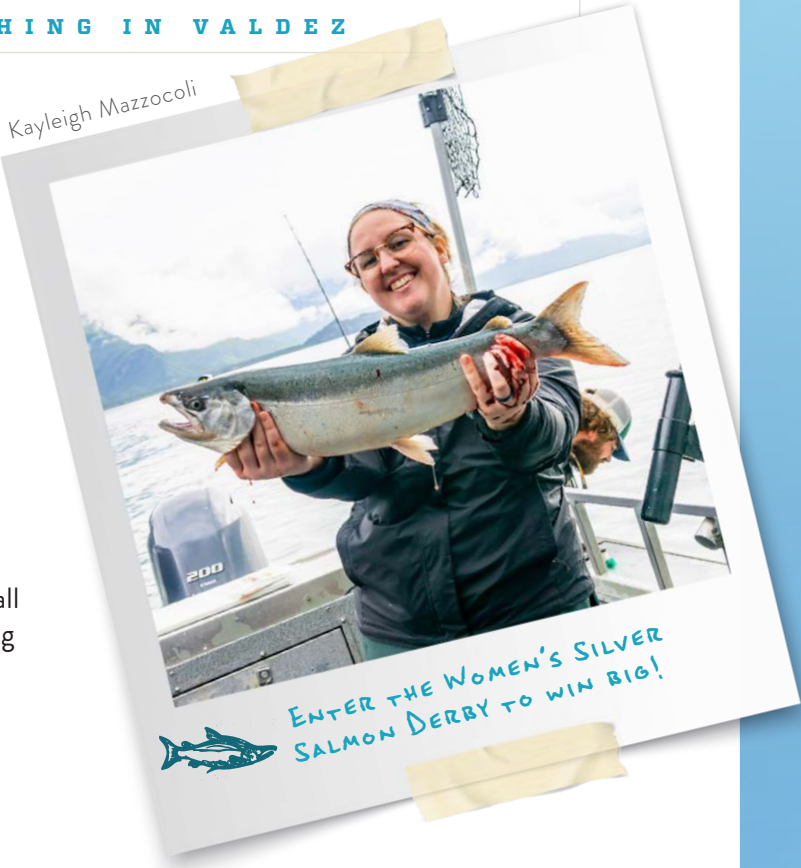
Whether you drop a line from shore, take your own boat, rent a boat, or take a fishing charter into deeper seas, you’re likely to catch enough fish to eat for dinner or fill your freezer.

### DERBIES

Valdez is home to the oldest fishing derbies in Alaska, awarding thousands of dollars in prize money each year. All skill levels and both young and old can experience the thrill of reeling in a record-breaking fish.

### CHARTERS

Half-day and full-day charters are available, and most charge per person and include tackle, bait, and cleaning your catch. Trips typically last from 5 to 12 hours, depending on where you are fishing, what species you’re fishing for, whether everyone limits out early, and of course, the weather. Remember, Alaska’s weather is unpredictable and could force alternate plans.



### 2022 DERBY DATES

**Halibut Derby:**

May 21st — Sept 4th

**Halibut Hullabaloo:**

June 3rd — June 12th

**Silver Derby:**

July 23rd — Sept 4th

**Big Prize Fridays:**

July 29th & Sept 2nd

**Tagged Fish Contest:**

Aug 12th — Sept 4th

**Kids Pink Salmon Derby Day:**

July 23

**Women’s Silver Salmon Derby:**

August 13

FISH:	King <i>Chinook</i> Salmon	Silver <i>Coho</i> Salmon	Pink <i>Humpback</i> Salmon	Chum <i>Dog</i> Salmon	Rockfish	Halibut	Ling Cod
AVERAGE:	5-50 lbs	12-15 lbs	4-5 lbs	12 lbs	4-6 lbs	25-100 lbs	10-20 lbs
TROPHY:	50 lbs	20 lbs	9 lbs	15 lbs	20 lbs	100 lbs	30 lbs

# DAYVILLE ROAD

## SOLOMON GULCH HATCHERY

One of the best spots for viewing wildlife around Valdez is the Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery on Dayville Road. The hatchery presents a unique opportunity to observe one of Alaska’s largest fisheries enhancement programs.

Millions of pink and silver salmon return to the hatchery each summer, and the beach becomes a hotspot for bears, eagles, and marine mammals coming in to feed on the salmon. The best time to view the returning salmon at the hatchery is July through September. Free self-guided tours are available along the hatchery walkway from May through October, unless there is bear activity. View the fish ladder and learn the history and economic benefits of the hatchery, as well as the types and life cycles of salmon, through interpretive display panels and interactive videos.

Fishers of all types can be observed harvesting the pink and coho salmon near the hatchery. However, sport fishing is prohibited within 300

feet of the weir, fish ladder, and within the brood pond. Please respect all wildlife, and maintain a safe distance from any bears you may see.

## ALLISON POINT

Allison Point is a beach along Dayville Road offering views of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline terminus and Port Valdez. Depending on the tides and time of year, the point is a great location for fishing for silver salmon and pink salmon.

Parking is available alongside the road, though please be respectful of the nearby campground that’s open between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

### Did you know?

THE FACILITY, PERMITTED TO INCUBATE AND REAR MILLIONS OF SALMON, RELEASES AN IMPRESSIVE 250 MILLION PINK SALMON FRY AND 1.8 MILLION COHO SALMON SMOLTS EACH YEAR.



## NONRESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENSES

1-Day Sport Fishing	3-Day Sport Fishing	7-Day Sport Fishing	14-Day Sport Fishing
\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$75.00



## WILDLIFE ON LAND

**APRIL -  
SEPTEMBER:  
BLACK AND  
BROWN BEAR  
VIEWING**

As you explore Valdez, you'll discover wildlife all around town. Both brown bears and black bears are frequently spotted around Valdez from April through September. Coming out of hibernation in the spring, they feed on budding plants. The bears switch to abundant fish and berries in the summer and early fall. Two great areas to look for bears are along the Richardson Highway and along Dayville Road.

On the Richardson Highway, stop at the US Forest Service cabin at Crooked Creek (just outside of downtown). A viewing platform over

the creek allows late summer visitors to watch black and brown bears feed on spawning pink and chum salmon.

Across the highway from Crooked Creek are the Duck Flats where bears are often spotted foraging for fish or edible plants.

Remember to stay "Bear Aware" while in Valdez. Bears are wild animals and should not be approached.

**DISCOVER MORE:**

**ValdezAlaska.org/Bears**

**BE BEAR AWARE!**



**PLAN AHEAD**

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

**BE ALERT**

**AVOID CARCASSES + ODOROUS ITEMS**

**TRAVEL IN A GROUP**

**STAY WITH YOUR GEAR**

**MAKE NOISE**

**KEEP YOUR CHILDREN + PETS CLOSE**

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

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## MARINE WILDLIFE

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LIONS, SEALS,  
SALMON,  
OTTERS, AND  
SO MUCH  
MORE.**



**Valdez is the ideal spot to explore**  
Prince William Sound.

Wildlife cruises and tours depart daily from Port Valdez during the summer, offering visitors the opportunity to see amazing marine mammals up close.

Orca whales may be spotted throughout the summer; your best chance is on a long glacier cruise or kayak trip.

Humpback whales spend the winter months in warmer waters but return to the Sound to feed every spring.

Look for them on a wildlife cruise during May & June.

Harbor seals are often spotted resting on icebergs in Columbia Bay. Look for them competing with sea lions at the Hatchery as well.

Sea otters often float together in groups called "rafts". You can see otters diving for food alongshore or playing in the small boat harbor.

**DISCOVER MORE:**

**ValdezAlaska.org/Marine**

### WILDLIFE VIEWING ON DAYVILLE ROAD:

Drive out "across the bay" to Dayville Road via the Richardson Highway for more bear-spotting and stellar sea lion sightseeing. Bears may be seen feeding at the Hatchery (see page 19) or all along Dayville Road's beaches and wetlands. Look for them at low tide. Stellar sea lions are a sure-sight on any tour, but you can spot them on your own. They are often seen feeding on salmon at the Hatchery during the summer months.



# OCEAN TOURS

VIEW MARINE WILDLIFE BY FOOT, CRUISE, HELICOPTER. KAYAK THROUGH GLACIAL WATERS.

**Orca and humpback whales**, otters, sea lions, and birds are among the many animals that make their home in Prince William Sound. During the spring and summer, day-long cruises will take you to some of the best vantage points for viewing mountains, glaciers, and wildlife.

Don't have a full day? Helicopter tours can cover the same area in less time and even land you on top of a glacier!

Adventurers can also spend the day kayaking glacial waters, exploring wildlife, ice caves, and waterfalls. It's even possible to take a kayak out fishing if you have the right setup. In addition to the

ocean, independent kayakers can paddle on Robe Lake, just off the Richardson Highway.

Another popular destination for kayakers and paddleboarders is Valdez Glacier Lake, accessible at the end of Airport Road. The lake is famous for the numerous icebergs in the lake that have calved off Valdez Glacier. Recreationalists should exercise extreme caution near the icebergs, as they can be unstable and dangerous.

Please view the recommended safety information from the City of Valdez at [ValdezAlaska.org/Valdez-Glacier](http://ValdezAlaska.org/Valdez-Glacier)



Jiyeon Juno Kim

# LOCAL HIKING TRAILS

**Valdez boasts some of the most scenic and historic** trails in Alaska. Ranging in length and difficulty, our trails offer something for everyone.

**SHORTER/EASIER TRAILS**  
(well-maintained trails less than a mile): Spot shorebirds and bald eagles along the **Dock Point Trail**, which follows along a peninsula between the Duck Flats and Port Valdez. Take the stairs up Civic Center Hill with **Overlook Trail** for a view of the town and Port Valdez. Enjoy a walk through the woods on the gravel path of **Homestead Trail**, where you'll see spawning salmon in late summer.

**MODERATE/LONGER TRAILS**  
(longer distances and/or greater elevations on gravel or paved paths): Bike, jog, or walk along the paved **Bike Path** that leads out of town for great wildlife viewing opportunities. Hike up the **Meals Hill Trail** for views that overlook town and Port Valdez, and access Solomon Lake and Solomon Gulch from the **John Hunter Memorial Trail**. Discover Valdez's gold rush history on **Mineral Creek Trail**, which winds through Mineral Creek Canyon to an abandoned stamp mill.

**THE "TRAIL OF '98"** (historic trails of variable length and difficulty): Hike through history on the **Trail of 1898/1899** that led prospectors from Valdez to Interior Alaska during the Gold Rush. The present trail is broken into four sections: the **Keystone Canyon Pack Trail**, the **Goat Trail**, the **Wagon Road**, and the **Thompson Pass Pack Trail**.

**CHALLENGING/ADVENTUROUS TRAILS** (longer trails with less trail maintenance): Explore **Shoup Bay Trail** for an Alaskan adventure. The trail is broken into two sections. Section A is better maintained and leads from town to a remote camping site at Gold Creek. Section B continues from Gold Creek through the overgrown brush before reaching Shoup Bay and viewing opportunities of Shoup Glacier.



## SUMMER TRAIL DETAILS

- DOCK POINT TRAIL

EASY | .83 mi RT | 30 mins | 50 ft
- HOMESTEAD TRAIL

EASY | ~1 mi RT | 30 mins RT | ~20 ft
- OVERLOOK TRAIL

EASY | .4 mi RT | 20 mins | 75 ft
- MINERAL CREEK TRAIL

MODERATE | 12.2 mi RT (from the bridge) 6 hrs RT | 800 ft
- SHOUP BAY TRAIL SECTION A

MODERATE | 6.5 mi RT | 4 hrs RT | 680 ft
- SHOUP BAY TRAIL SECTION B

DIFFICULT | 12.6 mi RT | 10 hrs RT | 1,100 ft
- JOHN HUNTER MEMORIAL TRAIL (solomon gulch trail)

MODERATE | 3.8 mi RT | 2-2.5 hrs RT | 700 ft
- KEYSTONE CANYON PACK TRAIL

EASY TO MODERATE | 2.6 mi one way 2 hrs one way | 250 ft
- GOAT TRAIL

MODERATE | 3.2 mi RT (1.6 miles to S viewing area) | 2 hrs RT | 500 ft
- WAGON TRAIL

EASY | 6.6 mi RT (3.3 mi to N viewing area) 4 hrs RT | 350 ft





## TOWN MAP



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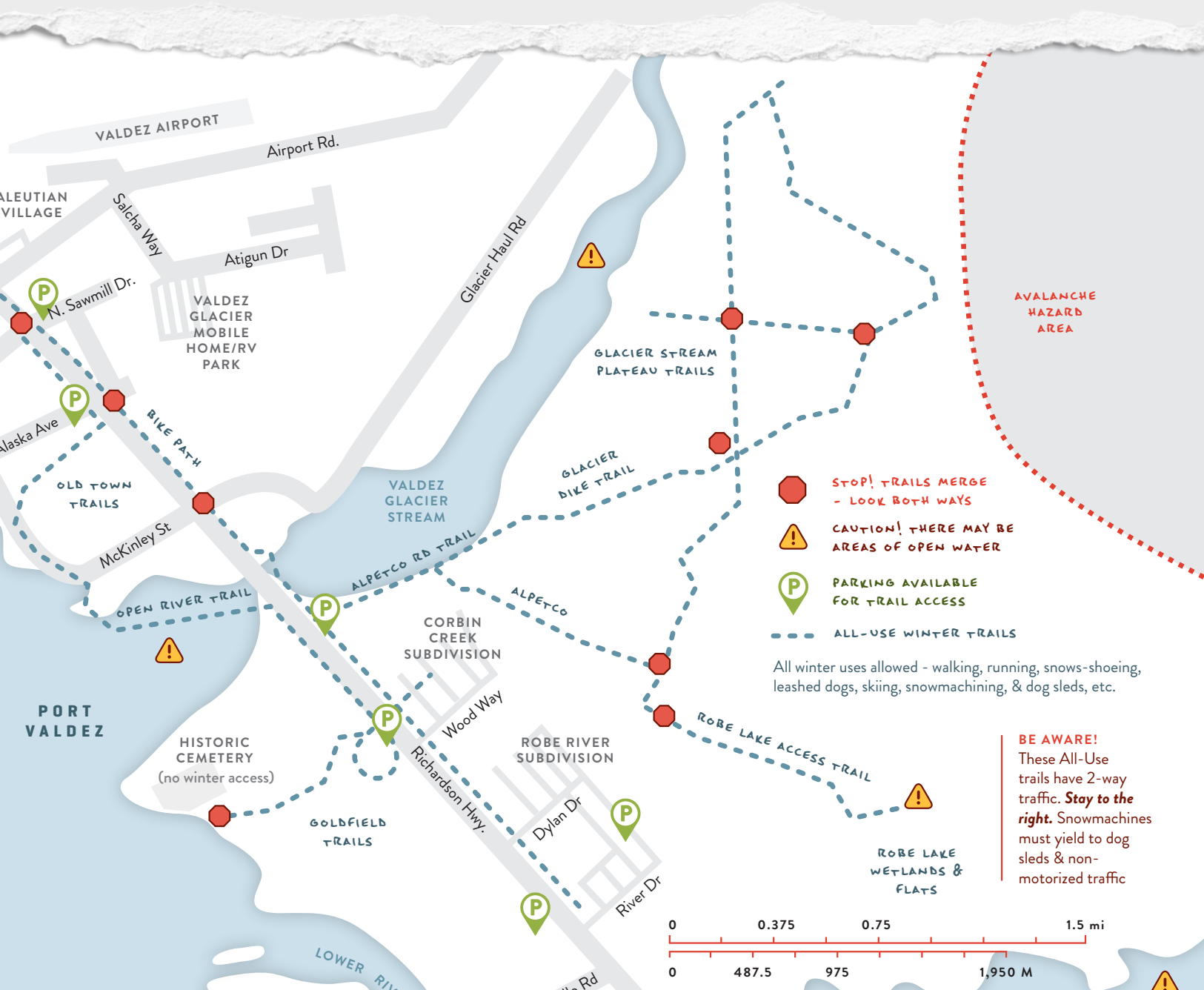


# WINTER TRAILS

## ALL-USE, "OUT OF TOWN" WINTER TRAILS

Many of these All-Use Winter Trails are groomed by the City of Valdez when time and weather conditions allow. The area of these trails are so extensive, trail conditions can vary greatly. Use caution when recreating in these areas and always be aware of the possibility of multiple types of users. Be especially cautious on blind corners and near open water.

**NOTE:** During one Saturday in March, the Valdez Mayor's Cup - 150 mile cross-country snow machine race - takes place. For maximum safety, all Glacier Stream Plateau Trails will be closed to all other users during this event.



# BIKING IN VALDEZ

FROM PAVED PATHS TO SNOW-COVERED TRAILS, BIKING IS AN OPTION IN VALDEZ NO MATTER THE SEASON!

**Several well-maintained paths wind** around town, including the DOT Valdez Bike Path, a paved, 6.5-mile trail that starts in town and offers many opportunities to spot wildlife. For riders who enjoy more rugged terrain, mountain biking trails are prevalent, such as Mineral Creek's waterfall-studded canyon. Head downstream on Mineral Creek Trail at low tide to get to Prince William Sound for a wonderful beach ride.

Come winter, fat tire biking in Valdez is a popular outdoor activity that's unlike anywhere else in Alaska. Multi-use, winter groomed trails are accessible, family-friendly, and can be found right in town. Winter grooming of Shoup Bay Trail is paid for by a local nonprofit organization; the trail

is level and short - perfect for a quick or easy ride. Just past Valdez Airport, the fat tire fun kicks up a notch; the type of scenery that makes Valdez so memorable is just a short ride across frozen Valdez Glacier Lake, where glacial alleyways, ice caves, icebergs, and other selfie-worthy scenes await discovery. Adventurous riders can take advantage of the packed snow conditions, which open up endless riding along snowmachine tracks to popular cross country and downhill descents on Thompson Pass, options limited only by a rider's energy and imagination. In April, riders roll into Valdez for the annual Fat Bike Bash, which features a kid-friendly bike parade and several races, including a thrilling downhill race in Thompson Pass.





# WINTER ACTIVITIES

WITH SOME OF THE BEST SNOW IN THE WORLD, VALDEZ IS A HAVEN FOR WINTER ACTIVITIES.

*With more snowfall than any* other American town and winter temperatures that are warmer than most other areas of Alaska, Valdez is a paradise for those who want to explore the outdoors during the winter months.

Heli-skiing, snowboarding, ice climbing, fat tire bike riding, and cross-country skiing can all be accomplished in the Chugach Mountains of Alaska. With more than 300 inches measured annually in the city and 600 to 900 inches of snow in Thompson Pass, Valdez holds a long-standing and appropriate reputation for great snow, and nothing is more thrilling to snow sports enthusiasts than the prospect of fresh powder. Valdez and nearby Thompson Pass have a vast amount of untouched backcountry wilderness accessible for snow activities of all kinds. Much of Valdez is heavily glaciated, creating an incredible variety of terrain, such as steep mountain faces, large powder bowls, and longer couloirs. Whether you want to hike, snowmachine, snowcat, or heli-ski, or just want to take your kids sledding, Valdez is the perfect place to go off the grid in search of the next awe-inspiring adventure.

**WINTER TRAILS**

Valdez offers miles of maintained and easily accessible trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. For novice to experienced skiers, the Valdez Parks and Recreation Department grooms and maintains ski trails of varying difficulties. These trails are great for both classic and skate skiing, and many are closed to motorized use.

A favorite winter activity for many locals is to visit Valdez Glacier Lake at the end of Airport Road and ski or snowshoe over to the lake to explore the icebergs that break off from the glacier during the summer and freeze in place during the winter.

**SNOWMACHINES**

Snowmachines (Alaskan for "snowmobiles") are what most Alaskans call their winter ride of choice. They can take you places during the winter that only helicopters and airplanes can access any other time of year. Trails exist in the mountains surrounding Valdez as well as in the townsite itself. The Valdez Parks and Recreation Department maintains an extensive winter trail system for multi-use purposes.

Other nearby backcountry riding opportunities include the intermittently groomed trail access to Hogsback Glacier and the pipeline access road to Solomon Lake. Thompson Pass, with its mountainsides, meadows, and wide-open playground, is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Valdez. This recreation area is above the treeline and ungroomed. Its proximity to the Richardson Highway and its varied terrain make this area a popular destination for riders of all abilities.

Don't have your own snowmachine? No problem. Guided sled tours are available with local winter operators who can help you access the terrain with expert local knowledge.

Valdez is also home to annual snowmachine races, including the Mayor's Cup and Mountain Man Hill Climb (page 5). These races offer a thrill to competitors and spectators alike.

**AURORA**

You may have a chance to spot the Northern Lights in Valdez if you're visiting between September and May and the skies are clear. For your best chance of catching the aurora, check the weather forecast for clear skies and high aurora activity. While the lights may be seen around downtown at night, the best viewing will be a few miles drive out of town away from artificial lighting. Remember to dress warm and bring your camera!

**BEST SPOTS FOR AURORA VIEWING AROUND VALDEZ**

- Valdez Glacier Lake
- Old Valdez Townsite
- Dayville Road
- Thompson Pass
- Robe Lake

DISCOVER MORE WINTER OPERATORS AND ACTIVITIES:  
[ValdezAlaska.org/winter](http://ValdezAlaska.org/winter)





STOP BY THE MUSEUMS TO SEE SOME GREAT HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

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# HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

SEE HOW YOU CAN DISCOVER THE RICH HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF VALDEZ.

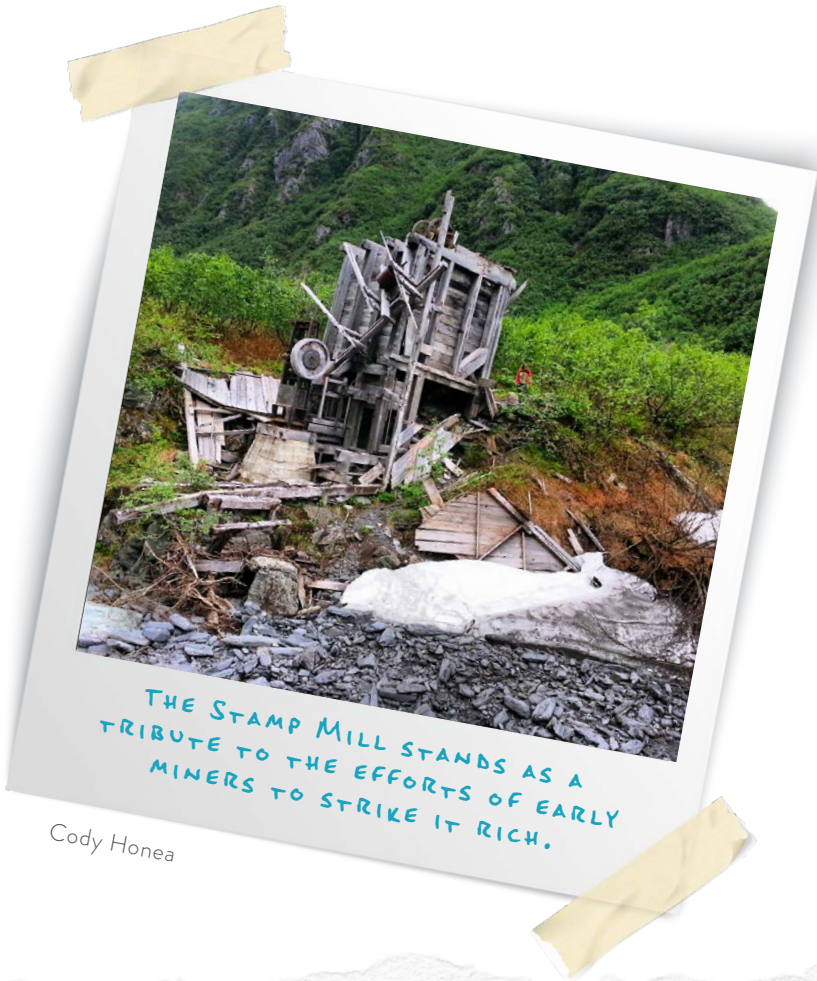
## MUSEUMS

Valdez offers three museums in town that present visitors with the full history of the region as well as one of the largest collections of Alaska Native art and artifacts in the world. The various exhibits take them through the incredible history and culture of Valdez, from the gold rush era, to “Old Valdez” before the 1964 earthquake, to present day.

## HISTORY OF VALDEZ

## HISTORIC SITES

Visitors can walk through the remains of the original Valdez townsite, “Old Valdez,” located on the Richardson Highway. Parking is available in Keystone Canyon, where visitors can walk through the old railroad tunnel abandoned after the 1907 shootout. While not open for tours, the Valdez Marine Terminal of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline can be viewed from several vantage points around town. Adventurous travelers can hike, bike, or ATV the six-mile-long Mineral Creek Trail (see page 23-25), which leads to the ruins of a gold rush era stamp mill.



THE STAMP MILL STANDS AS A TRIBUTE TO THE EFFORTS OF EARLY MINERS TO STRIKE IT RICH.

Cody Honea

## SUACIT

**TRADITIONAL:** The area around present-day Valdez was known as Suacit by the Chugach Alutiiq people of Prince William Sound. The area was used as a trade route between the coast and Interior Alaska by Chugach people and Ahtna people from the Copper River Valley.

**1778:** Captain James Cook explored the sound, naming it Sandwich Sound for the Earl of Sandwich. British mapmakers later changed the name to Prince William Sound.

**1790:** Spanish explorer Salvador Fidalgo entered the Sound to claim the region for Spain and named the Suacit area “Valdez” after a Spanish admiral.

**1800s:** Chugach people from the village of Tatitlek, located about 20 miles from Valdez, began trading sea otter pelts with Russian traders at the village of Nuchek in the sound.

## OLD TOWN

**1897-1898:** Gold seekers came to Valdez to follow the “All American Route” over Valdez Glacier to the Interior. A tent city sprang up, and the town of Valdez was formed.

**1899:** The U.S. Army cut a trail through Keystone Canyon, providing an alternate route to the Interior. The trail is now the Richardson Highway.

**1907:** A shootout between two rival railroad companies ended Valdez’s hopes of becoming a railroad town. A half-completed tunnel is still visible in Keystone Canyon.

**1910s-1950s:** Valdez served as a crucial port for shipping supplies into the Interior on the Richardson Highway.

**1964:** The Good Friday Earthquake, the largest in American history, struck 45 miles from Valdez, devastating the town and claiming the lives of more than 30 people.

## NEW TOWN

**1964-1967:** The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers assisted locals in transporting houses and buildings to a new townsite four miles away. The original townsite is preserved and may be visited.

**1975-1977:** The 800-mile-long Trans-Alaska Pipeline was built to carry oil from Alaska’s North Slope to a terminal in Valdez, the nearest ice-free port.

**1989:** The largest oil spill in American history occurred when the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef, 25 miles south of Valdez. The oil spread out across coastal Alaska, and Valdez became the center for the oil cleanup effort.

**1991-2000:** Valdez hosted the World Extreme Skiing Championships, tapping into the 1990s zeitgeist for extreme sports.



# ARTS & CULTURE

A THRIVING CREATIVE COMMUNITY ON ALASKA'S COAST

You might not expect a small, end-of-the-road maritime community to have a thriving arts culture, but that's exactly what the town of Valdez has to offer. Hugging a rough Alaska coastline, Valdez is home to hardworking folks with an entrepreneurial spirit who embrace all things artistic. Various organizations and events boast unique shows and forums, as well as furnish locally crafted artworks that cater to a variety of personal tastes and preferences.

## SHOPPING

From gift shops and grocery stores to seafood markets and gear outfitters, you'll be sure to find what you need in the shops in Valdez. Throughout the year, various open-air markets with specialty vendors come to town as well. While shopping in Valdez, grab some local art and souvenirs or snag some seafood to bring home. If you prefer to catch your own feast, our outfitting stores can help you gear up. The possibilities are endless!



DISCOVER PLACES TO SHOP FOR LOCAL ART: VALDEZALASKA.ORG/THINGS-TO-DO/SHOPPING

Jody Overstreet

# LIVE MUSIC

Experience the local culture at one of Valdez's live music events. During summer, many bars and restaurants host live music performances or open-mic nights. The vaudeville theater show runs, and live musicians are featured at a variety of events and celebrations. Events are not just for summertime either, there are plenty of gatherings to attend year-round.

DISCOVER MORE: [ValdezAlaska.org/Events](https://valdezalaska.org/events)



Jiyeon Juno Kim

FIND SOMETHING UNIQUE ANYWHERE YOU GO!

# STAY FROM TO HOTELS TO CAMPGROUNDS

## HOTELS & MOTELS

Five hotels are available in downtown Valdez, and all of them are less than a 10-minute walk from the waters of Prince William Sound. Guests will wake up near the waterfront dining district and a small boat harbor, where glacier cruises and fishing charters depart. Three of the hotels are open year-round.

## BED & BREAKFASTS

Several B&Bs are located in Valdez and its surrounding area. The cozy, domestic accommodations allow visitors to experience Valdez like a local. Ask your host about their favorite things to do around town, as many of them have decades of experience fishing, hiking, and sightseeing.

## CABINS & LODGES

Cabin rentals are available for those seeking an Alaskan experience. Wilderness lodges are often located farther out of town, providing relaxing comfort paired with scenic beauty. Lodging is available along Glenn and Richardson Highways leading to Valdez.

## RV & TENT CAMPING

There are many options for camping in Valdez, including both campgrounds and RV parks. Visitors can choose from full hookup, partial hookup, and tent camping, and most of our RV parks have on-site convenience stores. Fishing, wildlife viewing, and hiking are so close by, you may never want to leave.



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## EAT

**VALDEZ  
BOASTS A WIDE  
VARIETY OF  
RESTAURANTS  
AMIDST  
STUNNING  
SURROUNDINGS**

**Start your walk along North Harbor Drive** and take in the majestic Chugach Mountains surrounding the town. You will see marine life, like sea otters, basking in the summer sun and eagles grabbing a seafood feast of their own before you do. Valdez has a variety of restaurants to satisfy your hunger. From seafood and burgers to diners and restaurants, you're sure to find something delicious, authentically Alaskan, and all within walking distance of hotels, B&B's, RV parks, and campgrounds.

Dine on local Alaskan seafood from a secluded corner booth or with seaside views. The bounty of Prince William Sound and the Copper River will be available to you at our local seafood restaurants. Enjoy halibut burgers, beer-battered rockfish, salmon fillets, or Alaskan King crab legs. Valdez's seafood restaurants span from family-style to fine dining, and many of them are located right on the waterfront!



Photos by Jiyeon Juno Kim

## DRINK

### COFFEE

**Coffee culture is big in any Alaskan town**, and Valdez is no exception. From traditional indoor coffee shops to drive-through coffee huts and open-air cafes, Valdez has the caffeine to keep you fueled for your Alaskan adventures.

During the summer, we Valdezians have to stay up and take advantage of long sunny days, and during the short winter days, we need a little pick-me-up to keep us wide-eyed and warm. Valdez is home to more than half a dozen places to grab a cup of Joe or a Red Bull kicker when you need something extra sweet and strong.



ALASKA HAS BEEN RATED AS ONE OF THE MOST CAFFEINATED PLACES IN THE COUNTRY!

### Did you know?

THOSE SMALL STRUCTURES ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AREN'T SHEDS OR TINY HOUSES. THEY'RE COFFEE HUTS! COFFEE HUTS ARE A COMMON SIGHT IN ALASKA, AND THEY'RE ESPECIALLY GREAT WHEN YOU HAVE A BUSY SCHEDULE FULL OF EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING AHEAD OF YOU, OR WHEN IT IS SIMPLY TOO COLD TO EVEN THINK ABOUT GETTING OUT OF THE CAR.



### BREWERIES

Valdez is home to two local breweries that are excellent spots to relax with friends and view local art. They often have artist pop-ups and featured artists' work on display. Those aren't the only crafts to admire there, though; the brewmasters are often on site and willing to talk about how they produce their fine local craft beer.



NOT LOOKING FOR BEER? BOTH BREWERIES MAKE SODAS IN-HOUSE!

Photos by Jiyeon Juno Kim





**Through generations of history**, people, hardships, and celebrations, places find their personalities and niche in the world. Valdez is no exception and has seen booms and busts unlike any other. Magpie's on the Fly was created to embrace Valdez in all its quirky history and patchwork of industries while providing that Valdez experience to others.

The history of Valdez is based on gold rush culture and industrial resources which continues in a similar fashion. The town currently thrives on the oil industry as well as fishing and backcountry recreation. These contradicting cultures in a nature-rich environment provide a population filled with "rural haute" individuals. Magpie's was created with a passion for these individuals and for visitors seeking to learn about local life.

The 1950's emergence of female power roles post World War II mixed with Victorian fashioned Gold Rush Belles and the simple life of homesteading raw land in rugged Alaska sets the visual stage at Magpie's events.



When entering Magpie's on the Fly, you are immediately greeted with a caravan of mobile structures and temporary landscaping. The Gold Rush era continues with casual outdoor dining atop innovative furniture crafted from otherwise wasted wire spools. The food and drinks offered by Magpie's add to the experience with a menu using fresh ingredients, craft beer, wine, and fresh-baked pastries. The events schedule is as impressive as the menu. There is something for everyone from live music, dinner theatre, pop-up events, and a Saturday Market.

Magpie's on the Fly embraces the culture of Valdez by providing the community and visitors with an inviting meeting place to be entertained through food, drink, theater, music, and other social events.

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# GETTING AROUND

ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF VALDEZ'S SMALL-TOWN CHARM IS HOW EASY IT IS TO GET AROUND.

PACKING LIST

GENERAL NEEDS:

- CLOTHING YOU CAN LAYER (SYNTHETIC FABRICS, NO COTTON)
- SUN PROTECTION (FOR ALL SEASONS)
- WATCH (EASY TO LOSE TRACK OF TIME WITH LONG DAYS)
- EXTRA CLOTHING (YOU MAY NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES DEPENDING ON ACTIVITIES)
- BUG SPRAY
- BEAR SPRAY
- CAMERA WITH LOTS OF MEMORY SPACE
- SMALL FIRST AID KIT
- BASE AND WATERPROOF LAYERS
- GLOVES, HAT, SCARF (BEING ON THE WATER IS COLD/WINDY)

FISHING CHARTERS

- FISHING LICENSE
- SEASICK MEDICINE
- CASH FOR DERBY TICKETS AND TIPPING YOUR CAPTAIN
- WARM LAYERS AND RAIN GEAR
- SNACKS AND DRINKS
- A SENSE OF ADVENTURE!

With restaurants, museums, shops, and hiking trails just mere blocks from our hotels and B&B's, our town is one of the most easily walkable towns in Alaska. In fact, Valdez makes up only a mile-long stretch of land from the Chugach Mountains to the waterfront along Port Valdez.

Additionally, Valdez is home to multiple operators that rent out bikes and kayaks so visitors can explore town like locals. If you're interested in wildlife viewing, you can pedal along the Bike Path that leads from town along the Duck Flats, or further out of town to Dayville Road where bears, seals, eagles, and more may be seen feeding on returning salmon.

Other methods of transportation include the local taxi company and hotel shuttles, as well as helicopters and water taxis for those trying to reach more remote destinations.

Amanda Mitchell



# PLAN FOR THE WEATHER

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER... JUST BAD GEAR!

Checking the weather before your trip is a great idea but remember that Valdez weather reports may change at any time. There are a number of "microclimates" in the area, so weather in town, for example, can be different than in the Sound or in Thompson Pass. Weather reports that call for rainy days could indicate

intermittent gray and sprinkling weather or a steady downpour. Due to the fickle nature of our weather, be sure to plan ahead and bring layers and rain gear. Don't let the rain or snow slow you down! We're used to the weather here in Valdez, and your tour or charter will likely still run as scheduled.

## LOCAL CLIMATE

	SNOW	TEMP [F]	TEMP [C]	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Jan	68"	28°	-2	10:05 AM	4:15 PM
Feb	61"a	31°	-2	9:18 AM	5:22 PM
Mar	48"	36°	2	8:04 AM	6:34 PM
Apr	21"	45°	7	7:32 AM	8:50 PM
May	2"	55°	13	6:06 AM	10:02 PM
Jun	0"	61°	16	4:59 AM	11:10 PM
Jul	0"	62°	17	4:52 AM	11:27 PM
Aug	0"	61°	16	5:49 AM	10:34 PM
Sep	1"	54°	12	7:02 AM	9:09 PM
Oct	11"	44°	7	8:11 AM	7:39 PM
Nov	43"	33°	1	9:27 AM	6:12 PM
Dec	72"	30°	-1	9:38 AM	4:12 PM

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### EAT & DRINK

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## STAY

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